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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 63.

THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Adermann) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. CASUALTIES AMONG AUSTRALIAN TROOPS, NORTH KOREA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Francis (Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of casualties among Australian troops taking part in the fighting in North Korea.
3. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 1950.—Mr. Anthony (Postmaster-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act* 1902–1949.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Anthony then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Anthony moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Calwell moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1950.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.  
Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

5. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1.—  
Senate—namely—

Salaries and allowances	..	..	..	£13,900
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be agreed to.

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Ordered—That Mr. Bird be granted an extension of time.  
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3), AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1).—  
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3).

(1.) That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1949, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that on and after the twenty-seventh day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1949 as so amended.

(2.) That in this Resolution “Customs Tariff Proposals” mean the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely :—  
11th May, 1950 ; and  
8th June, 1950.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.

73. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—

“ 73. Matches and Vestas of all kinds :—

(A) (1) Wax, in boxes containing 50 vestas or less

per gross of boxes

5s. 7d.

6s. 7d.

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(2) Wood, in boxes containing 70 matches or less

7s. 10d.

8s. 9d.

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(B) (1) Wax, in boxes containing over 50, but not exceeding 100 vestas

per gross of boxes

11s. 2d.

13s. 2d.

13s. 2d.

(2) Wood, in boxes containing over 70, but not exceeding 140 matches

per gross of boxes

15s. 8d.

17s. 10d.

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(c) (1) Wax, for each additional 50 vestas or portion of 50 vestas per box, an additional duty

per gross of boxes

5s. 7d.

6s. 7d.

6s. 7d.

(2) Wood, for each additional 70 matches or portion of 70 matches per box, an additional duty

per gross of boxes

7s. 10d.

8s. 9d.

8s. 9d.

(D) N.E.I. - per 1,000 matches or vestas

11d.

1s. 0½d.

1s. 0½d.

(E) When put up in boxes or in other form for retail sale, unless the number of matches or vestas contained in each box or other retail unit is printed or stamped thereon, in addition to the duties set out in (A), (B), (c), (d) above

per gross of boxes

2s.

2s.

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or per 1,000 matches or vestas whichever rate is applicable.

3d.

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3d.”

EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1949 be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the *Excise Tariff* 1921–1949 as so amended.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
15. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 15. Matches - - - - - per 8,640 matches	6s. 6d.”

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Ryan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

26th October, 1950.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION BILL 1950.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 28.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for War Pensions* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1950.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
Health—L. W. Wheeldon.  
Works and Housing—H. C. Green.

9. SUPPLY—BUDGET DEBATE.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

General debate resumed on the question, That the first item in the Estimates, under Division No. 1.—  
Senate—namely—

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be agreed to.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Deputy Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[Supply Bill (No. 2) 1950–51]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 29.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1950.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

[Supply (Works and Services) Bill (No. 2) 1950–51]—

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER,

Message No. 30.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th October, 1950.

GORDON BROWN,  
President.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

*Point of Order.*—Mr. Kent Hughes raised a Point of Order as to whether it would be competent for any honorable Member to take part in proceedings in the House which related to a matter in which he had, in a professional capacity, received a fee, and referred to *May's Parliamentary Practice*, fourteenth edition, page 115.

*Deputy Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled that the matter would be considered when it arose.

Debate continued.

*Member ordered to withdraw from House.*—Mr. Haylen having been grossly disorderly by continuing to interject after warnings had been given by the Chair, Mr. Deputy Speaker ordered the honorable Member to withdraw from the House.

The honorable Member accordingly withdrew.

Debate continued.

Mr. Beazley rising to address the House—

*Closure.*—Mr. Gullett moved, That the question be now put.

*Member re-admitted to House.*—Mr. Haylen, by permission of Mr. Deputy Speaker, was re-admitted to the House.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

26th and 27th October, 1950.

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 45.				
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Mr. Downer	Mr. Handby	Mr. McDonald	Mr. T. W. White
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Holt	Mr. Menzies	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
	Mr. Gilmore	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson	
NOES, 25.				
Mr. G. Anderson	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. C. R. Cameron
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crenean	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Lawson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

FRIDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1950.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—

The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 45.				
Mr. C. G. W. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Berry	Mr. Downer	Mr. Handby	Mr. McDonald	Mr. T. W. White
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Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Crenean	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Lawson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at four minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Grayden, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hulme, Dame Enid Lyons\*, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Pittard, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. C. W. Russell, Mr. E. H. D. Russell, Mr. Spender and Mr. B. M. Wight.

\* On leave.

A. A. TREGEAR,  
Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.