# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. CANBERRA.

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

#### REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

No. 146.

# WEDNESDAY, 20TH MAY, 1931.

- 1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
- 2. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Cusack, by leave, withdrew Notice of Motion No. 3 standing in his name, with reference to the proposed appointment of a Select Committee to report upon the "Lang Plan".
- 3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General— Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—

Bismuth Metal and Bismuth Salts.

Brasswork, Bronzework and Gunmetal Work for General Engineering and Plumbing and other trades.

Coir Matting.

Ginger.

Marble.

Oil and Spirit Heating and Cooking Appliances.

Smoothing and Soldering Irons. Terry Cloth.

Whiting and Paris White.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, after debate, to be printed.

4. 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 105, viz.:-

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
105. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—  "(A) (1) (a) Cotton, Linen, and other piece goods, n.e.i. ad val.  (b) Cotton Piece Goods ordinarily used for manufacture into outer clothing for human wear which in pattern design or appearance resemble	5 per cent.	lő per cent.	25 per cent.
woolen piece goods used for the same purpose and lwhich weigh more than 6 ounces per square yard (except piece goods enumerated in sub-item (AA))—the invoice selling price of which does not exceed the equivalent of 3s. 4d. per square yard per square yard and ad val.  (c) Cotton Piece Goods ordinarily used for manufacture into outer clothing for human wear which in pattern design or appearance resemble woollen piece goods used for the same purpose and which weigh more than 6 ounces per square yard (except piece goods enumerated in sub-item (AA))—the	ls. 3d. 35 per cent.	2s. 45 per cent.	2s. 6d. 50 per cent.
invoice selling price of which exceeds the equiva- lent of 3s. 4d. per square yard ad val.  (2) Calico for bag making as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	45 per cent. Free	55 per cent. Free	60 per cent. Free."

Item numbered 105, viz.:-continued-

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
By omitting the whole of sub-item (AA) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:			
"(AA) Piece Goods, Knitted or Lock-stitched, in tubular form or otherwise, of any material except when wholly of wool—  (1) For the manufacture of goods other than apparel,	:		
as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val.  (2) Other per lb.  and ad val.	Free 2s. 6d. 30 per cent.	5 per cent. 3s. 40 per cent.	15 per cent. 4s. 50 per cent."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—  "(B) Cotton and Linen Piece Goods defined for cutting up for the	so per cons.	to por conv.	U por consi
manufacture of hemmed or hem-stitched Handkerchiefs, Serviettes, Tablecloths, or Window Blinds, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - ad val.	5 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—  "(c) Piece Goods, n.e.i., other than of wool or silk, suitable for human apparel, or to be worn in connexion with the	<u> </u> 		
human body, having on one or both sides a teased, treated, combed, fluffed, or raised nap or surface in imitation of or resembling flannel in feel or appearance ad val.	5 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.''
By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) (three times occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—  "(D) (1) Artificial Silk, or containing artificial silk or having artificial silk worked thereon, except piece goods			
enumerated in sub-items (AA) and (F) - ad val.  (2) Silk, or containing silk or having silk worked thereon, except piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA),	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
(D) (1) and (F) ad val.  By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—  "(2) Lace for Attire; Lace Flouncings; Millinery and Dress	10 per cent.	22½ per cent.	30 per cent."
Nets; Veilings; Embroideries in the piece; Tucked Linens or Cottons - ad val.  By omitting the whole of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead	15 per cent.	30 per cent.	40 per cent."
the following sub-item:—  "(F) (1) Piece Goods, woollen, or containing wool, ordinarily used in the manufacture of outer clothing for human wear and weighing more than three ounces per			
square yard per square yard and ad val.  (2) Piece Goods, woollen, or containing wool, n.e.i.	2s. 35 per cent.	2s. 6d. 45 per cent.	3s. 50 per cent.
ad val.  (3) Piece Goods, woollen, or containing wool, n.e.i., of a class or kind not produced in Australia, as prescribed	45 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent.
by Departmental By-laws ad val.  (4) Piece Goods, felt, of wool or containing wool—  (a) Slipper Upper Felt - per square yard	15 per cent 6d.	9d.	ls.
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	20 per cent. 9d. 20 per cent.	30 per cent. 1s. 3d. 30 per cent.	35 per cent. 1s. 6d. 35 per cent.
(5) Piece Goods, felt, composed of hair; Piece Goods, felt, n.e.i ad val.  By omitting the whole of sub-item (G) and inserting in its stead	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent."
"(g) Hair Cloth and Cloth of Hair in combination with other fibres for interlining apparel - per square yard and ad val.	ls. 3d. 35 per cent.	2s. 45 per cent.	2s. 6d. 50 per cent."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—  "(H) Waterproofed Cloth prepared with rubber, oil, celluloid, or nitro-cellulose—			
<ul> <li>(1) Woollen or containing Wool - ad val.</li> <li>(2) Silk or Artificial Silk or containing Silk or Artificial Silk but not containing Wool ad val.</li> </ul>	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	
<ul> <li>(3) N.E.I ad val.</li> <li>By adding a new sub-item (j) as follows:—</li> <li>"(j) Leather Cloth, Leather Cloth Binding, and Oil Baize and fabrics similar to oil baize, prepared with rubber, oil,</li> </ul>		25 per cent.	30 per cent."
celluloid or nitro-cellulose; Bookbinders' Cloth prepared with nitro-cellulose ad val.	. ]	40 per cent.	50 per cent."

