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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 184.

THURSDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—AUSTRALIAN FINANCE—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to Australian Finance, and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—
 Australian Finance—Review of Financial Position prior to the Premiers' Conference in June last, the Plan then evolved, the action taken to give effect to the Plan, and the further proposals for national rehabilitation—
 and moved, That the Paper be printed.
 Mr. Latham 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.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. JOSIAH FRANCIS).—Mr. Bayley moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Moreton (Mr. Josiah Francis), on the ground of ill-health.
 Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Bankruptcy Act—Third Annual Report, for period 1st August, 1930, to 31st July, 1931.
 High Court Procedure Act and Judiciary Act—
 Rule of Court—Dated 18th August, 1931.
 Rules of Court Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 105.
5. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 9, 10 AND 11) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 9 AND 10)].—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 Amendments of the 26th March, 1931 (pages 508-569), and of the 29th July, 1931 (pages 780-2).]
 Postponed Item numbered 145, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
145. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 145. Iron and Steel Plate and Sheet, viz. :— Corrugated Galvanized, Galvanized not Corrugated, and Corrugated not Galvanized per ton	110s.	130s.	150s."

Debate resumed on the Item and on the amendment moved by Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs), viz. :—

That the Item be amended by adding the following proviso :—

" Provided that if at any time the Minister notifies in the *Gazette* that in his opinion the Australian requirements for the goods specified in this item for any period of twelve months after the first day of September, 1931, have exceeded 60,000 tons, the rates of duty on such goods shall, on and from the date of the gazettal, be 90s. per ton (British Preferential Tariff), 110s. per ton (Intermediate Tariff), and 130s. per ton (General Tariff)."

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Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, as an amendment upon the proposed amendment, That all the words up to and including the word "gazettal," be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words "And on and after the 18th September, 1931, the rates of duty to" in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment upon the proposed amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Price	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Culley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Cusack	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Killen	Mr. White	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Latham		Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Mackay		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Ward
Mr. Marks	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. James	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jones	
Mr. Morgan	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lewis	Mr. Frost
		Mr. Long	Mr. E. C. Riley
		Mr. Makin	

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the amendment (moved by Mr. Forde) be agreed to—put and passed.

Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following proviso:—

"Provided further that at any time when the gross list price, as certified by the Tariff Board, of 26 gauge Australian Orb Galvanized Iron, packed in skeleton felt-lined cases, exceeds £25 per ton, the rates of duty shall be Free (British Preferential Tariff), 20s. per ton (Intermediate Tariff), and 40s. per ton (General Tariff)."

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Price	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Cusack	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Killen	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Latham	Mr. White	Mr. Forde	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Mackay		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Tully
Mr. Marks	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. James	Mr. Ward
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jones	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Morgan	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Keane	
		Mr. Lewis	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Long	Mr. Frost
		Mr. Makin	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

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 eighteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bell, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Josiah Francis*, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. Nelson.

* On leave.

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