THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. CANBERRA.

PROCEEDINGS VOTES AND

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 87.

THURSDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1936.

- 1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—EUROPEAN SITUATION.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the substance of the Note communicated by the German Government in regard to the present European situation in connexion with the action of Germany in assembling armed forces in the Rhineland demilitarized zone.

3. Papers.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Treasurer's Statement of combined accounts of Commonwealth
Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank at 31st December, 1935, together with certificate of the Auditor-General.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act-Police Ordinance—Regulations Amended.

- 4. Postponement of Notice of Motion.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, the 16th April next.
- 5. MATRIMONIAL DOMICIL.—Mr. Blackburn moved, pursuant to notice, That, having regard to the fact that, by reason of the non-enactment of appropriate Commonwealth legislation, the divorce court of each State must deny relief to a petitioner who, though domiciled in Australia is not domiciled in that State, this House is of opinion that legislation should be forthwith introduced to provide for a Commonwealth Matrimonial Domicil.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, the 16th April next.

6. Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended, to enable Government Business to take precedence over General Business for the remainder of this sitting.

Question—put. The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ауез, 39. Noes, 19. Mr. Aubrey Abbott Mr. McBride Mr. A. G. Cameron Mr. McCall Mr. Martens Mr. Baker Mr. Blackburn Mr. Mulcahy Sir Donald Cameron Mr. McClelland Mr. Clark Mr. Riordan Mr. Casey Mr. Bernard Corser Mr. Curtin Mr. Drakeford Mr. Rosevear Mr. Ward Mr. D. O. Watkins Mr. McEwen Mr. Nairn Mr. J. V. Fairbairn Mr. Forde Mr. Nock Mr. Roland Green Mr. Josiah Francis Mr. Parkhill Mr. Gregory Sir Littleton Groom Mr. Holloway Mr. Thomas Paterson Tellers: Mr. Perkins Mr. James Sir Henry Gullett Mr. E. J. Harrison Mr. Hawker Mr. Price Mr. Lazzarini Mr. Gander Mr. Prowse Mr. G. W. Mahoney Mr. George Lawson Mr. Scholfield Mr. Holt Mr. Hughes Mr. Hunter Mr. Stacey Mr. Street Mr. Thorby Mr. Hutchinson Mr. White Mr. Jennings Mr. Lane Tellers: Mr. John Lawson Mr. Lyons Mr. Gardner Sir Charles Marr Mr. Thompson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

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7. Supply ["Grievance Day"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Closure.-Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—was put accordingly, and negatived. Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. Ways and Means [Customs Tariff Amendments (Nos. 3 and 4)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs Tariff Amendments of the 28th November, 1935 (pages 375-456) and of the 20th March, 1936 (pages 536-538)].

Items 137 and 138 agreed to.

Item 139-

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 20th March, 1936, relating to sub-item (B) of Item 139 be incorporated in the present proposals as on and from the 21st March, 1936, in lieu of sub-item (B) of Item 139 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 28th November, 1935.

Question—put and passed.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 140-

Mr. White moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 20th March, 1936, relating to sub-item (c) of Item 140 be incorporated in the present proposals as on and from the 21st March, 1936, in lieu of sub-item (c) of Item 140 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 28th November, 1935.

Question—put and passed. Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 143A agreed to.

Item 144-

Mr. White moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 20th March, 1936, relating to sub-item (B) of Item 144 be incorporated in the present proposals as on and from the 21st March, 1936, in lieu of sub-item (B) of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 28th November, 1935.

Question—put and passed.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items 146 and 151 agreed to. Item 152 debated and agreed to.

Item 154 agreed to.

Item 161, viz. :-

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
161. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— "(A) Agricultural, Horticultural and Viticultural Machinery and Implements, n.e.i.; Cane Loaders Cane Unloaders and Cane Harvesters; Channel-making Graders; Garden and Field Spraying Machines not including Spray Pumps operated by hand or foot; Garden and Field Rollers; Garden Hose Reels; Horse Road Rollers and Machines; Lawn Sweepers; Road Scoops and Scrapers; Scoops; Stump Extractors; Fibre Scutching Machines; Milking Machines; Potato Raisers or Diggers; Potato Sorters; Root Cutters Pulpers and Graters; Straw Stackers; Sub-surface Packers	5 per cent.	30 per cent.	30 per cont.
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Debate ensued.