## Debate resumed.

Mr. Earle Page moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-item (A), paragraph (1) (a):—

· ·	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 21st May, 1931  (A) (1) (a) Cotton, Linen, and other piece goods, n.e.i ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent."

Mr. E. C. Riley

Mr. Yates

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

#### Noes, 37. Ayes, 19. Mr. Bell Mr. Earle Page Mr. Donald Cameron Mr. Parkhill Mr. Blakeley Mr. Long Mr. Lyons Mr. Brennan Mr. Malcolm Cameron Mr. Thomas Paterson Mr. Chifley Mr. Makin Mr. W. Maloney Mr. Marr Mr. Coleman Mr. Crouch Mr. Bernard Corser Mr. Eldridge Mr. Prowse Mr. Ward Mr. Roland Green Mr. White Mr. Culley Mr. Martens Mr. Maxwell Mr. Gregory Mr. Hill Mr. Killen Mr. Cunningham Mr. Cusack Mr. Fenton Mr. McNeill Tellers: Mr. Parker Moloney Mr. Mackay Mr. Bayley Mr. Forde Mr. Price Mr. Josiah Francis Mr. Edward Riley Mr. Thompson Mr. Nairn Mr. Frost Mr. Rowe Mr. Gabb Mr. Scullin Mr. Albert Green Mr. Theodore Mr. Gullett Mr. Guy Mr. Tully Mr. Holloway Tellers: Mr. Jones

Mr. Keane

Mr. Lewis

And so it was negatived.

Further consideration of Item postponed until after Postponed Item numbered 51. Postponed Item numbered 51, viz.:—

	British Preferential Tarlif.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
51. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—  "(c) Preserved in tins or other air-tight vessels including the weight of liquid contents—  (1) Salmon per lb.  (2) Other per lb.	ld.	1½d.	4d.
	Id.	1½d.	2 <del>§</del> d.''

Debate resumed.

Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following:—

					British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
(c) Preserved in tins or colliquid contents— (1) Salmon (2) Crustaceans (3) Other	" And tight ve - - -	on and essels ind - -	after 21s cluding t - - -	st May, 1931 the weight of per lb. per lb. per lb.	1d. 2½d. 1d.	1⅓d. 3d. 1½d.	4d. 4d. 2∳d."

Debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed Item numbered 105 further considered—

Sub-item (A)-

Paragraph (1) (a) agreed to.

Paragraph (1) (b)—

Mr. Eldridge moved, That the paragraph be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Parkhill addressing the Committee-

Closure moved.—Mr. Gabb moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Closure.-Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the paragraph be postponed—being accordingly put— The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 3.	Noe	es, 48.
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay
Tellers:	Mr. Brennan Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Makin Mr. Marks
Mr. Crouch Mr. Ward	Mr. Malcolm Cameron Mr. Frost	Mr. Martens
	Mr. Coleman Mr. Bernard Corser	
	Mr. Culley Mr. Cunningham Mr. Cusack	Mr. Parkhill Mr. Thomas Paterson
	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Prowse Mr. Edward Riley
	Mr. Forde Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Riordan Mr. Rowe
	Mr. Chifley Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
•	Mr. Gardner Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Stewart Mr. Thompson
	Mr. Gullett Mr. Hill	Mr. Tully Mr. Watkins Mr. White
	Mr. Holloway Mr. Jones	Mr. Yates
	Mr. Keane Mr. Killen	Tellers:
	Mr. Lewis Mr. Long	Mr. Bayley Mr. E. C. Riley

# And so it was negatived.

Mr. Earle Page moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to paragraph (1) (b):--

	British Preferential Tarlif.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 21st May, 1931  (b) Cotton Piece Goods ordinarily used for manufacture into outer clothing for human wear which in pattern design or appearance resemble woollen piece goods used for the same purpose and which weigh more than 6 ounces per square yard (except piece goods enumerated in sub-item (AA))—the invoice selling price of which does not exceed the equivalent of 3s. 4d. per square yard -  ———————————————————————————————————	ls.	ls. 6d.	2s.
	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.''

