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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 145.

TUESDAY, 19TH MAY, 1931.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. THE LATE SENATOR HAROLD EDWARD ELLIOTT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. Elliott a communication thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Earle Page rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The question of expediting the proceedings or of securing summary judgment by the Commonwealth against the continued default of the Government of New South Wales".  
Mr. Speaker thereupon 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. Earle Page moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
*Member named.*—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Martin (Mr. Eldridge), for refusing to apologize to the Chair for having used certain words.  
Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) having addressed the House, and Mr. Eldridge having apologized, the matter was not further proceeded with.  
Debate continued.  
Question—put and negatived.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance of 1931—No. 1—Executive Council.  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—  
Ordinances of 1931—  
No. 7—Medical Practitioners Registration.  
No. 8—Dentists Registration.  
Public Health Ordinance—Regulations Amended—  
Boarding Houses.  
Infectious Diseases.
5. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 9) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 9)].—  
The House, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs and Excise Tariff Amendment of the 26th March, 1931 (pages 508-569).]

Item numbered 94, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
94. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 94. Soap— (A) Toilet, Fancy, or Medicated - - - per lb. or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty. (B) N.E.I. ; Soap Substitutes and Compounded Detergents for washing and cleansing purposes, not including saponaceous disinfectants - - - ad val.	1s. 45 per cent.    40 per cent.	1s. 6d. 55 per cent.    45 per cent.	2s. 60 per cent.    50 per cent."

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Debate ensued.

Mr. Prowse moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 20th May, 1931			
94. Soap—			
(A) Toilet, Fancy, or Medicated - per lb. or ad val.	6d. 35 per cent.	8d. 40 per cent.	9d. 45 per cent.
which ever rate returns the higher duty.			
(B) N.E.I.; Soap Substitutes and Compounded Detergents for washing and cleansing purposes, not including saponaceous disinfectants - ad val.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent."

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 21.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Coleman	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Culley	Mr. Price
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White	Mr. Cusack	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Hughes		Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Killen		Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Mackay	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Forde	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Marks	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Frost	Mr. Tully
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Yates
		Mr. Jones	
		Mr. Lewis	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Long	Mr. E. C. Riley
		Mr. Makin	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

Item numbered 96 debated and agreed to.

Item numbered 98 debated and agreed to.

Item numbered 100, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" 100. Tea—			
(A) In packets not exceeding 20 lb. net weight - per lb.	6d.	6d.	6d.
(B) N.E.I. - per lb.	4d.	4d.	4d."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gullett moved, That the item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 20th May, 1931			
100. Tea—			
(A) In packets not exceeding 20 lb. net weight - ad val.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.
(B) N.E.I. - ad val.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent."

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 35.	
Mr. Bell	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Price	Mr. Coleman	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Martens
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Culley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Guy	Mr. White	Mr. Cusack	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Hughes		Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Mackay		Mr. Fenton	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Marks	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Frost	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Tully
		Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Yates
		Mr. Jones	
		Mr. Keane	
		Mr. Killen	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lewis	Mr. E. C. Riley
		Mr. Long	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Item be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 49.		Noes, 6.	
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Makin	Mr. Stewart	
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Marks	Mr. Ward	
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Martens		
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Maxwell	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Culley	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Bernard Corser	
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Eldridge	
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Thomas Paterson		
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Price		
Mr. Forde	Mr. Prowse		
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Edward Riley		
Mr. Frost	Mr. E. C. Riley		
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Riordan		
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Rowe		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Scullin		
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Theodore		
Mr. Guy	Mr. Tully		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. White		
Mr. Jones	Mr. Yates		
Mr. Keane			
Mr. Killen	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lewis	Mr. Bayley		
Mr. Long	Mr. Gardner		
Mr. Lyons			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Item numbered 105 debated—

Ordered—That the Item be divided.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six 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. Anstey, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hunter, Mr. James, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Latham, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Morgan, and Mr. Parkhill.

F. C. GREEN,  
Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.