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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 17.

THURSDAY, 19TH MAY, 1938.

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. IRON ORE RESOURCES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the intention to prohibit the export of iron ore from Australia and announcing that a detailed survey would be made of Australia's iron ore resources.
3. IRON ORE RESERVES—REPORT BY COMMONWEALTH GEOLOGICAL ADVISER—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) laid, upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Administrator, the following Paper:—

Iron Ore Reserves in Australia—Report, dated 14th April, 1938, by Dr. W. G. Woolnough, Commonwealth Geological Adviser, on the technical aspects of the Iron Ore Reserves in Australia—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

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

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Cameron	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Casey	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Corser	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Francis	Mr. Scholfield
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Spender
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Holt	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Nock

Noes, 35.

Mr. Badman	Mr. Martens
Mr. Baker	Mr. McCall
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Price
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Frost	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Green	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Ward
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Wilson
Mr. James	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahoney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Gander
Mr. Maloney	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.

4. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1)].—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 8th December, 1937 (pages 23-54)].

Item 105 debated and agreed to.

Item 116 debated and agreed to.

Item 118 agreed to.

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Item 120 debated—

Mr. Holloway moved, That paragraph (1) of sub-item (B) be postponed.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Maloney
Mr. Blackburn	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. McCall
Mr. Forde	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Frost	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Green	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan
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Mr. Jolly	Mr. Nock
Mr. John Lawson	

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

Items 121, 130, 131 and 133 agreed to.

Item 136, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
136. By adding the following to sub-item (r) :— “ Provided further that the rate of duty payable on iron and steel plate and sheet dutiable under this sub-item and entered for home consumption on and after 8th September, 1937, and on or before 31st August, 1938, shall be - - - - - ad val. and per ton with maximum of per ton	10 per cent. .. 28s.	15 per cent. 20s. ..	27½ per cent. 20s. .. ”

Mr. Perkins (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the proviso be amended by omitting “ 31st August, 1938 ” and inserting in place thereof “ 28th February, 1939 ”.

Question—put and passed.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 147 debated and agreed to.

Items 152, 153, 161, 173 and 174 agreed to.

Item 176 debated and agreed to.

Items 178 and 179 agreed to.

Item 180, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
* * * * * By omitting the whole of paragraph (4) of sub-item (r) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (4) Resistors, fixed - - - - - each or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty. And in respect of paragraph (4)— 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 - - - each or ad val. whichever is applicable.” * * * * *	* ¾d. 30 per cent. .01d. .6 per cent. *	* 1d. 50 per cent. .01d. .6 per cent. *	* 1½d. 57½ per cent. .01d. .6 per cent. *

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Mr. Perkins moved, That paragraph (4) of sub-item (E) be omitted and the following paragraph inserted in place thereof:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“(4) Resistors, fixed - - - - - each	¾d.	1d.	1½d.
And in respect of paragraph (4)— 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 - - - - - each	.01d.	.01d.	.01d.”

Question—put and passed.
Item, as amended, agreed to.
Items 181, 185, 203, 204, 206, 208 and 209 agreed to.
Item 210, viz.:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
210. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item:— “210. Metal pins (not being partly or wholly of gold or silver or gold or silver plated), viz.:—solid-headed short toilet, plain safety, hair; hooks and eyes for apparel; crochet hooks of steel or bone— (A) When in fancy boxes - - - - - ad val. (B) When not in fancy boxes - - - - - ad val.	25 per cent. Free	42½ per cent. 15 per cent.	42½ per cent. 15 per cent.”

Mr. Perkins moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“And on and after 20th May, 1938 210. Metal pins (not being partly or wholly of gold or silver or gold or silver plated), viz.:—solid-headed short toilet, plain safety, hair; hooks and eyes for apparel; crochet hooks of metal or bone— (A) When in fancy boxes - - - - - ad val. (B) When not in fancy boxes - - - - - ad val.	25 per cent. Free	42½ per cent. 15 per cent.	42½ per cent. 15 per cent.”

