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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 92.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH APRIL, 1933.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 6th April last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—WIRELESS BROADCASTING SERVICES.—Mr. Parkhill (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in regard to the proposed expansion of existing wireless broadcasting services within the Commonwealth.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—DISTRIBUTION OF MINISTERIAL DUTIES.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House that during the absence of the Minister for Health and Repatriation (Mr. Marr) on a visit to the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, the Health Department would be administered by the Postmaster-General, and the Repatriation Department by the Assistant Minister for Defence.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
Articles n.e.i. partly or wholly made up from Textiles or Feathers, and Articles n.e.i. partly or wholly of Felt.
Oilmen's Stores and all goods covered by Tariff Item 79.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Air Force Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, No. 46.
Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1932.
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, Nos. 49, 51, 53.
Financial Relief Act—Regulations (Primary Producers' Assistance—Wheat-growers' Relief)—
Statutory Rules 1933, No. 48.
Immigration Act—Return for 1932.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Cootamundra, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.
Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, No. 50.
Patents Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, No. 52.
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1933, Nos. 42, 43, 44, 45.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Hospital Tax Ordinance—Regulations Amended.
5. 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 6 continued—

Item 105, sub-item (A), paragraph (1), sub-paragraph (b), sub-item (AA), paragraph (2), sub-item (F), paragraphs (1), (2), (4), viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
105. Piece Goods, viz. :—		
(A) (1) (b) Cotton Piece Goods ordinarily used for manufacture into outer clothing for human wear which in pattern design or appearance resemble woollen piece goods used for the same purpose and which weigh more than 3 ounces per square yard (except piece goods enumerated in sub-item (AA))		
{ per square yard	6d.	1s.
and ad val.	20 per cent.	40 per cent.
or ad val.	35 per cent.	55 per cent.
* * * * * whichever rate returns the higher duty.	*	*
(F) (4) Piece Goods, felt, of wool or containing wool		
per square yard	9d.	1s. 6d.
and ad val.	20 per cent.	37½ per cent.

Ordered to be considered by sub-items.

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Sub-item (A), paragraph (1), sub-paragraph (b), debated—

Mr. Gregory moved, That the sub-paragraph be amended by adding the following :—“ Provided that no duty or combination of duties be imposed against British goods in excess of 75 per centum ad valorem ”.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott
Mr. Gabb
Mr. Gibson
Mr. Gregory
Mr. E. J. Harrison
Mr. Hill
Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. McBride
Mr. McClelland
Mr. Nairn
Mr. Nock
Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Prowse
Mr. Stacey

Tellers:

Mr. Hunter
Mr. McNicoll

Noes, 32.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Casey	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Dein	Mr. Martens
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gander	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Scullin
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Guy	Mr. White
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Hutchin	
Mr. James	
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Latham	Mr. Gardner
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Sub-paragraph agreed to.

Sub-item (AA), paragraph (2), debated and agreed to.

Sub-item (F), paragraphs (1), (2), (4), debated—

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to paragraph (4) of sub-item (F) of Item 105, be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of paragraph (4) of sub-item (F) of Item 105 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

Paragraphs (1), (2), and paragraph (4), as amended, agreed to.

Item 110, sub-items (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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., 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. Anstey, Mr. Baker, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blacklow, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lane, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Marr, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Price, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Thorby, and Mr. Ward.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.