

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 187.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1921.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—NEW HEBRIDES—OPTION TO COMMONWEALTH TO PURCHASE LANDS—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to an option to the Commonwealth to purchase Lands in the New Hebrides, and in conclusion, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper—

New Hebrides—Australia's Interests in—

and moved, That the Paper be printed..

Debate ensued.

Mr. Jowett 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 day of sitting.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN BILL (1921) [£5,000,000].—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 94.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the raising of the sum of Five million pounds for certain purposes*", to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 4th November, 1921.

4. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1921)—SENATE'S REQUESTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments requested by the Senate (*vide* page 713 *ante*)—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Requested Amendment No. 49—

Mr. Greene moved, That the requested amendment be not made.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Marks
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Blundell	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Riley
Mr. Corsc	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Fenton	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Francis	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
Mr. Hay	
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lister	Mr. Marr
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Story

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Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hill
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Wienholt
Mr. Robert Cook	
Mr. R. W. Foster	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Jowett
Mr. Gregory	Mr. McWilliams

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Requested amendment accordingly not made.

Requested Amendments Nos. 50 and 51 made.

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Requested Amendment No. 52—

Mr. Greene moved, That the requested amendment be made with the following modification :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Instead of— “ (2) White Carrara Marble for statuary purposes . .	Free	Free	Free ”
Read— “ (2) Marble, white, unwrought, including rough or scabbled from the pick, for statuary purposes, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	Free	Free ”

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Greene moved, That the requested amendment be not made.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Requested Amendment No. 53—

Mr. Greene moved, That the requested amendment be made with the following modification :—

Instead of “ On and after 31st October, 1921 ”

Read “ On and after 1st January, 1922 ”.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Mr. Prowse moved, That the requested amendment be made with the following modification :—

Instead of—

“ (2) Sulphur, volcanic, for manufacturing purposes, for which purposes Sulphuric Acid produced from Pyrites or other Sulphide ores is not suitable, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ”.

Read—

“ (2) Sulphur, volcanic, for manufacturing purposes ”.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That the further consideration of the requested amendment be postponed until the next day of sitting.

Requested Amendments Nos. 54 and 55 made.

Requested Amendment No. 56—

Mr. Greene moved, That the requested amendment be not made.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

5. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Mr. Fowler, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Third Progress Report from the Committee :—

War Service Homes Commission (Western Australia).

Ordered to be printed.

6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Inscribed Stock Act—Dealings and Transactions during year ended 30th June, 1921.

Ordered to be printed.

Public Service Act—Promotion of A. M. Cameron, Postmaster-General's Department.

7. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Taxation—Royal Commission.—Special Consideration to Primary Producers—Statement and Recommendation of Dissident Commissioners, and Supplementary Statement by Majority Commissioners in respect of Section I. of First Report.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed as part of the First Report presented to the House on the 2nd instant.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bruce*, Mr. Burchell, Mr. J. H. Catts, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Tudor*, and Mr. West.

* On leave.

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