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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 192.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 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. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (MR. LACEY AND MR. MATHEWS).—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Grey (Mr. Lacey) and to the honorable Member for Melbourne Ports (Mr. Mathews), on the ground of ill-health.

Question—put and passed.

3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Gullett 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 serious financial position of many occupants of War Service Homes, and the wisdom, in the interests of the Government and the occupants, of immediate steps being taken to meet the situation".

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. Gullett 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.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 111.

Financial Emergency Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, Nos. 99, 110.

Public Service Act—Appointment of F. G. Lumley, Department of Health.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Public Health Ordinance—Regulations (Sale of Food and Drugs).

Transport Workers Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 122.

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).]

Item numbered 239 reconsidered, by leave, and agreed to.

Item numbered 241, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
241. By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (b) Earthenware, Brownware, and Stoneware, including Glazed or Enamelled Fireclay Manufactures, n.e.i., and all kinds of porous Insulating Blocks ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	60 per cent."

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p style="text-align: center;">“ And on and after 8th October, 1931</p> (B) Earthenware, Brownware, and Stoneware, including Glazed or Enamelled Fireclay Manufactures, n.e.i., and all kinds of porous Insulating Blocks ad val.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Item agreed to.

Item numbered 242 postponed.

Paragraph (4) of sub-item (F) of Item numbered 105, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
(4) Piece Goods, felt, of wool or containing wool— (a) Slipper Upper Felt per square yard and ad val.	6d. 20 per cent.	9d. 30 per cent.	1s. 35 per cent.
(b) N.E.I. per square yard and ad val.	9d. 20 per cent.	1s. 3d. 30 per cent.	1s. 6d. 35 per cent.

reconsidered, by leave.

On the motion of Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs), the paragraph was amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p style="text-align: center;">“ And on and after 8th October, 1931</p> (4) Piece Goods, felt, of wool or containing wool per square yard and ad val.	9d. 20 per cent.	1s. 3d. 30 per cent.	1s. 6d. 35 per cent.”

Paragraph, as amended, agreed to.

Items numbered 244 and 250 postponed.

Items numbered 251, 255, 262, 264, 266, 273 and 275 agreed to.

Item numbered 278, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
278. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (2) Soda Ash -	Free	Free	Free.”

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the Item was amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p style="text-align: center;">“ And on and after 27th March, 1931</p> (2) Soda Ash -	Free	Free	Free
<p style="text-align: center;">And on and after 8th October, 1931</p> (2) (a) Soda Ash for such manufacturing purposes as may be prescribed by Departmental By-law (b) Soda Ash n.e.i. per ton	Free Free	Free 20s.	Free 40s.”

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item numbered 279 agreed to.

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Item numbered 281, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff	General Tariff.
281. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) (three times occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— * * * * * By adding a new sub-item (N) as follows :— “(N) Bismuth Metal and Bismuth Salts - per lb. By adding a new sub-item (O) as follows :— “(O) Acetyl-Salicylic Acid in powder form - ad val.	* Ss. 25 per cent.	* 10s. 35 per cent.	* 10s.” 40 per cent.”

Ordered—That the Item be divided.

Sub-item (A) agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the following new sub-item was inserted, after debate :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
By adding the following to sub-item (B) :— “ And on and after 8th October, 1931 (B) (1) Sulphate of Magnesia (Epsom Salts) :— (a) In packages not exceeding seven pounds net weight - per lb. (b) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val. (2) Sulphate of Soda, Hyposulphite of Soda, Hypochlorite of Soda, Carbonate of Magnesia n.e.i. - - - - - ad val.	1d. 20 per cent. 20 per cent.	1½d. 25 per cent. 25 per cent.	1½d. 30 per cent. 30 per cent.”

Sub-items (C), (F) and (M) agreed to.

Sub-item (N) postponed.

Sub-item (O) —

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the sub-item was amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 8th October, 1931 (O) Acetyl-Salicylic Acid - - - - - ad val.	25 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.”

Sub-item, as amended, agreed to.

Item numbered 285, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
285. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(B) Bates' Salve - - - - - ad val.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent.”

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 8th October, 1931 (B) Bates' Salve - - - - -	Free	Free	Free.”

Debate ensued.

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Amendment negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the Item was omitted as on and from 8th October, 1931.

Postponed sub-item (N) of Item numbered 281, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
By adding a new sub-item (N) as follows :— “(N) Bismuth Metal and Bismuth Salts - per lb.	8s.	10s.	10s.”

considered, by leave.

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the sub-item was amended, after debate, by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 8th October, 1931 (N) (1) Bismuth Metal - - - - - per lb. (2) Bismuth Salts - - - - - per lb.	2s. 3d. 3s.	3s. 6d. 4s. 6d.	3s. 6d. 4s. 6d.”

Sub-item, as amended, agreed to.

Item numbered 290 agreed to.

Item numbered 291, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
291. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 291. Timber, viz. :— (A) Engravers' Boxwood and Engravers' Maple-wood - - - - - ad val. (B) Hickory, undressed - - - - - ad val. (C) Logs, not sawn, viz. :— (1) Cedar the produce of British Borneo ad val. (2) For use in the manufacture of Plywood and Veneers, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val. (3) Other - - - - - ad val. * * * * *	5 per cent. 5 per cent. 5 per cent. 5 per cent. 5 per cent. 10 per cent. 5 per cent. 10 per cent. * * * * *	5 per cent. 5 per cent. 5 per cent. 5 per cent. 5 per cent. 5 per cent. 20 per cent. * * * * *	5 per cent. 5 per cent. 10 per cent. 10 per cent. 30 per cent.” * * * * *

Ordered—That the Item be divided.

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

Sub-item (C)—

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 8th October, 1931 (1) Cedar the produce of British Borneo and Cedar and Kauri the produce of British Solomon Islands - - - - - ad val.	5 per cent.	5 per cent.	10 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Keane
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Long
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Martens
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Rowe	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Hill	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Culley	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Holloway	Mr. White	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Latham		Mr. Cusack	Mr. Theodore
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Marr	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Price	Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Albert Green	
		Mr. Guy	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Jones	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the sub-item was amended by adding the following:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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“ And on and after 8th October, 1931 (c) Logs, not sawn, viz. :— (1) For use in the manufacture of Plywood and Veneers, as pre- scribed by Departmental By-laws - - - ad val. (2) Other - - - ad val.	5 per cent. 10 per cent.	5 per cent. 20 per cent.	10 per cent. 30 per cent.”

Sub-item, as amended, agreed to.

Sub-items (D), (E), (F) and (G) agreed to.

Sub-item (H)—

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 three minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All the Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Josiah Francis*, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hunter, Mr. James, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lacey*, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Marks, Mr. Mathews*, and Mr. Riordan.

* On leave.

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