Question—put and passed.
Item, as amended, agreed to.
Items 216, 224, 226A, 231, 232, 234, 237 and 240 agreed to.
Item 241 debated—
Ordered to be considered by sub-items.
Sub-items (A) and (B) agreed to.
Sub-item (C)—

Question—That the sub-item be agreed to—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Prowse, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Badman	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Casey	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stacey
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Street
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Wilson
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Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
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Mr. Curtin	Mr. Pollard
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Mr. James	Mr. Ward
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Jolly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gander
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Mahoney	

And so it was negatived.
Sub-items (D) and (E) agreed to.

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Mr. Perkins moved, That the following amendments be made :—

Omit from the Proposals " 241. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—"

Insert " 241. By omitting ' Earthenware, viz. :—' "

Insert " By omitting the whole of sub-items (A) and (B) and inserting in their stead the following sub-items :—"

Insert before sub-item (D) " By adding new sub-items (D) and (E) as follows :—"

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put and passed.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items 250, 267, 280, 281, 290, 291, 301, 303, 310 and 333 agreed to.

Item 334, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
* * * * *	*	*	*
By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (o) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
" (1) Cover paper and pressings—			
(a) The free on board price of which is, or is the equivalent of, £20 sterling per ton or less	22½ per cent.	40 per cent.	45 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.	.3 per cent.	.4 per cent.	.4 per cent.
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Mr. Perkins moved, That sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (o) be amended by omitting " £20 sterling per ton or less " and inserting in place thereof " £20 sterling or less per ton ".

Question—put and passed.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items 342, 343, 352, 359, 362, 395 and 440 agreed to.

Preliminary paragraph agreed to.

Mr. Perkins moved, That the following preliminary paragraph be added :—

" (2) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing paragraph of this Resolution, duties of Customs collected in accordance with these proposals as introduced into the House of Representatives on the eighth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, in respect of goods the rate of duty on which, as specified in the proposals as so introduced, is disagreed with by the House of Representatives, shall, where the duty is collected prior to the twentieth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, be deemed to have been the duties lawfully imposed in respect of those goods as at the time of collection and those duties shall be deemed to have been lawfully imposed and collected."

Question—put and passed.

Prefatory Notes agreed to.

Resolution 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.

Mr. Perkins moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

5. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1938.—Mr. Perkins (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled " A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs ", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Perkins 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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6. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT (NO. 1)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Amendment of the 8th December, 1937 (pages 54-55)].

The motion previously moved by Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) was agreed to.

Mr. Perkins (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1936*, as proposed to be amended, be further amended as follows:—

By inserting "241 (c) except as to goods entered for home consumption on or after the 9th December, 1937, and before the 20th May, 1938".

Question—put and passed.

Resolution 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.

Mr. Perkins moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

7. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) BILL 1938.—Mr. Perkins (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1936*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Perkins 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

8. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Amendment of the 8th December, 1937 (page 55).]

The motion previously moved by Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) was agreed to.

Resolution 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.

Mr. Perkins (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

9. CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) BILL 1938.—Mr. Perkins (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1936*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Perkins 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. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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10. WAYS AND MEANS [EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Excise Tariff Amendment of the 8th December, 1937 (page 56)].
Item 2, viz.:—

