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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 151.

FRIDAY, 29TH MAY, 1931.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker (Mr. McGrath) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. DEPUTY-SPEAKER'S RULING.—Mr. Eldridge proposing to ask a question founded on a newspaper report of remarks alleged to have been made by an honorable Member, the Deputy-Speaker (Mr. McGrath) ruled that a question could not be based on a report in a newspaper which had been declared inaccurate by the honorable Member concerned.
Dissent from Deputy-Speaker's Ruling.—Mr. Eldridge handed in, in writing, the following objection to the Ruling:—That the ruling of the honorable the Deputy-Speaker—That an honorable Member cannot base a question on a newspaper report of alleged utterances by another honorable Member, the accuracy of which has been denied by that honorable Member—be disagreed with.
The debate thereon was forthwith adjourned to the next day of sitting.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
Apparel Elastic.
Bates' Salve.
Children's Toy Vehicles.
China and Porcelainware; Porcelainware, Earthenware, &c.
Concentrated Must.
Fractional Horse-power Electric Motors.
Gold Leaf.
Gramophones, Phonographs and other Talking Machines, n.e.i., including cases imported with machines.
Hair Cloth for use in the Manufacture of Apparel.
Incubators, Foster Mothers and Brooders.
Leather, Rubber, Canvas and Composition Belting, and Greenhide for Belting and other purposes.
Masonry Waterproofing, Damp-proofing and Preservative Products.
Sheets composed of Asbestos and Cement or of similar materials.
Side Wheel Hand Type Lawn Mowers.
Silk Yarns and Artificial Silk Yarns.
Stay Paper and Stay Cloth, gummed on one side, in rolls cut to a width of not more than two inches.
Water Paints and Distempers in Powder Form and Kalsomine.
Wattle Bark.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and, after debate, to be printed.
4. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
5. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL (1931).—Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General), pursuant to leave given on the 17th March last, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1930, and for other purposes*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Brennan moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Parkhill 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 sitting.

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6. 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.
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By omitting the whole of sub-item (a) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(g) Hair Cloth and Cloth of Hair in combination with other fibres for interlining apparel - - per square yard and ad val.	1s. 3d. 35 per cent.	2s. 45 per cent.	2s. 6d. 50 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (ii) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(ii) Waterproofed Cloth prepared with rubber, oil, celluloid, or nitro-cellulose— (1) Woollen or containing Wool - - ad val. (2) Silk or Artificial Silk or containing Silk or Artificial Silk but not containing Wool - ad val. (3) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent. 20 per cent. 20 per cent.	45 per cent. 25 per cent. 25 per cent.	50 per cent. 30 per cent. 30 per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (j) as follows :— “(j) Leather Cloth, Leather Cloth Binding, and Oil Baize and fabrics similar to oil baize, prepared with rubber, oil, celluloid or nitro-cellulose ; Bookbinders' Cloth prepared with nitro-cellulose - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.”

Sub-item (g) debated—

Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following to sub-item (g) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“(g) Hair Cloth and Cloth of Hair in combination with other fibres for interlining apparel - - - - - per square yard and ad val.	9d. 35 per cent.	1s. 3d. 45 per cent.	1s. 6d. 50 per cent.”

Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) 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)—

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Jones
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Keane
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Killen
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Long
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Martens
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Cusack	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Forde	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Frost	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. White
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hawker	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Hill	Mr. Yates

Noes, 3.

Mr. Eldridge

Tellers:

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Ward

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Jones
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Keane
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Killen
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Long
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Martens
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Cusack	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Forde	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Frost	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. White
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hill	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Yates

Noes, 4.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Roland Green

Tellers:

Mr. Eldridge
Mr. Ward

Tellers:

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Roland Green moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following to sub-item (c), as amended:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 30th May, 1931 (a) Hair Cloth and Cloth of Hair in combination with other fibres for interlining apparel - - - per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.”	6d. 45 per cent.	7d. 55 per cent.	8d. 60 per cent.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Killen
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Ward
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hill	

Tellers:

Mr. Morgan
Mr. Parkhill

Noes, 24.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Jones
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Keane
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Long
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Martens
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Gibbons	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	

Tellers:

Mr. Lacey
Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the sub-item, as amended, be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Jones
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Keane
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Long
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Martens
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Curtin	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Gibbons	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	

Tellers:

Mr. Lacey
Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 19.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Killen	

Tellers:

Mr. Josiah Francis
Mr. Nairn

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Sub-item (H)—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Yates reported accordingly.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight 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. Bayley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Culley, Mr. Gabb, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Latham, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Price, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Theodore, and Mr. Thompson.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.