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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 116.

TUESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1933.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—WAR SERVICE HOMES.—Mr. Josiah Francis (Minister administering War Service Homes), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing a reduction in the rate of interest charged on money advanced by the Government for the construction of War Service Homes.
3. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) BILL.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Debate resumed on the motion previously moved by Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) on the 4th October, 1933 (see pages 691-5).

Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, as an amendment, That after the words " Preferential Tariff " (line 4) the following words be inserted :—" or from any country the currency of which on the date of shipment of the goods is :—

- (a) British sterling ;
- (b) Appreciated relative to sterling ;
- (c) Nominally on a sterling basis."

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. White moved, That the Schedule be amended by adding after the word " proposals " appearing in the qualifications to items 168 (B) (1), 179 (B) (6), 179 (E), 332 (D) and 376 (E), the following words :—" or of any law passed to give effect to those proposals ".

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 36.

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| Mr. Aubrey Abbott | Mr. Lyons |
| Mr. Blacklow | Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. McBride |
| Mr. Casey | Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Dein | Mr. Nock |
| Mr. Josiah Francis | Mr. Parkhill |
| Mr. Gabb | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Roland Green | Mr. Perkins |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Price |
| Sir Littleton Groom | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Guy | Mr. Scholfield |
| Mr. E. F. Harrison | Mr. Stacey |
| Mr. Hawker | Mr. Frederick Stewart |
| Mr. Holman | Mr. William Watson |
| Mr. Hutchin | Mr. White |
| Mr. Hutchinson | |
| Mr. Jennings | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Lane | Mr. Hunter |
| Mr. Latham | Mr. John Lawson |

Noes, 16.

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| Mr. Baker | Mr. Riordan |
| Mr. Beasley | Mr. Rosevear |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Dennis | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Forde | |
| Mr. Holloway | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. George Lawson | Mr. Bernard Corser |
| Mr. Makin | Mr. Martens |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

Mr. White moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. White, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. White and Mr. Guy do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. White then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for Adjustments in Duties of Customs consequent upon depreciation in the value of Australian currency in relation to the currencies of countries to goods of which the British Preferential Tariff applies,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. White moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. White, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to eleven 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. Thomas Collins, Mr. Gander, Mr. Gibson, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. E. J. Harrison, Mr. Hill, Mr. James, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McClelland, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. E. C. Riley, and Mr. Thompson.

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