

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 43.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1941.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. PRAYERS.
3. REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE.—The President reported the receipt of a letter from Senator Cameron requesting his discharge from further attendance on the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances.
The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings), by leave, moved—That Senator Cameron be discharged from further attendance on the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances.
Question—put and passed.
The President further reported the receipt of a letter from the Leader of the Government in the Senate, nominating, in accordance with Standing Order No. 36A, Senator Large to fill the vacancy now existing on the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances.
Senator Collings, by leave, moved—That Senator Large, having been duly nominated in accordance with Standing Order No. 36A, be appointed to fill the vacancy now existing on the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances.
Question—put and passed.
4. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—The President reported the receipt of a letter from Senator Collings requesting his discharge from further attendance on the Library Committee.
The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings), by leave, moved—That Senator Collings be discharged from further attendance on the Library Committee, and that Senator Armstrong be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Committee.
Question—put and passed.
5. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
6. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1941.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 read—

Senator McLeay moved an amendment, viz.—line 2, leave out “sub-items (1), (2) and (3) of Item 3”.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.

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| Senator— | Senator— |
| Brand. | McLachlan, A. J. |
| Collett. | McLachlan, James. |
| Cooper. | McLeay. |
| Gibson. | Sampson. |
| Hayes, J. B. | Spicer. |
| Hays, Herbert. | |
| Johnston, E. B. | |
| Leckie. | <i>Teller :</i> |
| McBride. | Senator Allan MacDonald. |

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| Senator— | Senator— |
| Amour. | Cunningham. |
| Arthur. | Darcey. |
| Ashley. | Keane. |
| Aylett. | Large. |
| Brown. | |
| Cameron. | |
| Collings. | <i>Teller :</i> |
| Courtice. | Senator Clothier. |

Amendment agreed to accordingly.

Senator Sampson moved a further amendment, viz.—line 3, leave out “Divisions III. and IV.”, insert “Division III., Items 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, and 14.”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause 4, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Brown) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time, after debate.

7. SALES TAX BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 9) 1941.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Bills read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bills.

In the Committee.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 1) considered—

Clause 1 read—

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Brown) reported that the Committee had considered the Bills and had made progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered—That the Committee have leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

8. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1941.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 75.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff Proposals*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 20th November, 1941.

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator Keane the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Keane moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator McLeay the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

9. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1941.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 76.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Adjustments in Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Proposals*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 20th November, 1941.

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator Keane the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Keane moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator McLeay the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

10. CUSTOMS TARIFF (SPECIAL WAR DUTY) VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1941.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 77.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Special War Duty) Proposals*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 20th November, 1941.

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator Keane the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Keane moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator McLeay the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

11. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1941.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 78.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Proposals*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 20th November, 1941.

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator Keane the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Keane moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator McLeay the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

12. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1941.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 79.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Proposals*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 20th November, 1941.

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator Keane the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Keane moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator McLeay the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

13. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1941.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 80.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Excise Tariff Proposals*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 20th November, 1941.

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator Keane the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Keane moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator McLeay the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

14. ESTIMATES AND BUDGET PAPERS 1941-42 (REVISED).—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion by the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane), viz.—That the Papers be printed.

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting, and that Senator Courtice have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

15. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1941.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 81.

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate that it has agreed to the Amendment made by the Senate in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935-1940'*".

W. M. NAIRN,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 20th November, 1941.

16. SALES TAX BILLS (Nos. 1 to 9) 1941.—The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the further consideration of the Bills.

In the Committee.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 1) further considered—

Clause 1 further considered and agreed to.

Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 2) considered—

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 3) considered—

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 4) considered—

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 5) considered—

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 6) considered—

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 7) considered—

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 8) considered—

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Sales Tax Bill (No. 9) considered—

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bills to be reported without requests.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Brown) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bills read a third time.

17. SALES TAX AND PRICE CONTROL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane), by leave, made a Statement relating to the methods adopted by the Commonwealth Prices Commissioner for checking increases in prices made by retailers on account of increased Sales Tax, &c.

18. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 134.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings) moved—That so much of Standing Order No. 134 be suspended as would prevent the moving of a motion, at once, for the rescission of the Orders made by the Senate this day in connexion with the date fixed for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the following Bills :—

Customs Tariff Validation Bill (No. 2) 1941 ;

Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Validation Bill (No. 2) 1941 ;

Customs Tariff (Special War Duty) Validation Bill (No. 2) 1941 ;

Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Validation Bill (No. 2) 1941 ;

Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Validation Bill (No. 2) 1941 ; and

Excise Tariff Validation Bill 1941.

Question—put and passed, there being present an absolute majority of the whole number of Senators, and no dissentient voice.

19. RESCISSION OF ORDERS OF THE SENATE.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings) moved—That the Orders of the Senate made this day fixing the resumption of the debate on the following Bills as Orders of the Day for the next day of sitting, be rescinded :—

Customs Tariff Validation Bill (No. 2) 1941 ;

Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Validation Bill (No. 2) 1941 ;

Customs Tariff (Special War Duty) Validation Bill (No. 2) 1941 ;

Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Validation Bill (No. 2) 1941 ;

Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) Validation Bill (No. 2) 1941 ; and

Excise Tariff Validation Bill 1941.

Question—put and passed, there being at least one-half of the whole number of Senators voting in favour of the motion.

20. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1941.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without requests.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Brown) reported accordingly.
 On the motion of the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

21. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1941.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without requests.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Brown) reported accordingly.
 On the motion of the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

22. CUSTOMS TARIFF (SPECIAL WAR DUTY) VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1941.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without requests.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Brown) reported accordingly.
 On the motion of the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

23. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1941.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without requests.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Brown) reported accordingly.
 On the motion of the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

24. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) VALIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1941.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without requests.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Brown) reported accordingly.
 On the motion of the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

25. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1941.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without requests.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Brown) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

26. ADJOURNMENT.—The Minister for the Interior (Senator Collings) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at twenty-five minutes past ten p.m. till to-morrow at eleven a.m.

27. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Armstrong, Lamp (on leave), Uppill (on leave), and Wilson (on leave).

R. A. BROINOWSKI,

Clerk of the Senate.