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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 86.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH 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. PETITION.—Mr. Beasley presented a Petition from 1,835 residents of Lithgow and district, in the State of New South Wales, praying the House to reconsider the whole question of old-age pensions. Petition received and read.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
  - Postmaster-General's Department—Twenty-second Annual Report, 1931-32.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
  - Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
    - Electrical Fittings.
    - Mortice Locks ; Mortice Lock Sets ; Rim Locks.
    - Rabbit Traps.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—No. 1 of 1933—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
  - Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, No. 41.
4. 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).]

Group 3 continued—

Item 179, sub-item (A), debated and agreed to.

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the consideration of the remaining items other than those specified in Group 4 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 4.

Question—put and passed.

Group 4.—Revenue Items not included under any other heading.

Item 1 agreed to.

Item 3, sub-items (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (G), (H), (I), debated—

Mr. Bernard Corser moved, That the sub-items be postponed.

Debate continued.

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Question—put.

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

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Baker	Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Bell	Mr. Lane
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens	Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Latham
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Casey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Forde	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McNicoll
Mr. Gander		Mr. Dein	Mr. Nock
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Dennis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Prowse
Mr. James	Mr. F. C. Riley	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scholfield
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stacey
		Mr. Guy	Mr. Frederick Stewart
		Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. White
		Mr. E. J. Harrison	
		Mr. Hawker	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hutchin	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Price
		Mr. Jennings	

And so it was negatived.

Sub-items agreed to.

Items 8, 12 ; Item 13, sub-item (A) ; agreed to.

Item 18 debated and agreed to.

Items 20, 21, 22, agreed to.

Item 24 debated and agreed to.

Item 43, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
43. Coffee and Chicory—		
(A) Raw and kiln dried - - - - - per lb.	4d.	4d.
(B) Roasted, or ground ; in liquid form ; or mixed with milk or other substance - - - - - per lb.	7d.	7d.
(C) Substitutes - - - - - per lb.	7d.	7d.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
(B) Roasted, or ground ; in liquid form ; or mixed with milk or other substance - - - - - per lb.	6d.	6d."

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Item agreed to.

Item 100, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
100. Tea—		
(A) In packets not exceeding 20 lb. net weight - - - per lb.	6d.	6d.
(B) N.E.I. - - - - - per lb.	4d.	4d.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
100. Tea—		
(A) In packets not exceeding 20 lb. net weight - - - per lb.	4d.	6d.
(B) N.E.I. - - - - - per lb.	2d.	4d."

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That the Item and proposed Amendment be considered by sub-items.

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Mr. Blakeley addressing the Committee, and being repeatedly called to order for continued irrelevance, the Chairman directed the honorable Member to discontinue his speech.

Debate continued.

Amendment to sub-item (A) negatived.

Sub-item (A) agreed to.

Question—That the amendment to sub-item (B) be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Baker  
Mr. Beasley  
Mr. Blakeley  
Mr. Forde  
Mr. Albert Green  
Mr. E. J. Harrison  
Mr. Holloway  
Mr. James  
Mr. Jennings  
Mr. George Lawson  
Mr. Martens  
Mr. Riordan  
Mr. Scullin  
Mr. Thompson

Tellers:

Mr. Gander  
Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 34.

Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Latham
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McNicoll
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nock
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Dein	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Price
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Guy	Mr. William Watson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hutchin	Tellers:
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Lane	Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

Sub-item (B) further considered—

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
(B) N.E.I. . . . . " And on and after 30th March, 1933 . . . . . per lb.	2d.	2d."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Martens
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	Tellers:
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Gander
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 30.

Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lane
Mr. Casey	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nock
Mr. Dein	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Price
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Guy	Mr. White
Mr. E. F. Harrison	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Tellers:
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

Sub-item agreed to.

Division V., viz.:—Item 105, sub-item (A), paragraph (1), sub-paragraph (a), sub-items (B), (C), (D), sub-item (E), paragraph (2); Item 106, sub-item (D), paragraph (1), sub-item (E), paragraph (1), sub-item (F), paragraph (1); Item 118, sub-item (A); Item 120, sub-item (C), paragraphs (2), (3); Item 130—taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Division VI., viz.:—Item 181, sub-item (A), paragraph (2); Item 197, sub-item (B)—taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Item 229, sub-items (B), (C), (D), (E)—

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.

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5. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Tariff Board—Report and Recommendation—Matches and Vestas of all kinds.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Parkhill (Postmaster-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Bruce\*, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hill, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hughes, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McBride, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Earle Page\*, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Rosevear, and Mr. Ward.

\* On leave.

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