

1957.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 45.

THURSDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1957.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—First Annual Report by President, for year ended 13th August, 1957.
3. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—TELEVISION PROGRAMMES—AUSTRALIAN CONTENT.—Mr. Haylen having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The urgent need of action being taken by the Government, the Broadcasting Control Board and all television licensees to secure that Australian actors, artists, writers and musicians should be guaranteed engagements and contracts on television performances as will ensure an Australian content, tone and atmosphere in this important medium of education, entertainment and broad Australian culture"—  
Mr. Speaker called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Mr. Haylen addressed the House.  
Discussion ensued.  
Several Members rising to address the House—  
Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.  
Question—put.  
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Adermann, in the Chair)—

AYES, 52.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Bate	Mr. Dean	Mr. H. E. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howson	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. Falkinder	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull

NOES, 34.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bird	Mr. Clark	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cope	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Coultis	Mr. R. W. Holt	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Crean	Mr. H. V. Johnson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Curtin	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

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## 5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1957-58.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Department of Customs and Excise, £4,060,000"—

Vote—"Department of Trade, £1,733,000"—

Vote—"Department of Primary Industry, £1,584,000"—

Votes further debated.

Mr. Hamilton rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Sir Philip McBride (Minister for Defence) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the Votes be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann 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. 6), CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1) AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 2).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Osborne (Minister representing the Minister for Customs and Excise) moved—

## CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 6).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1956, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that on and after the eighteenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, 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* 1933-1956 as so amended.

2. That, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 1 of these Proposals, the Governor-General may, from time to time, by Proclamation declare that, from a time and date specified in the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of any British or foreign country specified in the Proclamation.

3. That on and after the time and date specified in a Proclamation issued in accordance with the last preceding paragraph, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of a British or foreign country specified in that Proclamation.

4. That any Proclamation issued in accordance with paragraph 2 of these Proposals may, from time to time, be revoked or varied by a further Proclamation, and upon the revocation or variation of the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall cease to apply to the goods specified in the Proclamation so revoked, or, as the case may be, the application of the Intermediate Tariff to the goods specified in the Proclamation so varied, shall be varied accordingly.

## 5. That in these Proposals, unless the contrary intention appears—

"Customs Tariff Proposals" mean the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the following dates, namely:—

22nd May, 1957; and

3rd September, 1957;

"Proclamation" mean a Proclamation by the Governor-General, or the person for the time being administering the government of the Commonwealth, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette*;

"the Intermediate Tariff" mean the rates of duty set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, in the column headed "Intermediate Tariff", in respect of goods in relation to which the expression is used.

## THE SCHEDULE.

## IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.

## DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

## 105. By adding a new sub-item (p) as follows:—

"(p) Tapes or webbings, woven, not exceeding 1 inch in width, with or without beading, for use in the manufacture of slide fasteners - - - ad val.	15 per cent.	27½ per cent.	37½ per cent."
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THE SCHEDULE—continued.

### IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

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## THE SCHEDULE—continued.

## IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.</b>			
271. By omitting from sub-item (A) the following:— “ ammonium chloride,” By adding a new sub-item (c) as follows:— “(c) Ammonium chloride - - - - - ad val.	25 per cent.	40 per cent.	40 per cent.”
280. By omitting sub-item (k) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(k) (1) Benzenehexachloride and preparations containing 5 per cent. or more of benzenehexachloride ; paradichlorobenzene ; pentachlorophenol ; perchlorethylene; trichlorethylene (non-medical); 2, 4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid and preparations containing 20 per cent. or more of 2, 4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid ; esters and salts of 2, 4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, including preparations thereof containing the equivalent of 20 per cent. or more of 2, 4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid - - - - - ad val.	25 per cent.	32½ per cent.	32½ per cent.
(2) Dichlorodiphenyltrichlorethane and preparations containing 20 per cent. or more of dichlorodiphenyltrichlorethane - - - - - ad val.	22½ per cent.	30 per cent.	30 per cent.
(3) Methylchlorophenoxyacetic acid and preparations containing 20 per cent. or more of methylchlorophenoxyacetic acid; esters and salts of methylchlorophenoxyacetic acid, including preparations thereof containing the equivalent of 20 per cent. or more of methylchlorophenoxyacetic acid; 2, 4, 5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid and preparations containing 20 per cent. or more of 2, 4, 5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid ; esters and salts of 2, 4, 5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid, including preparations thereof containing the equivalent of 20 per cent. or more of 2, 4, 5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid - - - - - ad val.	15 per cent.	22½ per cent.	22½ per cent.
(4) Hexachlorobenzene but not including such goods which but for this paragraph would be classified under item 269 (b) - - - - - ad val.	7½ per cent.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.
(5) Chloropicrin - - - - - ad val.	12½ per cent.	25 per cent.	25 per cent.”
281. By omitting sub-item (k) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(k) (1) Potassium carbonate, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - - - - - - - (2) Potassium chlorate - - - - - ad val.	Free 45 per cent.	Free 45 per cent.	Free 45 per cent.”

