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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 93.

THURSDAY, 27TH APRIL, 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—SITTINGS OF HOUSE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with regard to the proposed sittings of the House next week.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1933, No. 47.
4. ROYAL COMMISSIONS BILL (1933).—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Royal Commissions Act 1902-1912*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Latham then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
5. PETROL COMMISSION BILL.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to facilitate the proceedings of the Royal Commission appointed to hold an Inquiry respecting certain matters in relation to Mineral Oils, and Petrol and other products of Mineral Oils.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Latham then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
6. 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 110, sub-items (c), (d), (e)—

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

Debate ensued.

Motion withdrawn, by leave.

Ordered to be considered by sub-items.

Sub-item (c) debated and agreed to.

Sub-item (d) debated—

Mr. Forde moved, That the sub-item be postponed.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Dein	Mr. Martens
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 33.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McNicoll
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Nock
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Parkhill
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Guy	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hill	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Latham	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. John Lawson	
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Gardner
Mr. McBride	Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

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Sub-item agreed to.

Sub-item (E) debated—

Mr. Forde moved, That the sub-item be postponed.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Martens	Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McNicoll
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Nock
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Holloway		Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>	Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Perkins
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Gander	Mr. Guy	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Makin	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
		Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Frederick Stewart
		Mr. Hutchin	Mr. William Watson
		Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
		Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Latham	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Lyons	

And so it was negatived.

Sub-item agreed to.

Item 114, sub-items (B), (C), (E), (F) (as to part), (G), viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
114. Hats, Caps, and Bonnets—		
(B) Wool Felt Hats for men and boys in any stage of manufacture including wool felt hoods therefor - - - per dozen or ad val.	30s. 45 per cent.	50s. 65 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.		
(C) Fur Felt Hats for men and boys in any stage of manufacture including fur felt hoods therefor - - - per dozen or ad val.	48s. 45 per cent.	72s. 65 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.		
(E) Wool Felt Hoods for girls' and women's hats per dozen or ad val.	20s. 35 per cent.	30s. 55 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.		
(F) Felt hats and felt capelines for women and girls, Fur Felt hoods for women's and girls' hats, Berets, Women's and Girls' caps (other than bathing) of any material; Hats and Bonnets n.e.i. - - - per dozen or ad val.	45s. 45 per cent.	60s. 65 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.		
(G) Hoods other than of felt—		
(1) Panama and Pandan plaited from the tip of the crown to the base of the brim and which do not contain any thread straws or other material joining the plaits or other material together - - - ad val.	45 per cent.	65 per cent.
(2) Other - - - per dozen or ad val.	18s. 45 per cent.	24s. 65 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.		

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 sub-item (B) of Item 114 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of sub-item (B) of Item 114 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. White moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to sub-item (C) of Item 114 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of sub-item (C) of Item 114 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. White moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to sub-item (E) of Item 114 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of sub-item (E) of Item 114 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

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Mr. White moved, That sub-item (F) be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
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(F) (1) Felt Capelincs for girls' and women's hats - per dozen or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty."	24s. 45 per cent.	39s. 65 per cent.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. White moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to sub-item (G) of Item 114 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of sub-item (g) of Item 114 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

Sub-items, as amended, debated—

Mr. Holloway moved, by leave, That the further consideration of the sub-items, as amended, be postponed.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Bernard Corser
Mr. Dein
Mr. Dennis
Mr. Fenton
Mr. Forde
Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Holloway
Mr. James
Mr. Jennings
Mr. George Lawson

Mr. Makin
Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Martens
Mr. Riordan
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Watkins

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 33.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott
Mr. Casey
Mr. Thomas Collins
Mr. Gabb
Mr. Gibson
Mr. Gregory
Sir Littleton Groom
Sir Henry Gullett
Mr. Guy
Mr. E. F. Harrison
Mr. E. J. Harrison
Mr. Hill
Mr. Hutchin
Mr. Hutchison
Mr. Latham
Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Lyons
Mr. McBride

Mr. McClelland
Mr. McNicoll
Mr. Nairn
Mr. Nock
Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Perkins
Mr. Prowse
Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Stacey
Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. William Watson
Mr. White

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

Sub-items, as amended, agreed to.

Item 115, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
115. (A) Socks* for human attire—		
* The word 'Socks' means any hose for human wear which when worn does not cover the knee.		
(1) Cotton - - - - - per dozen pairs	20s.	30s.
or ad val.	50 per cent.	70 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.		
(2) Woollen or containing wool - - - per dozen pairs	17s. 6d.	25s. 6d.
or ad val.	50 per cent.	70 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.		
(3) Silk or containing silk but not containing wool, and n.e.i. per dozen pairs	20s.	30s.
or ad val.	45 per cent.	65 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.		
(a) Stockings† for human attire—		
† The word 'Stockings' means any hose for human wear which when worn covers the knee.		
(1) Cotton - - - - - per dozen pairs	30s.	50s.
or ad val.	50 per cent.	70 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.		
(2) Woollen or containing wool - - - per dozen pairs	25s.	35s.
or ad val.	50 per cent.	70 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.		
(3) Silk or containing silk but not containing wool, and n.e.i. per doz. pairs	30s.	50s.
or ad val.	45 per cent.	65 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.		

Mr. White moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to Item 115 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of Item 115 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Thomas Paterson proceeding to move a further amendment—

The Chairman ruled that such an amendment would not be in order, as the amendment, which replaced the original item, had been agreed to.

By leave of the Committee, the amendment previously agreed to was again proposed.

Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, as an amendment upon the proposed amendment, That the fixed rates of duty (British Preferential Tariff) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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Question—That the amendment upon the proposed amendment be agreed to—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Nock	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Latham
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Casey	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Makin
Mr. Gibson	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Dein	Mr. Martens
Mr. Gregory		Mr. Dennis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. E. J. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Hill	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Forde	Mr. Riordan
Mr. McClelland	Mr. McNicoll	Mr. Gander	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Nairn		Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Scullin
		Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Frederick Stewart
		Mr. Guy	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. White
		Mr. Hutchin	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. James	Mr. E. C. Riley
		Mr. Jennings	

And so it was negatived.

Original amendment again agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 120, sub-item (c), paragraph (1), viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
(c) (1) (a) Huckaback towels, cut or uncut; Huckaback towelling in the piece whether defined or not for cutting up - ad val.	5 per cent.	25 per cent.
(b) Towels n.e.i., cut or uncut; Towelling n.e.i., in the piece whether defined or not for cutting up; Terry Cloth and Terry Robing in the piece - - - - ad val.	40 per cent.	60 per cent.

Mr. White moved, That the following new sub-item be added to Item 120 :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
(d) Sponge Cloths or Sweat Rags - - - - - ad val.	40 per cent.	60 per cent."

Question—put and passed.

Sub-item (c), paragraph (1), agreed to.

Item 122, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
122. Articles n.e.i.—		
(A) Partly or wholly made up from textiles, or feathers, not included under items 108 or 110, and including materials cut into shape therefor - - - - ad val.	45 per cent.	65 per cent.
(B) Partly or wholly of felt including materials cut into shape therefor - - - - - ad val.	60 per cent.	75 per cent.

Mr. White moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to Item 122 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of Item 122 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 145—

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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Anstey, Mr. Baker, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blacklow, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lane, 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.