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
2. By omitting the whole of sub-item (l.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—	
“ (L) (1) Spirit for use in the manufacture of essences, subject to Regulations :—	
(a) To each liquid gallon of which are added six ounces avoirdupois of citrus essential oil produced in Australia from Australian raw materials - - - - - per proof gallon	12s.
Provided that, for each additional ounce avoirdupois of such essential oil which is added to each liquid gallon of spirit, the rate of duty shall be reduced by sixpence per proof gallon—with a minimum duty of - - - - - per proof gallon	10s.
(b) To which are added essential oils (except citrus essential oils) or other flavouring materials produced in Australia from Australian natural vegetable products—such flavouring materials, the quantities thereof and the conditions governing the use thereof, to be prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per proof gallon	12s.
(c) To which are added oleo resins, essential oils, or other flavouring materials, wholly produced in Australia from imported natural vegetable products—such flavouring materials, the quantities thereof and the conditions governing the use thereof, to be prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per proof gallon	12s.
(d) For use in the manufacture of essence of vanilla from imported vanilla beans by the maceration process - - - - - per proof gallon	12s.
(2) Spirit for use in the manufacture of scents and toilet preparations, subject to Regulations :—	
(a) To each liquid gallon of which is added one-half ounce avoirdupois of citrus essential oil produced in Australia from Australian raw materials, or one-half ounce avoirdupois of any one of such other essential oils or perfuming materials produced in Australia from Australian natural vegetable products as may be prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per proof gallon	16s.
Provided that, for each additional quarter-ounce avoirdupois (in the aggregate) of such essential oils and perfuming materials as are allowed under this sub-paragraph which is added to each liquid gallon of spirit, the rate of duty shall be reduced by three half-pence per proof gallon—with minimum duty of - - - - - per proof gallon	14s.
(b) To which are added essential oils or perfuming materials (except essential oils or perfuming materials allowed under Item 2 (L) (2) (a) produced in Australia from Australian natural vegetable products—such materials, the quantities thereof and the conditions governing the use thereof, to be prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per proof gallon	16s.
(c) To which are added essential oils or perfuming materials wholly produced in Australia from imported natural vegetable products—such materials, the quantities thereof and the conditions governing the use thereof, to be prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per proof gallon	16s.
(3) Spirit for use in the manufacture of essences, scents and toilet preparations, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per proof gallon	16s.”

Mr. Perkins (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That sub-item (L) be omitted, and the following sub-item inserted in place thereof:—

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
“ (L) (1) Spirit for use in the manufacture of essences, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by Departmental By-laws :—	
(a) To each liquid gallon of which are added six ounces avoirdupois of citrus essential oil produced in Australia from Australian raw materials - - - - - per proof gallon	12s.
Provided that, for each additional ounce avoirdupois of such essential oil which is added to each liquid gallon of spirit, the rate of duty shall be reduced by sixpence per proof gallon—with a minimum duty of - - - - - per proof gallon	10s.
(b) To which are added essential oils (except citrus essential oils) or other flavouring materials produced in Australia from Australian natural vegetable products—such flavouring materials and the quantities thereof to be prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per proof gallon	12s.
(c) To which are added oleo resins, essential oils, or other flavouring materials, wholly produced in Australia from imported natural vegetable products—such flavouring materials and the quantities thereof to be prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per proof gallon	12s.
(d) For use in the manufacture of essence of vanilla from imported vanilla beans by the maceration process - - - - - per proof gallon	12s.

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Articles.	Rate of Duty.
(2) Spirit for use in the manufacture of scents and toilet preparations, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by Departmental By-laws :—	
(a) To each liquid gallon of which is added one-half ounce avoirdupois of citrus essential oil produced in Australia from Australian raw materials, or one-half ounce avoirdupois of any one of such other essential oils or perfuming materials produced in Australia from Australian natural vegetable products as may be prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per proof gallon Provided that, for each additional quarter-ounce avoirdupois (in the aggregate) of such essential oils and perfuming materials as are allowed under this sub-paragraph which is added to each liquid gallon of spirit, the rate of duty shall be reduced by three half-pence per proof gallon—with minimum duty of - - - per proof gallon	16s. 14s.
(b) To which are added essential oils or perfuming materials (except essential oils or perfuming materials allowed under Item 2 (L) (2) (a)) produced in Australia from Australian natural vegetable products—such materials and the quantities thereof to be prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per proof gallon	16s.
(c) To which are added essential oils or perfuming materials wholly produced in Australia from imported natural vegetable products—such materials and the quantities thereof to be prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per proof gallon	16s.
(3) Spirit for use in the manufacture of essences, scents and toilet preparations, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per proof gallon	16s."

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 the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said committee.

11. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Casey (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past eleven 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. Barnard, Mr. Collins, Mr. Fadden, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Merzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Scully, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.