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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 140.

THURSDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 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—ARMY STRENGTH AND RIFLE CLUBS.—Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding Army Strength and Rifle Clubs.
3. THE LATE HONORABLE J. A. JENSEN.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Mrs. Jensen a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The unwarranted reflections made upon Members of this House by the Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties." Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—Mr. Curtin moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
*Closure moved.*—Mr. John Lawson moved, That the question be now put.  
Motion withdrawn, by leave.  
Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and negatived.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—FINANCIAL RELIEF BILL (NO. 3) (1936).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 158.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Financial Relief Act (No. 2) 1936 ' in relation to Adjustments of salaries, wages, pay and allowances by reason of Variations in the Cost of Living* ", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th November, 1936.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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 the next sitting.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate :—

[*Nationality Bill (1936)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 159.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Nationality Act 1920-1930 '* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th November, 1936.

[*Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Bill (1936)*]—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 160.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906-1928 '* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

The Senate,  
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## [Federal Aid Roads Bill (1936)]--

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 161.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to authorize the Execution by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of Agreements between the Commonwealth and the States in relation to the Construction, Re-construction, Maintenance or Repair of Roads, and to make provision for the carrying out thereof", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th November, 1936.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

## [Trade Commissioners Bill (1936)]--

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 162.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend the 'Trade Commissioners Act 1933'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th November, 1936.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

## [Northern Territory Representation Bill (1936)]--

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 163.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to amend section five of the 'Northern Territory Representation Act 1922-1925'", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 26th November, 1936.

P. J. LYNCH,  
President.

## 7. PAPERS. The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute --

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act  
Ordinance of 1936--No. 16--Income Tax.  
Income Tax Ordinance--Regulations.  
Public Service Ordinance--Regulations Amended.

8. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.--Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-day.  
Question--put and passed.9. 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--That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair--put and negatived.  
Resolved--That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into the said Committee.

## 10. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 6)]. 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 22nd May, 1936 (pages 622-626)].

General debate resumed on the first Item.

General debate concluded.

Items 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 agreed to.

Item 105 debated and postponed until after Item 359.

Items 120 and 130 postponed until after Item 359.

Item 229 agreed to.

Item 291, viz. :--

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
291. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :-- “(2) Other-- (a) Douglas Fir ( <i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i> ) per 100 super. feet (Bretoner measurement) (b) N.E.I. . . . . ad val.	4s. 6d. 10 per cent.	4s. 6d. 30 per cent.	5s. 3d. 30 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :-- “(b) Spars in the rough-- (1) Douglas Fir ( <i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i> ) per 100 super. feet (Bretoner measurement) (2) Other . . . . . ad val.	4s. 6d. 10 per cent.	4s. 6d. 30 per cent.	5s. 3d. 30 per cent.”

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Debate ensued.

Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties) moved the following amendments: That paragraph (2) of sub-item (c) be amended by adding the following:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 27th November, 1936			
(2) Other			
(a) Douglas Fir ( <i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i> ); Hemlock (all species of <i>Tsuga</i> ); Larch (all species of <i>Larix</i> ); Spruce (all species of <i>Picea</i> ) and White Fir (all species of <i>Abies</i> ) per 100 super. feet (Brereton measurement)	4s.	4s. 6d.	4s. 6d.
(b) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	10 per cent.	30 per cent.	30 per cent.”

That sub-item (d) be amended by adding the following:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 27th November, 1936			
(d) Spars in the rough—			
(1) Douglas Fir ( <i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i> ); Hemlock (all species of <i>Tsuga</i> ); Larch (all species of <i>Larix</i> ); Spruce (all species of <i>Picea</i> ) and White Fir (all species of <i>Abies</i> ) per 100 super. feet (Brereton measurement)	4s.	4s. 6d.	4s. 6d.
(2) Other - - - - - ad val.	10 per cent.	30 per cent.	30 per cent.”

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.

11. ADJOURNMENT. Sir Archdale Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes 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. Baker, Mr. Beasley, Mr. J. V. Fairbairn, Mr. Forde, Mr. Gardner, Mr. W. Maloney, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Stacey, Mr. Thorby, and Mr. D. O. Watkins.

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