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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 111.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. BLAKELEY).**—Mr. West moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Darling (Mr. Blakeley), on the ground of ill-health.  
Question—put and passed.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, Nos. 126, 128, 129, 130.  
Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 127.  
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, Nos. 119, 120, 132.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—  
Balldale, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.  
Burnley, Victoria—For Postal purposes.  
South Hobart, Tasmania—For Postal purposes.  
Wakefield, South Australia—For Defence purposes.  
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance No. 15 of 1924—Reasons for resumption of Reserve at Alice Springs, Northern Territory, together with Sketch showing area resumed.  
Papua Act—Ordinance of 1924—No. 6—Supply 1924-1925.
4. **WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL.—SENATE'S REQUEST.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendment requested by the Senate—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendment requested by the Senate, which is as follows:—

## SCHEDULE SHOWING REQUEST MADE BY THE SENATE FOR AN AMENDMENT.

Page 2, clause 4, line 5, leave out "six", insert "seven".

On the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), the requested Amendment was made.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the House adopted the Report.

Ordered—That the Bill, amended accordingly, be returned to the Senate.

5. **WAYS AND MEANS RESOLUTION—EXCISE TARIFF [SPIRIT] BILL (1924).**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved—That, as on the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, Victorian time, the Schedule to the Excise Tariff 1921 be amended as hereunder set out, and that, on and after that date and hour, duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the Schedule as so amended.

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## AMENDMENT TO THE SCHEDULE TO THE EXCISE TARIFF 1921.

Item No.	Articles.	Rate of Duty.
2	By omitting sub-Item (j) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(j) (1) Spirit for fortifying Australian wine, distilled wholly from the fresh juice of Doradillo grapes, subject to Regulations per proof gallon	5s.
	(2) Spirit for fortifying Australian wine, n.e.i., subject to Regulations... per proof gallon	6s.”

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Bruce moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Bruce, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Bruce and Mr. Pratten do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Bruce then brought up a Bill intituled “*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. Bruce moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. 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, after debate, agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

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

6. SUPPLY [ESTIMATES 1924-25].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

*(In the Committee.)*

Vote—“The Prime Minister’s Department, £300,311” —

Division No. 9 further debated.

Mr. Forde moved, That the remainder of the Division be reduced by £1.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O’Keefe
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Lambert	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. West
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Mathews	
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton

*Tellers :*

Noes, 26.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Corser	Mr. Manning
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gregory	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hurry	
Mr. Jackson	
Sir Elliot Johnson	

*Tellers :*Mr. Hunter  
Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Scullin moved, That the remainder of the Division be reduced by 10s.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Corser	Mr. Mann
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Manning
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Lambert	Mr. West	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Gardner	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Makin		Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
Mr. McGrath	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

Remainder of the Division No. 9 agreed to.

Division No. 10 debated and agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 11 and 12 agreed to.

Division No. 13 debated and agreed to.

Divisions Nos. 14 and 15 agreed to.

Division No. 16—

Debate ensued.

Question—That the Division be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann	Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Gardner		Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Hurry		Mr. McNeill	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Lister	Mr. Marr		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House resumed; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

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

7. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

L. F. CUSSSEN,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.*

*Message No. 63.*

A Bill intituled "*Dried Fruits Advances Act 1924*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Deputy of the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

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8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Mr. Bayley\*, Mr. Blakeley\*, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton\*, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Gibson\*, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Littleton Groom\*, Mr. Hill\*, Mr. Killen\*, Mr. Lacey, Mr. W. Maloney\*, Mr. Marks\*, Mr. Charles McDonald\*, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Prowse\*, Sir Granville Ryrie\*, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Whitsitt, and Mr. Yates\*.

\* On leave.

FRANK L. CLAPIN,  
*Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.*