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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 84.

FRIDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1936.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
 - Caustic Soda.
 - Chain, Hand Forged and Roller Types.
 - Surgical Gut ; Gut, n.e.i.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1936—No. 8—Canberra Community Hospital Board.
3. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 28th November, 1935 (pages 375-456)].
Item 19—

Mr. Forde moved, That the Item be postponed.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and were read by Mr. Speaker :—

GOWRIE,

Governor-General.

Message No. 78.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

- “ Financial Relief Act 1936 ”
- “ Wheat Growers Relief Act 1936 ”
- “ Primary Producers Relief Act 1936 ”
- “ Apple and Pear Bounty Act 1936 ”
- “ Orange Bounty Act 1936 ”
- “ Prune Bounty Act 1936 ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 20th March, 1936.

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GOWRIE,
Governor-General.

Message No. 79.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ Meat Export Control Act 1936 ”

“ Loan (Farmers' Debt Adjustment) Act 1936 ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 20th March, 1936.

5. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 4), CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT (No. 4), EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 5)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 4).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariffs* 1933 as proposed to be amended by the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the twenty-eighth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the twenty-first day of March, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariffs* 1933 as so amended.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.			
137. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (2) Aluminium angles, bars, pipes, plates, rods, sheets, strips, tees and tubes, not further manufactured than plated polished or decorated - ad val.	15 per cent.	30 per cent.	30 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of paragraph (3) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (3) Nickel angles, bars, pipes, plates, rods, sheets, strips, tees and tubes, not further manufactured than plated polished or decorated - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	15 per cent.”
139. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (B) Angles, bars, channels, pipes, plates, rods, sheets, strips, tees and tubes, not further manufactured than plated polished or decorated ; wire per lb. and ad val.	..	3½d.	3½d.
And in respect of sub-item (B)— For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - ad val.	22½ per cent.	22½ per cent.	27½ per cent.
140. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (c) Angles, bars, pipes, plates, rods, sheets, strips, tees and tubes, not further manufactured than plated polished or decorated ; wire including stranded or twisted wire - per lb. and ad val.	.4 per cent.	.4 per cent.	.4 per cent.”
subject to a reduction by an amount per ton calculated by multiplying the determined price of copper at the date of exportation of the goods by 0.55 (British Preferential Tariff and Intermediate Tariff), 0.6875 (General Tariff). And in respect of sub-item (c)— For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - ad val.	50 per cent.	6d.	6d.
subject to a reduction by an amount per ton calculated by multiplying the determined price of copper at the date of exportation of the goods by .011. For the purposes of this sub-item the determined price of copper shall be the weekly average, as determined by the Minister, of the London Metal Exchange quotations for one ton of Electrolytic Copper Wire Bars.”	50 per cent.	50 per cent.	62½ per cent.
	1 per cent.	1 per cent.	1 per cent.

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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Division VI.—Metals and Machinery—continued.

144. By omitting the whole of sub-item (n) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(n) Sheet, and zinc tubing, not further manufactured than plated polished or decorated - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	15 per cent.”
146. By omitting the whole item.			
151. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “151. Flexible metal tubes; water bore casings; metal-cased tubes and pipes, not further manufactured than plated polished or decorated ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	15 per cent.”
179. By omitting the whole of clause (2) of sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) (third time occurring) of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following clause :— “(2) Motors or machines (including bedplate, shaft, driving sheaf and brake drum) suitable for use with gearless lifts— (a) Up to and including 50 horse-power - ad val.	45 per cent.	65 per cent.	65 per cent.
(b) Exceeding 50 horse-power - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	15 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (3) of sub-item (D) (second time occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :— “(b) Electric household floor polishers and electric household ironing machines - - - ad val.	Free	25 per cent.	25 per cent.”
By adding a new sub-paragraph (e) to paragraph (3) of sub-item (D) (second time occurring) as follows :— “(e) Electric human hair dryers— (1) Pedestal type - - - ad val.	15 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
And in respect of clause (1)— For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - ad val.	.8 per cent.	.8 per cent.	.8 per cent.
(2) Other - - - - ad val.	Free	25 per cent.	25 per cent.”