Mr. Gregory moved, That the Item be amended by inserting the following:-

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 27th March, 1936 (A) Agricultural, Horticultural and Viticultural Machinery and Implements, n.e.i.; Cane Loaders Cane Unloaders and Cane Harvesters; Channel-making Graders; Garden and Field Spraying Machines not including Spray Pumps operated by hand or foot; Garden and Field Rollers; Garden Hose Reels; Horse Road Rollers and Machines; Lawn Sweepers; Road Scoops and Scrapers; Scoops; Stump Extractors; Fibre Scutching Machines; Milking Machines; Potato Raisers or Diggers; Potato Sorters; Root Cutters Pulpers and Graters; Straw Stackers; Sub-surface Packers - ad val.	5 per cent.	15 per cent.	15 per cent.''

Debate continued.
Amendment negatived.
Item agreed to.
Items 162 and 163 agreed to.
Item 165, viz.:—

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Mr. White moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-item (B):---

·	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
(B) Stripper Harvesters or And on and after 27th March, 1936 each ad val. And for each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian ourrency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation— An additional duty of whichever rate returns the higher duty."	5 per cent.	£13 35 per cent.	£13 35 per cent.

Question—put and passed.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items 166, 167, 170, 171, 172 and 173 agreed to.

Item 174, viz.:-

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Debate ensued.

Mr. White moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to paragraph (93) of sub-item (x):—

	British Preferential Tarlif.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 27th March, 1936 (93) Engines, exceeding 100 horse power, designed for the use of coal gas or producer gas, including the first set of spare parts imported with and for use with such engines - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	15 per cent."

Question—put and passed.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

26th March, 1936.

Item 176, viz.:—

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

"And on and after 27th March, 1936 (N) Air Compressors (including Air Blowers) of the reciprocating and rotary types, viz.:— (1) Of a capacity not exceeding 1,750 cubic feet of free air delivered per minute— (a) Portable, in which the prime mover is an internal combustion engine direct-coupled to the compressor, including the engine when imported therewith ad val. 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. And in respect of sub-paragraph (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. (2) Of a capacity exceeding 1,750 cubic feet of free air delivered per minute— the rate of duty shall be the rate under sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) reduced by 1/500th. of the British Preferential Tariff rate for each cubic foot of free air delivered per minute by which the capacity exceeds 1,750 cubic feet, with minimum of - ad val. Free l15 per cent. 15 per cent.		British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff
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Question—put and passed.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 177 debated and agreed to.

Item 178 agreed to.

Item 179 (with amendments of 20th March, 1936, incorporated) agreed to.

Item 180 debated and agreed to.

Item 181 agreed to.

Item 182 debated and agreed to.

Items 186, 187, 190, 192, 193 and 197 agreed to.

Item 206 debated and agreed to.

Items 208 and 215 agreed to.

Item 219, viz.:-

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
And in respect of sub-item (D)— For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian cu	urrency	37½ per cent.	48⅓ per cent.
of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of extion— An additional duty of * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	-	.9 per cent.	.9 per cent."

Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-item (D):—

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"And on and after 27th March, 1936 (D) Shovels n.e.i ad val. And in respect of sub-item (D)— For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exporta-	20 per cent.	37½ per cent.	48‡ per cent.
tion— An additional duty of ad val.	.8 per cent.	.9 per cent.	.9 per cent."

Question—put and passed. Item, as amended, agreed to. Item 221 agreed to. Item 229, viz.:—

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
"And on and after 27th March, 1936 (J) Refined Cod Liver Oil, not compounded - per gallon	Free	7d.	7d."

Question—put and passed.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items 231, 232 and 233 agreed to.

Item 234 debated—

Mr. Josiah Francis moved, That the Item be postponed.

Debate continued.

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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn. 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. Beasley, Mr. Thomas Collins, Mr. Fisken, Mr. Frost, Mr. Garden, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. E. F. Harrison, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Earle Page, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

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

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