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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 87.

THURSDAY, 30TH 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. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department, at 31st December, 1932; together with Auditor-General's Reports thereon.
The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Northern Territory—Report on Administration for year ended 30th June, 1932.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Appropriation (Unemployment Relief Works) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, No. 35.
3. 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 4 continued—

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

Mr. Gregory moved, That the sub-items be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Sub-item (c), viz.:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
(c) Petroleum and Shale Products, viz.:—Naphtha, Benzine, Benzoline, Gasoline, Pentane, Petrol and any other petroleum or shale spirit - - - per gallon	7d.	7d.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
(c) (1) Petroleum and Shale Products, viz.:—Naphtha, Benzine, Benzoline, Gasoline, Pentane, Petrol and any other petroleum or shale spirit - - - per gallon	7d.	7d.
(2) Naphtha, Benzine, Benzoline, Gasoline, Pentane, Petrol and any other petroleum or shale spirit for use in stationary engines, farm tractors or implements, fishing boats, aeroplanes or other machines or vehicles not used upon public roads, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	Free."

Debate ensued.

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Amendment amended, by leave, by omitting "Free" (both columns) and inserting "1½d." in place thereof.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Malcolm Cameron
Mr. Bernard Corser
Mr. Gabb
Mr. Gibson
Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Gregory
Mr. Hawker
Mr. James
Mr. McNicoll
Mr. Nairn
Mr. Nock

Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Prowse
Mr. Riordan
Mr. Thompson
Mr. William Watson

Tellers:

Mr. Hunter
Mr. Price

Noes, 29.

Mr. Baker
Mr. Blacklow
Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Casey
Mr. Dein
Mr. Dennis
Mr. Fenton
Mr. Forde
Mr. Josiah Francis
Sir Littleton Groom
Mr. Guy
Mr. E. F. Harrison
Mr. E. J. Harrison
Mr. Holloway
Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Jennings

Mr. Lane
Mr. Latham
Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Martens
Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Perkins
Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Stacey
Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. White

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

Sub-items agreed to.

Item 290, sub-item (c), debated and agreed to.

Items 309, 313, 314, 315; Item 318, sub-item (A), paragraph (3), paragraph (4), sub-paragraph (b), sub-item (B); taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Item 320—

Sub-item (c), paragraph (2), sub-paragraph (c), viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
(c) (2) Exposed or developed films— (c) Other - - - - - per lineal foot	Free	4d.

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
(c) Other— (1) Negative and soft positive - - - - - per lineal foot (2) N.E.I. - - - - - per lineal foot	Free Free	1s. 4d.
" And on and after 9th March, 1933		
(c) Other— (1) Negative; Film imported for or intended for purposes of copying - - - - - per lineal foot (2) N.E.I. - - - - - per lineal foot	Free Free	1s. 4d."

Sub-paragraph, as amended, agreed to.

Proviso to paragraph (2) agreed to.

Item 331, sub-items (A), (B), viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
331. Rubber and Rubber Manufactures, viz. :— (A) The following produce of any territory of the Commonwealth, viz. :—Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated Rubber, Powdered or Reclaimed Rubber	Free	Free
(B) Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated Rubber, Powdered or Reclaimed Rubber, n.e.i. - - - - - per lb.	4d.	4d.

Mr. White moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 8th March, 1933, relating to sub-item (A) of Tariff Item 331 be incorporated in the present proposals as on and from 9th March, 1933, in lieu of sub-items (A) and (B) of Item 331 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 13th October, 1932.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Sub-items, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Item 334, sub-item (c), paragraphs (1), (2), sub-items (F), (V), (X), debated and agreed to.

Item 359, sub-item (D), paragraph (4), and note to sub-item, debated and agreed to.

Items 367, 369, agreed to.

Item 408, sub-item (A), debated and agreed to.

Items 413, 434, agreed to.

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Mr. White moved, That the consideration of the remaining items other than those specified in Group 5 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 5.

Question—put and passed.

Group 5.—*Items amended by Scullin Government and supported by Tariff Board Reports.*

Item 9—

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.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Anstey, Mr. Bruce*, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hill, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hughes, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marr, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McBride, Mr. McClelland, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Earle Page*, and Mr. Rosevear.

* On leave.

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