**DIVISION XII.—HIDES, LEATHER, AND RUBBER.**

331. By omitting sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(A) Crude rubber ; rubber waste ; masticated rubber ; powdered rubber; reclaimed rubber— (1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per lb. (2) Other - - - - - per lb.	2d. 4d.	2d. 4d.	2d. 4d.”
By omitting sub-item (D), and the note thereto, and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(D) Rubber latex— (1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws— on the rubber content - - - - - per lb. (2) Other— on the rubber content - - - - - per lb.	2d. 4d.	2d. 4d.	2d. 4d.”
332. By omitting sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(D) Goods composed wholly or in part of synthetic rubber or of a rubber substitute shall be charged at the rate to which the goods would be liable if they were composed wholly or in part of rubber.”.			
333. By omitting sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “(A) Pneumatic rubber tyres and tubes therefor, valved or unvalved, viz.:— (1) Tyres each 2½ lb. weight or less; tubes each 1 lb. weight or less - - - - - per lb. or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty. (2) Tyres each exceeding 2½ lb. weight and tubes each exceeding 1 lb. weight, whether imported separately or incorporated in or forming part of any of the goods covered by items 177 (b), 354 (b), 359 (d) and 359 (h) - - - - - per lb.	6d. 15 per cent.	1s. 27½ per cent.	1s. 1½d. 40 per cent.”
	6d.	1s. 6d.	1s. 11d.”

THE SCHEDULE—continued.

IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>DIVISION XIV.—VEHICLES.</b>			
352. By omitting from paragraph (2) of sub-item (A) the words:— “Cycle Saddles and Saddle Covers (except of felt);” and inserting in their stead the following:— “cycle saddle covers (except of felt);”			
By adding to sub-item (A) a new paragraph (5) as follows:— “(5) Cycle saddles - - - - - each and ad val.	2s. ..	2s. 22½ per cent.	2s. 22½ per cent.”

CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea Preference) 1936–1956* be amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that on and after the eighteenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, 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 (Papua and New Guinea Preference) 1936–1956* as so amended.

THE SCHEDULE.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Item No.	Item No. of Customs Tariff 1933–1956.	Item.	Rate of Duty.
By adding a new Item No. “23”	331(A)	23 as follows:— Crude rubber; rubber waste; masticated rubber; powdered rubber; reclaimed rubber - - - - - per lb.	2d.”
By adding a new Item No. “24”	331(D)	24 as follows:— Rubber latex— on the rubber content - - - - - per lb.	2d.”

CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 2).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933–1954*, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the twenty-second day of May, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, be further amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that on and after the eighteenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, 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 (New Zealand Preference) 1933–1954* as so amended.

THE SCHEDULE.

Consecutive No.	Tariff Item.	Tariff Rates on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of New Zealand.
89. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item:— “89 Ex 269 Insecticides for agricultural purposes to which sub-item (B) of Item 269 in the Schedule to the <i>Customs Tariff 1933–1956</i> , or that Act as amended from time to time, or as proposed to be amended from time to time by a Customs Tariff alteration proposed in the Parliament, applies - - - - -		Free ”

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

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7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
 Tariff Board—Reports—  
     Cycle and Tricycle Saddles.  
     Diesel Fuel Pump Test Benches and Metal Working Machines and Appliances.  
     Rubber.  
     Rubber Tyres and Tubes.  
     Slide Fastener Tape.  
     Unground Ball and Roller Bearings.  
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

8. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES 1957-58.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—"Department of Social Services, £3,014,000"—

Vote—"Department of Shipping and Transport, £1,168,000"—

Vote—"Department of Territories, £273,000"—

Vote—"Department of Immigration, £1,958,000"—  
 considered together.

Votes debated.

Mr. Curtin addressing the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

## AYES, 52.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Stokes
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McCalm	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Fox	Mr. Killen	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Davidson	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull

## NOES, 27.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Russell	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Coutts	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Ward	Mr. Luchetti
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Webb	Mr. Stewart

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Votes be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Robertson (Minister for Social Services) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.

Mr. C. R. Cameron addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

## AYES, 51.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Davis	Mr. Graham	Mr. Luck	Mr. Timson
Mr. J. D. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Aston	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Beale	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bostock	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Howson	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Opperman
Mr. Chaney	Mr. Fox	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cramer	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes	

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NOES, 24.				
Mr. Barnard	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Webb
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Clarey	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Russell	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cope	Mr. L. R. Johnson	Mr. Stewart	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Crean	Mr. Makin	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Ward	Mr. Luchetti

And so it was resolved in the affirmative

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next 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. Allan, Mr. Bowden\*, Mr. Brand, Mr. Calwell, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Casey\*, Mr. Costa\*, Mr. Daly, Mr. Drury\*, Mr. Duthie\*, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Galvin, Mr. Harrison\*, Mr. Jack\*, Mr. James\*, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lucock, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Peters\*, Mr. Pollard\*, Mr. Turner\*, Mr. Watkins\*, Mr. Wheeler\* and Mr. Wight.

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\*On leave.

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