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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 189.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ALLEGATIONS REGARDING HOG FARM IN FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY.—Mr. Blakley (Minister for Home Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding allegations made in the House concerning the establishment of the Hog Farm in the Federal Capital Territory.
3. THE LATE HONORABLE H. MAHON.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. Mahon a communication thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Stewart rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The failure of the Government to give effect to the *Wheat Advances Act 1930*".
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Stewart moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The debate having been continued for two hours, it was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 257B.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 23 of 1931—
Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 118.
Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 90.
Papua Act—
Infirm and Destitute Natives Account—Statement of Transactions of Trustees, 1930-31.
Ordinance of 1931—No. 2—Supply 1931-32.
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 113.
River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1930-31; together with Statements showing gaugings made at Gauging Stations, and quantities of water diverted from the River Murray and tributaries.
Transport Workers Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, Nos. 100, 101, 104.
6. 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 paragraph (1) of sub-item (F) of Item numbered 176, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
By omitting the whole of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (F) (1) Machines and Machinery, n.e.i. - ad val.	55 per cent.	65 per cent.	75 per cent."

considered, by leave.

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Mr. Earle Page moved, That the paragraph be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff	General Tariff.
—			
“ And on and after 1st October, 1931 (1) Machines and Machinery, n.e.i. - - - ad val.	25 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment amended, by leave, by omitting “ 25 ” and inserting “ 35 ” in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Long
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Hill	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Killen	Mr. White	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Latham		Mr. Culley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Lyons	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Cusack	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Marks		Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tully
Mr. Marr	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Price	Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Gibbons	
		Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Lewis
		Mr. Jones	Mr. E. C. Riley
		Mr. Keane	

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the paragraph be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Long	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Martens	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Hill	Mr. White
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Rowe	Mr. Killen	
Mr. Culley	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Latham	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Theodore	Mr. Marks	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tully	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Price
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward	Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Gibbons			
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Holloway			
Mr. Jones	Mr. Lewis		
Mr. Keane	Mr. E. C. Riley		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Item numbered 177, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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177. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 177. (A) (1) Portable Steam Engines - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.
(2) Locomotives, Road Rollers n.e.i. including Scarifier Attachments - - - ad val.	55 per cent.	65 per cent.	75 per cent.
(B) (1) Traction Engines - - - ad val.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.
(2) Traction Engines, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	10 per cent.”

Question—That the Item be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Long	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Martens	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Hawker	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Hill	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Price	Mr. Killen	
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Latham	
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Rowe	Mr. Marks	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Culley	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Theodore	Mr. Nairn	Mr. White
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tully		
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Gibbons			
Mr. Albert Green			
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Jones	Mr. Lewis		
Mr. Keane	Mr. E. C. Riley		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Item numbered 178, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
178. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— " 178. Motive Power Machinery and Appliances (except Electric), viz. :— * * * * * (D) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	*	*	*
	55 per cent.	65 per cent.	75 per cent."

Ordered—That the Item be divided.

Sub-items (A), (B) and (C) agreed to.

Sub-item (D)—

Mr. Hawker moved, That the sub-item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 1st October, 1931 (D) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 8.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Makin	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens	
Mr. Latham	Mr. Chifley	Mr. McNeill	
Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Parker Moloney	
Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Edward Riley	
Mr. Prowse	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Rowe	
	Mr. Cusack	Mr. Scullin	
	Mr. Forde	Mr. Theodore	
	Mr. Frost	Mr. Tully	
	Mr. Gibbons		
	Mr. Albert Green		
	Mr. Holloway		
	Mr. Jones		
	Mr. Keane		
	Mr. Long		
		<i>Tellers:</i>	
		Mr. Lewis	
		Mr. E. C. Riley	

And so it was negatived.

Sub-item agreed to.

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Item numbered 179, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
179. By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(b) Electric Fittings consisting wholly or partly of metal, viz. :—Switches, Fuses, and Lightning Arresters, n.e.i. - - - - - ad val.	65 per cent.	70 per cent.	75 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(c) Regulating, Starting, and Controlling Apparatus, for all electrical purposes, including Distributing Boards and Switchboards, n.e.i. - - - - - ad val. * * * * *	65 per cent. * * * * *	70 per cent. * * * * *	75 per cent.” * * * * *

Ordered—That the Item be divided.

Sub-items (b) and (c) debated—

Question—That the sub-items be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Frost	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Tully
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Keane	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Long	Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 9.

Mr. Bernard Corser
Mr. Gabb
Mr. Hawker
Mr. Latham
Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Prowse

Tellers:

Mr. Parkhill
Mr. White

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.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at three minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Bayley, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Josiah Francis*, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. W. Maloney, and Mr. Mathews.

* On leave.

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