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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 79.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH MAY, 1939.

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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved; That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.  
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Northern Territory—Report on Administration for year 1937-38.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—  
1939—  
No. 7—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.  
No. 8—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.  
No. 9—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.  
No. 10—Commonwealth Telephone Officers' Association.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Georgetown, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.
4. SPECIAL ANNUITIES BILL 1939.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—  
Mr. Menzies (Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Curtin (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"this House, being desirous of being completely assured as to the needs and resources of the widow and children of the late Prime Minister (the beneficiaries of this proposal), refuses to accord a second reading to a Bill proposing a grant of such magnitude until the needs and resources of the said beneficiaries as well as the amount of the grant (if any) which may be properly made by this House have been examined and reported on by a Committee representing all parties in this House".  
Debate continued.  
Mr. James 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 a later hour this day.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 4, Government Business.
6. 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 7th December, 1938 (pages 312-331).]

General debate resumed on the first Item.

General debate concluded.

Items, 10, 11, 54, 91, 105, 106, 107, 108, 110, 114, 122 and 129 agreed to.

Item 163 debated and agreed to.

Item 172 debated and agreed to.

Item 174 agreed to.

Item 177 debated and agreed to.

Items 179, 180 and 181 agreed to.

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Item 206, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
206. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(A) Lamps n.e.i., except lamps for cycles and motor cycles and miners' portable acetylene lamps; lanterns n.e.i.; parts n.e.i. of lamps and lanterns, except wicks; lampware n.e.i. but not the columns or sheetmetal framework of street lamps - - - - - ad val. And in respect of sub-item (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.	5 per cent.          .8 per cent.	40 per cent.          .8 per cent.	50 per cent.          .8 per cent.”

On the motion of Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) the Item was amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“(A) Lamps n.e.i., except lamps for cycles and motor cycles and miners' portable acetylene lamps; lanterns n.e.i.; parts n.e.i. of lamps (other than miners' portable acetylene lamps) and lanterns, except wicks; lampware n.e.i. but not the columns or sheetmetal framework of street lamps - - - - - ad val. And in respect of sub-item (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.	5 per cent.          .8 per cent.	40 per cent.          .8 per cent.	50 per cent.          .8 per cent.”

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items 225, 229A, 232, 234, 242, 250, 255, 268, 271 and 281 agreed to.

Item 290, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
290. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(c) (1) * * * * * (2) * * * * *	*          *	*          *	*          *

On the motion of Mr. John Lawson the Item was amended by adding the following paragraph :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“(3) Joss Sticks - - - - -	Free	Free	Free.”

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 305 debated and agreed to.

Item 331 agreed to.

Item 334 debated and agreed to.

Items 338, 340, 346, 352, 368, 380, 390, 397 and 441 agreed to.

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Preliminary paragraphs—

On the motion of Mr. John Lawson, the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Paragraph (1.), omit the paragraph, and insert the following paragraph in place thereof :—

“(1.) That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1938, be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the eighth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1938 as so amended.”

Paragraph (5.), omit the definition of “ Customs Tariff Proposals ”.

Preliminary paragraphs, as amended, 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. John Lawson 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. John Lawson, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. John Lawson and Mr. Street do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

7. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1939.—Mr. John Lawson (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. John Lawson 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

8. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT (No. 2)].—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 7th December, 1938 (page 331).]

The motion previously moved by Mr. Perkins was agreed to, after debate.

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. John Lawson (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. John Lawson, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. John Lawson and Mr. Spender do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

9. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) BILL 1939.—Mr. John Lawson (Minister for Trade and Customs) then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933–1938 ’* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. John Lawson 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. John Lawson, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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10. ALIENS REGISTRATION BILL 1938.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Hutchinson 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 the next sitting.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anthony, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Collins, Mr. Forde, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Jolly, Mr. Makin, Mr. Scully, and Mr. Thompson.

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F. C. GREEN,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*