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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 34.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND JULY, 1941.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable W. M. Nairn) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WAR ORGANIZATION OF INDUSTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement relating to the war organization of industry, and indicated that the object of the new Department would be to reduce civil production in order to increase war production; he also referred to the action being taken to meet the displacement of labour owing to newsprint and petrol rationing and building restrictions.
3. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, by leave, That Mr. Abbott be discharged from attendance on the House Committee, and that, in his place, Mr. Badman be appointed a member of the Committee.
Question—put and passed.
4. 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.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
5. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Marwick, by leave, withdrew Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, standing in his name.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 108.
National Security Act—
Butter and Cheese Acquisition Regulations—Order—Acquisition.
National Security (Rabbit Skins) Regulations—Order—Returns.
Rabbit Skins Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 107.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Regulations—1941—No. 3 (Building and Services Ordinance).
War Service Homes Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1941, No. 142.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.
8. NATIONAL FITNESS BILL 1941.—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.
Question—put.

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

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Badman	Mr. Makin
Mr. Baker	Mr. Martens
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Marwick
Mr. Beasley	Mr. McCall
Mr. Beck	Mr. McDonald
Sir George Bell	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Breen	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Calwell	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Coles	Mr. Price
Mr. Collins	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Conclan	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spooner
Mr. Frost	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Corser
Mr. Jolly	Mr. Guy

Noes, 3.

Mr. Cameron

*Tellers:*Mr. Duncan-Hughes
Mr. Hutchinson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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Division I.—Ale, Spirits, and Beverages—*continued.*

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By omitting the whole of sub-item (v) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

“(v) Rum, pure, distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be pure rum distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, under the conditions specified—

- (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon
- (2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon

49s.	54s.	54s.
49s.	54s.	54s.”

By omitting the whole of sub-item (e) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

“(e) Blended rum, distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure spirit which has been separately distilled from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 45 per cent. over proof and certified in the prescribed form by the competent Government official in the country of production to be rum distilled wholly from sugar, sugar syrup, molasses, or the refuse of sugar cane, under the conditions specified and so blended—

- (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon
- (2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon

50s.	55s.	55s.
50s.	55s.	55s.”

By omitting the whole of sub-item (o) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

“(o) Bitters—

- (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon
- (2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon

52s.	57s.	57s.
52s.	57s.	57s.”

By omitting the whole of sub-item (u) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

“(u) Liqueurs—

- (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon
- (2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon

41s.	43s.	54s.
41s.	43s.	54s.”

By omitting the whole of sub-item (t) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

“(t) Other—

- (1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon
- (2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon

60s.	60s.	60s.
60s.	60s.	60s.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued*.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION II.—TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF.			
18. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
" 18. Tobacco, unmanufactured, n.e.i. - - per lb.	12s.	12s.	12s."
19. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
" 10. (A) Tobacco, unmanufactured, entered to be locally manufactured into tobacco other than fine cut tobacco suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes—to be paid at the time of removal to the factory—			
(1) For the manufacture of tobacco in which only imported tobacco leaf is used; for the manufacture of tobacco containing less than 15 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used—			
(a) Unstemmed - per lb.	6s. 6d.	6s. 6d.	6s. 6d.
(b) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips - per lb.	7s.	7s.	7s.
(2) Otherwise—			
(a) Unstemmed - per lb.	5s.	5s.	5s.
(b) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips - per lb.	5s. 6d.	5s. 6d.	5s. 6d.
(B) Tobacco, unmanufactured, entered to be locally manufactured into cigarettes or into fine cut tobacco suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes—to be paid at the time of removal to the factory—			
(1) For the manufacture of cigarettes in which only imported tobacco leaf is used; for the manufacture of cigarettes containing less than 3 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used—			
(a) Unstemmed - per lb.	8s. 7d.	8s. 7d.	8s. 7d.
(b) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips - per lb.	9s. 1d.	9s. 1d.	9s. 1d.
(2) Otherwise—			
(a) Unstemmed - per lb.	7s. 2d.	7s. 2d.	7s. 2d.
(b) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips - per lb.	7s. 8d.	7s. 8d.	7s. 8d."