DIVISION VIII.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONE.

250. By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(E) Heat resisting glassware for cooking purposes ad val.	20 per cent.	45 per cent.	52½ per cent.
And in respect of sub-item (E)— For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - ad val.	.6 per cent.	.6 per cent.	.6 per cent.”
259. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “259. Roofing Slates n.e.i. - - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	15 per cent.”

DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

270. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “270. Fly Papers, chemical and sticky - - ad val.	7½ per cent.	25 per cent.	33½ per cent.
And for each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - - ad val.	.7 per cent.	.7 per cent.	.7 per cent.”
274. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(A) Bromine Salts; Cyanide of Potassium, Cyanide of Sodium and Calcium Cyanide - - -	Free	Free	Free.”

DIVISION XII.—HIDES, LEATHER, AND RUBBER.

331. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) (second time occurring) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(2) (a) Rubber thread - - - ad val.	22½ per cent.	55 per cent.	62½ per cent.
And in respect of sub-paragraph (a)— For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of - ad val.	.6 per cent.	.6 per cent.	.6 per cent.

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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Division XII.—Hides, Leather, and Rubber—*continued.*

331.— <i>continued.</i>			
“(2)— <i>continued.</i>			
(b) Elastic, viz. :—			
(1) Less than 1 inch in width or diameter per gross yards or ad val.	10d. 22½ per cent.	1s. 3d. 55 per cent.	1s. 6½d. 62½ per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.			
And in respect of clause (1)—			
For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—			
An additional duty of			
per gross yards or ad val.	.28d. .6 per cent.	.28d. .6 per cent.	.28d. .6 per cent.
whichever is applicable.			
(2) Other - - - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	15 per cent.”
332. By adding a new paragraph (5) to sub-item (b) (second time occurring) as follows :—			
“(5) Flexible Coupling Discs, imported separately ad val.	25 per cent.	50 per cent.	50 per cent.”

DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

389. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“389. (A) Floats for fishing nets - - - ad val.	Free	10 per cent.	10 per cent.
(B) Fish-hooks - - - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	15 per cent.
(C) Fishing and rabbit nets and netting therefor ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	15 per cent.”
419. By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(D) Instruments and Appliances, viz. :—			
Amputating, cupping, dissecting, examining (including examining tables), operating, veterinary, n.e.i. - - - - ad val.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.	50 per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (C) as follows :—			
“(C) Chairs, dental, viz. :—			
(1) Electrically or oil-pump controlled, with provision for raising, lowering, revolving and tilting into the post-anaesthetic position each less ad val.	Free	£25 25 per cent.	£25 25 per cent.
ad val.	Free	with minimum of— 20 per cent.	20 per cent.
(2) Other - - - - ad val.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.	50 per cent.”

CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT (NO. 4.)

That, on and after the twenty-first day of March, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1934* as proposed to be amended by the Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the twenty-eighth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, be further amended as follows :—

by omitting “ 146 ”.

by omitting “ 179(D)(1)(c)(2) ” and inserting in its stead “ 179(D)(1)(c)(2) (a) ”.

by omitting “ 250(E) ”.

by omitting “ 270 ”.

by omitting “ 331(B)(2)(a) ”.

by adding after “ 419(D) ” the following :—“ 419(G)(2) ”.

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EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 5).

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921-1933, as proposed to be amended by the Excise Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the twenty-eighth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the twenty-first day of March, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the *Excise Tariff* 1921-1933 as so amended.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
19. By adding a new item 19 as follows :— "19. Valves for wireless telegraphy and telephony including rectifying valves, but not including metal type valves each And on and after 1st July, 1937 19. Valves for wireless telegraphy and telephony including rectifying valves each	2s. 2s."

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Science and Industry Research Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1936, No. 13.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Aubrey Abbott, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Brennan, Sir Donald Cameron, Mr. Albert Green, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hawker, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Martens, Mr. McBride, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Price.

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