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 THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 166.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 19TH JULY, 1921.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker took the Chair; and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 53.

A Bill intituled "*War Service Homes Commissioner Validating Act 1921*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Sydney, 15th July, 1921.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointment of E. T. Asche, Attorney-General's Department.
4. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (INDUSTRIES PRESERVATION—ANTI-DUMPING) RESOLUTION].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

 (In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Greene, viz. :—

That—

- (1) The undermentioned Duties of Customs be collected in accordance with the following provisions :—(See pages 649-53 ante).

Clause (1)—

Paragraph (A) debated and agreed to.

Paragraph (B), viz. :—

- (B) If the Minister is satisfied, after inquiry and report by the Tariff Board, that goods produced or manufactured outside Australia have been or are being sold to an importer in Australia at an export price which is less than a reasonable price, and that detriment may thereby result to an Australian industry—a dumping below cost duty on those goods imported into Australia, which are specified by the Minister by notice published in the *Gazette* as being goods as to which he is so satisfied, the amount of the dumping below cost duty being in each case the sum which represents the difference between a reasonable price of the goods at the time of shipment and the export price of the goods. In this paragraph "a reasonable price" means such a price as represents the cost of production of the goods plus twenty per centum plus free on board charges. In the absence of satisfactory evidence in relation thereto, the cost of production to be such amount as the Minister thinks fit to fix, after report by the Tariff Board, as the cost of production.

Debate ensued.

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Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "If" in line 1 of the paragraph be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—

"at any time it appears to the satisfaction of the Minister, after inquiry and report by the Tariff Board, that the payment of the anti-dumping duties specified under paragraph (A) of this resolution is being evaded by the shipment of goods or consignments without sale prior to such shipment, the Minister may in any case or class of cases authorize such action as is deemed necessary to collect on such goods, or any of them, the same dumping duties as if the goods had been sold to an importer in Australia prior to their shipment to Australia."

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the Notices of Motion, Government Business.

6. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—SITTINGS DURING MEETINGS OF HOUSE.—

Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, so far as Members of the House of Representatives are concerned, have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

7. ORDINANCE, ETC., BUILDINGS, KELVIN GROVE, BRISBANE—APPROVAL OF CARRYING OUT OF WORK.—

Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provision of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1914*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work :—Erection of Ordnance and other Defence Buildings at Kelvin Grove, Brisbane, Queensland—which said work was referred to the Public Works Committee, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its inquiries.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Lamond 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 to-morrow.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Robert Cook, Mr. Corser, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Foley, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Greene, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini*, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Poynton, Mr. Tudor, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Watt, Mr. West, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.