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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 155.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JUNE, 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1931—
    - No. 7—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
    - No. 8—Australian Postal Electricians' Union and Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.
    - No. 9—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
    - No. 10—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; Australian Postal Electricians' Union; Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union; Commonwealth Medical Officers' Association; Commonwealth Postmasters' Association; Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association; Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia; Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department; Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union; Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
    - No. 11—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia; Australian Postal Electricians' Union; Australian Workers' Union; Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association; Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association; Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association; Commonwealth Temporary Clerks' Association; Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia; Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department; Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia; Meat Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth Public Service; Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
  - Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 60.
  - Navigation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 57.
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.

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(In the Committee.)

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

Item numbered 136, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
136. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(A) Pig Iron - - - - - per ton	25s.	35s.	45s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(B) Ingots, Blooms, Slabs, Billets, Puddled Bars and Loops, or like crude manufactures, less finished than Iron or Steel Bars, but more advanced than Pig Iron (except castings) - - - - - per ton	42s.	62s.	75s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (C) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(C) (1) Bar, Rod other than Wire Rod in Coils, Angle, Tee ; Bars of fancy pattern in the state in which they leave the rollers - - - - - per ton	80s.	110s.	130s.
(2) Wire Rod in Coils - - - - - per ton	44s.	65s.	80s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(D) Plate and Sheet (plain)— (1) Up to and including one-eighth of an inch in thickness per ton	65s.	82s. 6d.	100s.
(2) Exceeding one-eighth of an inch in thickness per ton	48s.	68s.	85s.
(2) Exceeding one-eighth of an inch in thickness and on and after 1st July, 1931 per ton	90s.	120s.	145s.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(E) (1) Wire of No: 15 or finer gauge (Imperial Standard Wire Gauge) - - - - - ad val.	30 per cent.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.
(2) Wire, other - - - - - per ton	52s.	152s.	172s.”

Debate ensued.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
(A) Pig Iron - - - - - “ And on and after 11th June, 1931 - per ton	20s.	30s.	40s.”

Debate continued.

Ordered—That the Item be divided.

Sub-item (A)—

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Bell	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gibbons	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Malcolm Cameron
Mr. Morgan	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Parkhill	

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. Martens
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Chifley	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Tully
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Frost	Mr. White
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. James	
Mr. Lewis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Long	Mr. Jones
Mr. Makin	Mr. Lacey

And so it was negatived.

Sub-item agreed to.

Sub-item (B) agreed to.

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Sub-item (c)—

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 11th June, 1931			
(c) (1) Bar, Rod other than Wire Rod in Coils, Angle, Tee ; Bars exceeding one-eighth of an inch in thickness of fancy pattern rolled direct from the billet bar or rod and in the state in which they leave the rolls - - - - - per ton	80s.	110s.	130s.
(2) Wire Rod in Coils - - - - - per ton	44s.	65s.	80s.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Sub-item, as amended, agreed to.

Sub-item (d) agreed to.

Sub-item (e)—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Keane 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 eighteen 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. Beasley, Mr. Culley, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Killen, Mr. Latham, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Marks, Mr. Mathews, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Scullin, and Mr. Theodore.

E. W. PARKES,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*