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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 154.

FRIDAY, 5TH JUNE, 1931.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. 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.
Question—put and passed.
3. 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 115, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
115. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 115. (A) Socks* for human attire—			
*The word 'Socks' means any hose for human wear which when worn does not cover the knee.			
(1) Cotton - - - per dozen pairs or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.	20s. 50 per cent.	25s. 60 per cent.	30s. 65 per cent.
(2) Woollen or containing wool - per dozen pairs or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.	17s. 6d. 50 per cent.	22s. 6d. 60 per cent.	25s. 6d. 65 per cent.
(3) Silk or containing silk but not containing wool, and n.e.i. - - - per dozen pairs or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.	20s. 45 per cent.	25s. 55 per cent.	30s. 60 per cent.
(B) Stockings† for human attire—			
†The word 'Stockings' means any hose for human wear which when worn covers the knee.			
(1) Cotton - - - per dozen pairs or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.	30s. 50 per cent.	40s. 60 per cent.	50s. 65 per cent.
(2) Woollen or containing wool - per dozen pairs or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.	25s. 50 per cent.	30s. 60 per cent.	35s. 65 per cent.
(3) Silk or containing silk but not containing wool, and n.e.i. - - - per dozen pairs or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.”	30s. 45 per cent.	40s. 55 per cent.	50s. 60 per cent.

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Debate ensued.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
(1) Cotton - - - - - " And on and after 6th June, 1931 - per dozen pairs or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty."	6s. 30 per cent.	8s. 40 per cent.	10s. 45 per cent.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hawker	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Hunter

Noes, 30.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Long
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Makin
Mr. Chifley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Marks
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Martens
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Price
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Frost	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Keane	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Tully

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

Item numbered 117 agreed to.

Item numbered 118 debated and agreed to.

Item numbered 119, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
119. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 119. Articles of Coir, viz. :— (A) Mats and Fenders - - - - - ad val. (B) Matting including Cricket Matting per square yard	20 per cent. 6d.	30 per cent. 9d.	35 per cent. 1s."

Debate ensued.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
119. Articles of Coir, viz. :—Fenders, Mats and Matting including Cricket Matting - - - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent."

Debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

5th June, 1931.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item numbered 120, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
120. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 120. (A) Articles, Textile, as under, not being piece goods, viz. :— Articles of Furnishing Drapery and Napery, including Quilts n.e.i., Table-covers, Doyleys, Tray Cloths, Sheets, Pillow-cases and Covers, Bolster Cases, Counter-panes, Bed Spreads, Table Mats, Splashes, Tablecloths n.e.i., Runners, Mantel Borders, Toilet Sets, Bags for Linen, Brush and Comb Bags, Nightdress Cases, Handkerchief Sachets, and the like, Cosies and Cushions in part or wholly made up— (1) When not containing wool - ad val. 30 per cent. 35 per cent. 45 per cent. (2) When containing wool - ad val. 45 per cent. 50 per cent. 60 per cent. (AA) Feather or Down Quilts - ad val. 45 per cent. 50 per cent. 60 per cent. (B) (1) Cotton or Linen Handkerchiefs - ad val. 35 per cent. 45 per cent. 50 per cent. (2) Cotton or Linen Serviettes - ad val. 30 per cent. 40 per cent. 45 per cent. (c) (1) Towels, cut or uncut; Towelling in the piece whether defined or not for cutting up, n.e.i.; Terry Cloth and Terry Robing in the piece ad val. 50 per cent. 55 per cent. 65 per cent. (2) Towelling in the piece defined for cutting up, of a class or kind not manufactured in Australia, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val. 10 per cent. 15 per cent. 30 per cent. (3) Towelling in the piece not defined for cutting up, of a class or kind not manufactured in Australia, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val. 5 per cent. 15 per cent. 25 per cent. (d) Tablecloths not hemmed or hemstitched and not being piece goods, but not including Tablecloths which do not require hemming or hemstitching ad val. 5 per cent. 15 per cent. 25 per cent.”			

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 6th June, 1931 120. (A) Articles, Textile, as under, not being piece goods, viz. :— Articles of Furnishing Drapery and Napery, including Quilts n.e.i., Table-covers, Doyleys, Tray Cloths, Sheets, Pillow-cases and Covers, Bolster Cases, Counter-panes, Bed Spreads, Table Mats, Splashes, Tablecloths, Runners, Mantel Borders, Toilet Sets, Bags for Linen, Brush and Comb Bags, Nightdress Cases, Handkerchief Sachets, and the like, Cosies and Cushions in part or wholly made up— (1) When not containing wool - ad val. 30 per cent. 35 per cent. 45 per cent. (2) When containing wool - ad val. 45 per cent. 50 per cent. 60 per cent. (AA) Feather or Down Quilts - ad val. 45 per cent. 50 per cent. 60 per cent. (B) (1) Cotton or Linen Handkerchiefs - ad val. 35 per cent. 45 per cent. 50 per cent. (2) Cotton or Linen Serviettes - ad val. 30 per cent. 40 per cent. 45 per cent. (c) (1) Towels, cut or uncut; Towelling in the piece whether defined or not for cutting up, n.e.i.; Terry Cloth and Terry Robing in the piece - ad val. 50 per cent. 55 per cent. 65 per cent. (2) Towelling in the piece defined for cutting up, of a class or kind not manufactured in Australia, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - ad val. 10 per cent. 15 per cent. 30 per cent. (3) Towelling in the piece not defined for cutting up, of a class or kind not manufactured in Australia, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - ad val. 5 per cent. 15 per cent. 25 per cent.”			

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item numbered 122 agreed to.

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Item numbered 123, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
123. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
"(A) Waddings and Cotton Wool—			
(1) Waddings, Cotton Wool (not medicated) n.c.i.			
per lb.	3d.	3½d.	4d.
or ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.			
(2) Absorbent Cotton Wool (not medicated) - ad val.	Free	10 per cent.	20 per cent.
and on and after 1st October, 1931			
(2) Absorbent Cotton Wool (not medicated) - per lb.	4d.	5d.	6d.
or ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty."			

Mr. Nairn moved, That the Item be amended by omitting the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"and on and after 1st October, 1931			
(2) Absorbent Cotton Wool (not medicated) - per lb.	4d.	5d.	6d.
or ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty."			

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Nairn moved, That the Item be amended by inserting after the words "(not medicated)" in sub-item (A), paragraph (2) (second occurring), the words "other than for use in hospitals".

Debate continued.

Further consideration of Item postponed.

Item numbered 126 debated—

Question—That the Item be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lewis	Mr. Coleman
Mr. Long	Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 23.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Price
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Prose
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. White
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hawker	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hill	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Maxwell	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Items numbered 129 and 130 agreed to.

Item numbered 136—

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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes to five 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. Anstey, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Culley, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Guy, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Killen, Mr. Latham, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Theodore, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Yates.

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