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 2	3.	Noes, 2	8.
Mr. Bell Mr. Donald Cameron Mr. Malcolm Cameron Mr. Eldridge Mr. Gabb Mr. Gullett Mr. Hill Mr. Killen Mr. Mackay Mr. Marks Mr. Marr Mr. Maxwell Mr. Nairn	Mr. Earle Page Mr. Parkhill n Mr. Thomas Paterson Mr. Prowse Mr. Stewart Mr. Thompson Mr. Ward Mr. White  Tellers: Mr. Bayley Mr. Gardner	Mr. Brennan Mr. Chifley Mr. Coleman Mr. Bernard Corser Mr. Crouch Mr. Culley Mr. Cunningham Mr. Cusack Mr. Fenton Mr. Forde Mr. Josiah Francis Mr. Frost Mr. Albert Green Mr. Holloway Mr. Jones	Mr. Keane Mr. Lewis Mr. Long Mr. Makin Mr. Martens Mr. McNeill Mr. Edward Riley Mr. Riordan Mr. Rowe Mr. Tully Mr. Watkins  Tellers: Mr. E. C. Riley Mr. Yates

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Forde moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to paragraph (1) (b):—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 21st May, 1931  (b) Cotton Piece Goods ordinarily used for manufacture into outer clothing for human wear which in pattern design or appearance resemble woollen piece goods used for the same purpose and which weigh more than 5 ounces per square yard (except piece goods enumerated in sub-item (AA))—the invoice selling price of which does not exceed the equivalent of 3s. 4d. per square yard  and ad val.	ls. 3d.	2s.	2s. 6d.
	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent."

Mr. Ward addressing the Committee-

Closure.—Mr. Gullett moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put, was passed.

Paragraph (1) (b), as amended, agreed to.

Paragraph (1) (c)-

Mr. Forde moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following to paragraph (1) (c):-

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 21st May, 1931 (c) Cotton Piece Goods ordinarily used for manufacture into outer clothing for human wear which in pattern design or appearance resemble woollen piece goods used for the same purpose and which weigh more than 5 ounces per square yard (except piece goods enumerated in sub-item (AA))—the invoice selling price of which exceeds the equivalent of 3s. 4d. per square yard ad val.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Brennan

Mr. Crouch addressing the Committee-

Closure.-Mr. Gullett moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Mr. Lewis

### Ayes, 33.

Mr.	Malcolm Cameron	Mr.	Long
			Makin
Mr.	Coleman	Mr.	Martens
Mr.	Crouch	Mr.	McNeill
			Edward Riley
Mr.	Cunningham	Mr.	Riordan
Mr.	Cusack	Mr.	Rowe
Mr.	Fenton	Mr.	Scullin
Mr.	Forde	Mr.	Tully

Mr. Forde Mr. Watkins Mr. Frost Mr. White Mr. Gabb Mr. Gardner Mr. Yates

Mr. Albert Green

Mr. Gullett Mr. Holloway Mr. Jones

Mr. Keane

Tellers:

Mr. Bayley Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

### Noes, 14.

Mr. Bell Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Josiah Francis Mr. Hill	
Mr. Killen Mr. Maxwell	Tellers:
Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Bernard Corser Mr. Thompson

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put— The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)-

Noes, 21. Ayes, 28. Mr. Keane Mr. Earle Page Mr. Brennan Mr. Bell Mr. Chifley Mr. Lewis Mr. Donald Cameron Mr. Parkhill Mr. Coleman Mr. Malcolm Cameron Mr. Thomas Paterson Mr. Long Mr. Bernard Corser Mr. Crouch Mr. Makin Mr. Eldridge Mr. Prowse Mr. Martens Mr. Gardner Mr. Stewart Mr. Ward Mr. Culley Mr. McNeill Mr. Gullett Mr. Edward Riley Mr. Hill Mr. White Mr. Cunningham Mr. Killen Mr. Cusack Mr. Riordan Mr. Fenton Mr. Rowe Mr. Mackay Tellers: Mr. Tully Mr. Marr Mr. Forde Mr. Josiah Francis Mr. Watkins Mr. Maxwell Mr. Gabb Mr. Nairn Mr. Frost Mr. Thompson Tellers: Mr. Albert Green Mr. E. C. Riley Mr. Holloway Mr. Jones Mr. Yates

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Earle Page moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following to paragraph (1) (c):

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 21st May, 1931 (c) Cotton Piece Goods ordinarily used for manufacture into outer clothing for human wear which in pattern design or appearance resemble woollen piece goods used for the same purpose and which weigh more than 5 ounces per square yard (except piece goods enumerated in sub-item (AA))—the invoice selling price of which exceeds the equivalent of 3s. 4d. per square yard			
ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent."

