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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 79.

THURSDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1933.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MINISTERIAL DUTIES DURING ABSENCE OF CERTAIN MINISTERS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the allocation of Ministerial duties during the absence of certain Ministers in Western Australia.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—SALE OF VESSELS OF COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT SHIPPING LINE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement concerning the details of negotiations in regard to the sale of the vessels of the Commonwealth Government Shipping Line.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
 - Fruit Essences, Ethers, Aromas, Flavours, &c.
 - Hats, Hoods, &c.
 - Socks and Stockings for human attire.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
5. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Beasley 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 necessity for the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the Petrol Industry in Australia".
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. Beasley moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Mr. James addressing the House, and having been repeatedly called to order for continued irrelevance,
Mr. Speaker directed the honorable Member to discontinue his speech.
Debate continued.
The debate having been continued for two hours, it was terminated in accordance with Standing Order No. 257b.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Nationality Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, No. 2.
 - Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1933—No. 3—Removal of Prisoners.
7. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (1932) AND AMENDMENT (NO. 1)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs Tariff of the 13th October, 1932 (pages 355-430) and Amendment (No. 1) of the 8th March, 1933 (pages 535-558).]

General debate resumed on the first Item, and on the amendment moved by Mr. Thomas Paterson (see page 562) to the first paragraph of the proposed Resolution of the 13th October, 1932, the proposed amendment being as follows:—That after the words "United Kingdom" the following words be inserted:—"and that the Government without delay submit a further schedule which will carry out the terms and the spirit of the Ottawa Agreement with respect to increased preference to British goods in the following manner:—

Duties against British goods to be reduced to the level of the 1921-1930 Tariff in all cases where they have been raised above that level without report by the Tariff Board".

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Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 39.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Baker	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nock	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Marr
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Martens
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thorby	Mr. Casey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Gregory	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Hill		Mr. Dein	Mr. Perkins
Mr. McBride	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Price
Mr. McClelland	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Forde	Mr. Riordan
Mr. McNicoll	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Rosevear
		Mr. Gander	Mr. Scullin
		Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Stacey
		Mr. Guy	Mr. Frederick Stewart
		Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Ward
		Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. White
		Mr. Hughes	
		Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Latham	Mr. E. C. Riley
		Mr. George Lawson	

And so it was negatived.

General debate concluded.

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the consideration of all items other than those specified in Group 1 in the Customs Tariff memorandum (showing rates of duty under various Tariff proposals) circulated by the Minister for Trade and Customs, be postponed until after the consideration of the items specified in Group 1.

Question—put and passed.

Group 1.—*Items under which the rates are the same as those operating under the 1921–30 Tariff.*

Item 2—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at six minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRÉSENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bruce*, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hutchin, Mr. Makin, Mr. Earle Page*, Mr. Scholfield, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

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