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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Division II.—Tobacco and Manufactures thereof—*continued.*

20. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 20. Tobacco, cut, n.e.i.— (a) The manufacture of the United Kingdom, containing not less than 15 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used in the manufacture of such tobacco - per lb. (b) Other - - - - - per lb.	11s. 11d. 13s. 2d.	.. 14s. 2d.	.. 14s. 2d.”
21. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 21. Tobacco, manufactured, n.e.i., including the weight of tags, labels and other attachments— (a) The manufacture of the United Kingdom, containing not less than 15 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used in the manufacture of such tobacco - - - - - per lb. (b) Other - - - - - per lb.	11s. 8d. 12s. 11d.	.. 13s. 11d.	.. 13s. 11d.”
22. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 22. Cigarettes, including weight of cards and mouth-pieces contained in inside packages; fine cut tobacco suitable for the manufacture of cigarettes— (a) The manufacture of the United Kingdom, containing not less than 3 per cent. by weight of stemmed Australian-grown tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) to the total stemmed tobacco leaf (or its equivalent in terms of unstemmed tobacco leaf) used in the manufacture of such cigarettes or fine cut tobacco - per lb. (b) Other - - - - - per lb.	20s. 21s. 4d.	.. 23s. 4d.	.. 23s. 4d.”
23. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 23. Tobacco, unmanufactured, entered to be locally manufactured into cigars—to be paid at the time of removal to the factory— (a) Unstemmed - - - - - per lb. (b) Stemmed, or partly stemmed, or in strips per lb.	2s. 6d. 3s.	3s. 3s. 6d.	3s. 3s. 6d.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.			
44. By adding a new sub-item (c) as follows :— “ (c) Chewing gum and chewing gum confectionery per lb. or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty. 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 - per lb. or ad val. whichever is applicable.”	3½d. 45 per cent.	4d. 65 per cent.	5d. 75 per cent.
53. By omitting the whole of sub-item (n) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (n) Dates - - - - - per lb.	4d.	4d.	4d.”
73. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 73. Matches and Vestas of all kinds :— (A) (1) Wax, in boxes containing 50 vestas or less per gross of boxes (2) Wood, in boxes containing 70 matches or less - - - per gross of boxes (B) (1) Wax, in boxes containing over 50, but not exceeding 100 vestas per gross of boxes (2) Wood, in boxes containing over 70, but not exceeding 140 matches per gross of boxes (C) (1) Wax, for each additional 50 vestas or portion of 50 vestas per box, an additional duty - per gross of boxes (2) Wood, for each additional 70 matches or portion of 70 matches per box, an additional duty per gross of boxes (D) N.E.I. - per 1,000 matches or vestas (E) When put up in boxes or in other form for retail sale, unless the number of matches or vestas contained in each box or other retail unit is printed or stamped thereon, in addition to the duties set out in (A), (B), (C), (D) above per gross of boxes or per 1,000 matches or vestas whichever rate is applicable.”	1s. 10d. 2s. 7d. 3s. 8d. 5s. 2d. 1s. 10d. 2s. 7d. 4d.	2s. 10d. 3s. 6d. 5s. 8d. 7s. 4d. 2s. 10d. 3s. 6d. 5½d.	2s. 10d. 3s. 6d. 5s. 8d. 7s. 4d. 2s. 10d. 3s. 6d. 5½d.
DIVISION VII.—OILS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES.			
229. By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (4) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :— “ (b) Having a recoverable petrol content* exceeding 70 per cent. - - - - - per gallon By omitting the whole of paragraph (5) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (5) Once-run distillate from crude petroleum n.e.i. per gallon By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (c) Petroleum and shale products, viz. :— Naphtha, benzine, benzoline, gasoline, pentane, petrol and any other petroleum or shale spirit per gallon By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (2) N.E.I. - - - - - per gallon	11d. 11d. 11d.	11d. 11d. 11d.	11d.” 11d.” 11d.”

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Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION VIII.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONE.			
254. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (c) Gum copal, gum damar, sticklac and seedlac ; balata, gutta percha and jelutong, n.e.i. ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	15 per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (d) as follows :— “ (d) Chiclé and other gums and gum mixtures, for use in the manufacture of chewing gum and chewing gum confectionery - - - per lb. and ad val.	9d. ..	9d. 15 per cent.	9d. 15 per cent.”
DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.			
266. By omitting the whole of sub-items (A) and (B) and inserting in their stead the following sub-items :— “ (A) Benzol - - - - - per gallon (B) Naphtha - - - - - per gallon	9d. 9d.	1s. 1s.	1s. 1s.”
277. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 277. Carbonic acid gas - - - - - per lb.	1s. 2d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 3d.”
DIVISION XI.—JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS.			
318. By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (4) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :— “ (a) Wristlet watches n.e.i. and cases therefor, viz. :— (1) Nickel-plated, nickel alloy, chromium- plated, and steel - - - - - ad val. each or { And for each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian cur- rency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of ex- portation— An additional duty of each whichever rate returns the higher duty. And an additional duty on the value of the movement of any watch entered under this clause of - - - - - ad val.	10 per cent. 1s. 9d.	30 per cent. 2s. 9d.	30 per cent. 2s. 10½d.
(2) Other - - - - - each or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty. And an additional duty on the value of the movement of any watch entered under this clause of - - - - - ad val.	20 per cent. 3s. 6d. 10 per cent.	50 per cent. 7s. 6d. 30 per cent.	50 per cent. 7s. 6d. 30 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (B) (1) Clock movements - - - - - ad val. (2) Watch movements of the type ordinarily used in the manufacture of wristlet watches ad val.	10 per cent. 20 per cent.	30 per cent. 50 per cent.	30 per cent. 50 per cent.”
(3) Watch movements n.e.i.— (a) For use in the manufacture of watches not being wristlet watches, as pre- scribed by Departmental By-laws ad val. (b) Other - - - - - ad val.	Free 10 per cent.	15 per cent. 30 per cent.	15 per cent. 30 per cent.”

