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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 23.

THURSDAY, 19TH APRIL, 1956.

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. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.—Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) informed the House that the administration of war service homes legislation had been transferred from the Minister for Social Services to the Minister for National Development.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Stevedoring Industry Act—Australian Stevedoring Industry Board—Sixth Annual Report and financial accounts, for year 1954-55.
4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 1st May, at half-past two o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Upon Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, being called on, Mr. Turnbull, at the request of Sir Earle Page, moved, That Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, the 3rd May.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
6. EXPORT PAYMENTS INSURANCE CORPORATION BILL 1956.—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to promote Trade with Countries outside Australia by establishing an Export Payments Insurance Corporation to provide Insurance against certain Risks arising out of that Trade not normally insured with Commercial Insurers.  
Question—put and passed.
7. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL 1956.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Broadcasting Act 1942-1954*, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.
8. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION STATIONS LICENCE FEES BILL 1956.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for Fees for Licences for Commercial Broadcasting and Television Stations.  
Question—put and passed.
9. FISHING INDUSTRY BILL 1956.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
10. WHALING INDUSTRY ACT REPEAL BILL 1956.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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11. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 1 AND 2).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

## CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1).

[See proposed Resolution of the 14th March, 1956 (pages 52-4).]

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated.

On the motion of Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise), Item 229 was amended, after debate, by omitting the following:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— (c) Petroleum and shale products, viz. :— Naphtha, benzine, benzoline, gasoline, pentane, petrol and any other petroleum or shale spirit . . . . . per gallon	1s. 1d.	1s. 1d.	1s. 1d.’ ”

Motion, as amended, debated.

Mr. Crean addressing the Committee—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Lawrence, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 50.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Drummond	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brand	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wight
Mr. Buchanan	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howson	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McEwen	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Swartz	
Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson	

## NOES, 30.

Mr. Bird	Mr. Costa	Mr. E. James	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coutts	Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. Peters	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. James	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Cope		Mr. Kearney	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to—being accordingly put—

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Lawrence, in the Chair)—

## AYES, 50.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Drummond	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brand	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wight
Mr. Buchanan	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howson	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wilson
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Mr. Cope		Mr. Kearney	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).

[See proposed Resolution of the 11th April, 1956 (pages 71-2)].

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Resolutions to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.  
Mr. Osborne moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.  
Question—put and passed.  
On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. Osborne and Sir Arthur Fadden do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

12. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1956.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise) then brought up a Bill intitled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Osborne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
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. Lawrence reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. WAYS AND MEANS—EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 1 AND 2).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1).

[See proposed Resolution of the 14th March, 1956 (pages 55-6)].

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole.  
On the motion of Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise), Item 11 was amended by omitting the following :—

Articles.	Rate of duty.
“ By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— (2) N.E.I. . . . . per gallon.	11½d.’ ”

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).

[See proposed Resolution of the 11th April, 1956 (page 72)].

Motion, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.  
Resolutions to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.  
Mr. Osborne moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.  
Question—put and passed.  
On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the Resolutions reported from the Committee were adopted by the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. Osborne and Sir Eric Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

14. EXCISE TARIFF BILL 1956.—Mr. Osborne (Minister for Customs and Excise) then brought up a Bill intitled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Osborne moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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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. Lawrence reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Osborne, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

15. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL 1956.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Broadcasting Act 1942–1954’*, and for other purposes ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Davidson moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered—That Mr. Davidson be granted an extension of time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

16. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION STATIONS LICENCE FEES BILL 1956.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to provide for Fees for Licences for Commercial Broadcasting and Television Stations* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Davidson moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Calwell), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 5 and 6, Government Business.

18. SUPERANNUATION BILL 1956.—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. Lawrence reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer); the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

19. TRANSFERRED OFFICERS' ALLOWANCES BILL 1956.—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. Lawrence reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

20. STATISTICS (ARRANGEMENTS WITH STATES) BILL 1956.—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. Lawrence reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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21. SALARIES ADJUSTMENT BILL 1956.—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.

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*(In the Committee.)*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Lawrence reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

22. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, the 1st May, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bland, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Brimblecombe, Mr. A. G. Cameron, Mr. Clark, Mr. Daly\*, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Townley, Mr. Ward, Mr. Webb and Mr. Wheeler.

\* On leave.

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A. A. TREGEAR,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*