Debate ensued.

Mr. White addressing the Committee— Closure.—Mr. Scullin moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 20.	Noes, 28.	
Mr. Bell Mr. Nairn Mr. Donald Cameron Mr. Earle Page Mr. Malcolm Cameron Mr. Thomas Paterson Mr. Eldridge Mr. Prowse Mr. Gabb Mr. Thompson Mr. Gullett Mr. Ward Mr. Hill Mr. White Mr. Killen Mr. Mackay Mr. Marr Mr. Parkhill Mr. Maxwell Mr. Stewart	Mr. Brennan Mr. Chifley Mr. Coleman Mr. Bernard Corser Mr. Crouch Mr. Culley Mr. Cunningham Mr. Cusack Mr. Fenton Mr. Forde Mr. Josiah Francis Mr. Frost Mr. Albert Green Mr. Holloway Mr. Jones	Mr. Keane Mr. Lewis Mr. Long Mr. Makin Mr. Martens Mr. McNeill Mr. Edward Riley Mr. Riordan Mr. Rowe Mr. Tully Mr. Watkins  Tellers: Mr. E. C. Riley Mr. Yates

And so it was negatived. Question—That paragraph (1) (c), as amended, be agreed to—put. The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)—

Mr. Jones

Ayes, 28.				
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Long			
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Makin			
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Martens			
Mr. Bernard Corser				
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Edward Riley			
Mr. Culley	Mr. E. C. Riley			
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Riordan			
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Rowe			
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tully			
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins			
Mr. Frost	Mr. Yates			
Mr. Albert Green				
Mr. Holloway	Tellers:			
Mr. Keane	Mr. Josiah Francis			

Mr. Eldridge Mr. Ward Mr. White Mr. Gullett Mr. Hill Tellers:Mr. Killen Mr. Maxwell Mr. Gabb Mr. Earle Page Mr. Thompson

Mr. Malcolm Cameron Mr. Stewart

Noes, 16. Mr. Bell Mr. Parkhill Mr. Donald Cameron Mr. Thomas Paterson

Mr. Lewis And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 2.

Tellers:

Mr. Eldridge

Mr. Ward

Paragraph (2)—

Question—That the paragraph be agreed to—put.

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

#### Ayes, 49. Mr. Mackay Mr. Bell Mr. Brennan Mr. Makin Mr. Donald Cameron Mr. Marr Mr. Malcolm Cameron Mr. Martens · Mr. Chifley Mr. Maxwell Mr. Coleman Mr. Bernard Corser Mr. McNeill Mr. Nairn Mr. Crouch Mr. Earle Page Mr. Parkhill Mr. Thomas Paterson Mr. Culley Mr. Cunningham Mr. Cusack Mr. Prowse Mr. Edward Riley Mr. Fenton Mr. Forde Mr. Riordan Mr. Rowe Mr. Josiah Francis Mr. Frost Mr. Scullin Mr. Stewart Mr. Gabb Mr. Theodore Mr. Tully Mr. Gardner Mr. Albert Green Mr. Gullett Mr. Watkins Mr. White Mr. Yates Mr. Hill Mr. Holloway Mr. Jones Mr. Keane Tellers: Mr. Killen Mr. Lewis Mr. Bayley

Mr. Long Mr. E. C. Riley And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

 Adjournment.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Mr. Gullett addressing the House-

Closure moved.—Mr. Ward moved, That the question be now put.

Question-That the question be now put-put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Makin, in the Chair)-

Ayes, 2.	No	Noes, 46.		
Tellers: Mr. Eldridge Mr. Ward	Mr. Bell Mr. Brennan Mr. Donald Cameron Mr. Malcolm Cameron Mr. Chifley Mr. Coleman Mr. Bernard Corser Mr. Crouch Mr. Culley Mr. Cunningham Mr. Cusack Mr. Fenton Mr. Forde Mr. Josiah Francis Mr. Fost Mr. Gabb Mr. Gardner Mr. Albert Green Mr. Albert Green Mr. Hill Mr. Holloway Mr. Jones Mr. Keane Mr. Killen	Mr. Lewis Mr. Long Mr. Mackay Mr. Marr Mr. Marr Mr. Martens Mr. McGrath Mr. McGrath Mr. Nairn Mr. Earle Page Mr. Parkhill Mr. Thomas Paterson Mr. Prowse Mr. Riordan Mr. Rowe Mr. Scullin Mr. Stewart Mr. Thompson Mr. Tully Mr. White  Tellers: Mr. Bayley Mr. E. C. Riley		

Debate continued. Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past 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. Curtin, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hunter, Mr. James, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. Morgan.

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