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Division XI.—Jewellery and Fancy Goods—*continued.*

320. By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :— “(b) Otherwise— (1) Up to and including 16 millimetres in width per lineal foot (2) Over 16 millimetres in width per lineal foot	½d. 1d.	½d. 1d.	½d. 1d.”
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DIVISION XIII.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.

334. By omitting the whole of sub-item (x) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(x) Cigarette tubes, paper and papers— For each 60 cigarette tubes For each 60 cigarette papers or the equivalent of 60 cigarette papers	2d. 2d.	2d. 2d.	2d. 2d.”
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CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 4).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1939, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the third day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-one (other than these Proposals), be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the third day of July, One thousand nine hundred and forty-one, 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* 1933–1939 as so amended.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

122. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(A) Textile articles n.e.i., including materials cut into shape therefor - - - 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.	22½ per cent. .3 per cent.	42½ per cent. .3 per cent.	47½ per cent. .3 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(B) Felt articles n.e.i., including materials cut into shape therefor - - - ad val.	40 per cent.	60 per cent.	60 per cent.”

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Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Division V.—Textiles, Felts and Furs, and Manufactures thereof, and Attire—<i>continued.</i>			
122— <i>continued.</i>			
By omitting the whole of sub-item (d) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (n) Cotton material of the type ordinarily used in the manufacture of pneumatic rubber tyres, viz. :—			
(1) Cotton cord fabric and cotton tyre fabric in the piece, being loosely woven or consisting of a number of lengths of cotton cord loosely held together by weft threads inserted at intervals ad val.	5 per cent.	25 per cent.	25 per cent.
(2) Cotton cord, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - ad val.	5 per cent.	25 per cent.	25 per cent.
And in respect of sub-item (d)—			
On and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation—			
(n) Cotton material of the type ordinarily used in the manufacture of pneumatic rubber tyres, viz. :—			
(1) Cotton cord fabric and cotton tyre fabric in the piece, being loosely woven or consisting of a number of lengths of cotton cord loosely held together by weft threads inserted at intervals ad val. and per lb.	5 per cent. ½d.	25 per cent. ½d.	25 per cent. ½d.
(2) Cotton cord, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - ad val. and per lb.	5 per cent. ½d.	25 per cent. ½d.	25 per cent. ½d.”
130. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 130. Canvas and duck—			
(A) Waterproofed by treatment with any substance—to be dutiable at the rates which, were it not for the waterproofing treatment, would otherwise apply under sub-item (B), and, in addition per square yard	1d.	1d.	1d.
(B) Not waterproofed by treatment with any substance—			
(1) Cotton or containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws—			
(1) Unbleached, not being printed dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val.	½d.	1½d.	2½d.
whichever rate returns the lower duty.	5 per cent.
(2) Bleached, not being printed dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val.	½d.	1½d.	3d.
whichever rate returns the lower duty.	5 per cent.
(3) Printed, dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val.	½d.	2d.	3½d.
whichever rate returns the lower duty.	5 per cent.

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Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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Division V.—Textiles, Felts and Furs, and Manufactures thereof, and Attire—*continued.*130—*continued.*(B)—*continued.*(1)—*continued.*And in respect of sub-paragraph (a)—
On and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation—

(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws

per square yard

1½d.

5d.

6½d.

And in respect of sub-paragraph (a) (second time occurring)—

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.

(b) Otherwise - - per lb. and ad val.

4d.
30 per cent.11d.
50 per cent.1s. 1d.
50 per cent.

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.

.8 per cent.

.8 per cent.

.8 per cent.

(2) Other - - - ad val.

5 per cent.

25 per cent.

25 per cent."

DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

174. By omitting the whole of paragraph (12) of sub-item (M).

By omitting the whole of paragraph (93) of sub-item (M) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—

“(93) Drilling Machines, vertical, equipped with feeds operated by mechanical as distinct from hand power, exceeding nine-sixteenths inch drilling capacity in mild steel or with maximum speed in excess of 5,000 r.p.m. - - - ad val.

Free

15 per cent.

15 per cent.”

176. By omitting the whole of sub-item (o) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:—

“(o) Lifting jacks - - - each or ad val.

5s. 6d.
25 per cent.6s. 6d.
45 per cent.7s. 6d.
65 per cent.

whichever rate returns the higher duty.

And in respect of sub-item (o)—

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.”

½d.
.8 per cent.½d.
.8 per cent.½d.
.8 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.

177. By adding a new sub-paragraph (d) to paragraph (3) of sub-item (B) as follows :— “(d) Cylinder sleeve assemblies, pistons and piston assemblies - - - - - ad val.	25 per cent.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.
And in respect of sub-paragraph (d)— 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.”
208. By omitting the whole of sub-item (J). By adding a new sub-item (κ) as follows :— “(κ) Cooking stoves and cooking ranges designed to function on the heat storage principle but not including cooking stoves and cooking ranges using gas or electricity - - - - - ad val.	25 per cent.	42½ per cent.	47½ per cent.
And in respect of sub-item (κ)— 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.	.4 per cent.	.5 per cent.	.5 per cent.”
219. By adding a new sub-item (F) as follows :— “(F) Files - - - - - ad val.	7½ per cent.	22½ per cent.	22½ per cent.
And in respect of sub-item (F)— 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.	.8 per cent.	.8 per cent.”

DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

289. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(A) Glycerine - - - - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	15 per cent.
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.	.6 per cent.	.6 per cent.	.6 per cent.”

DIVISION X.—WOOD, WICKER, AND CANE.

291. By omitting the proviso to sub-item (L).			
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DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

371A. By omitting the whole item.			
373. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “ 373. (A) Articles imported or cleared from bond for the personal or official use of the diplomatic representative in Australia of any foreign country or for the use of his family and members of his staff, provided such members are citizens of the country represented - - - - -	Free	Free	Free

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued*.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Division XVI.—Miscellaneous—<i>continued</i>.			
373— <i>continued</i> .			
(b) Articles imported or cleared from bond for the official use of a consular representative in Australia of any foreign country and declared as being for such official use, provided the consular representative is a citizen of the country he represents and is not engaged in any other trade or profession; articles owned and imported by such consular representative or by members of his staff, provided the articles are imported within six months of the arrival of the official concerned or within such further time as the Minister may allow - - -	Free	Free	Free
(c) Articles imported or cleared from bond for the official use of the High Commissioner in the Commonwealth of Australia of the United Kingdom, the High Commissioner in the Commonwealth of Australia of a British Dominion, or the official representative in the Commonwealth of Australia of any British possession (provided the official representative is a citizen of the country he represents) and declared as being for such official use; articles owned and imported by such High Commissioners or official representatives or by members of their staffs, provided the articles are imported within six months of the arrival of the official concerned or within such further time as the Minister may allow - - -	Free	Free	Free
(d) Articles imported or cleared from bond for the official use of a trade commissioner of any British or foreign country and declared as being for such official use, provided the trade commissioner is a citizen of the country he represents and is not engaged in any other trade or profession; articles owned and imported by such trade commissioner or by members of his staff, provided the articles are imported within six months of the arrival of the official concerned or within such further time as the Minister may allow - - -	Free	Free	Free
(e) Articles imported or cleared from bond for the official use of representatives in Australia of British possessions or foreign countries who are not citizens of the country they represent, and declared as being for such official use, subject to the approval of the Minister - - -	Free	Free	Free."
397. By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:—			
" (1) Of the type known as Chinese crackers; sparklers; Bengal lights (also referred to as Bengal matches)			
ad val.	20 per cent.	37½ per cent.	37½ per cent.
And in respect of paragraph (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.	.6 per cent.	.7 per cent.	.7 per cent."

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11. PRIME MINISTER'S MISSION ABROAD AND WAR POSITION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 28th May last*], viz. :—
Prime Minister's Mission Abroad and War Position—Ministerial Statement by the Prime Minister, 28th May, 1941—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr. Beasley be granted extensions of time (2).

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr. Rosevear be granted extensions of time (2).

Debate continued.

Ordered—That Mr. Calwell be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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Debate continued.

Question—That the Paper be printed—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-four minutes past two o'clock a.m., adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Lawson, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.