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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 57.

THURSDAY, 26TH MAY, 1955.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MEMBER NAMED AND SUSPENDED.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Herbert (Mr. Edmonds) for making an offensive statement to the Chair when asking a Question without Notice of Mr. Speaker.

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the honorable Member for Herbert be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 50.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Allan	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bate	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Beale	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson	
Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Townley	

NOES, 32.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Makin	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. James	Mr. Minogue	
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Bryson
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Daly

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, suspended at seven minutes to eleven o'clock a.m., for twenty-four hours, under Standing Order No. 302, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

3. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES—SPECIAL REPORT.—Mr. McLeay (Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Committee of Privileges:—

Special Report relating to an article published in the *Bankstown Observer* on Thursday, 28th April, 1955, together with Minutes of Proceedings—
and moved, That the Report be read.

Question—put and passed.—Report read by the Clerk.

Mr. Keon moved, That the Committee's request be acceded to.

Debate ensued.

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Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 48.				
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Downer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bate	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr. Bruce	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment :—

25th May, 1955—*Message No. 70*—Social Services 1955.

5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF URGENCY—FLOOD PREVENTION.—Mr. Calwell having proposed to Mr. Speaker that a definite matter of urgent public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The urgent necessity for the Commonwealth Government to take immediate steps to establish an authority on the lines of the Tennessee Valley Authority providing for co-operation with the State Governments for the purpose of preventing floods and mitigating their disastrous effects, and for the purpose of compensating and rehabilitating the sufferers of such floods"—

Mr. Speaker 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. Calwell addressed the House.

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

Discussion ensued.

Ordered—That Mr. Casey (Minister representing the Minister for National Development) be granted an extension of time.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Daly addressing the House—

Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question—put and passed.

6. LAPSE OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Upon Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business, being called on and not being moved, it was, under Standing Order No. 156, withdrawn from the Notice Paper.

7. ORDER OF THE DAY NO. 1—SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—It being past fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., Order of the Day No. 1 (“Grievance Day”—pursuant to Standing Order No. 291) was not called on, and the Committee of Supply was set down for a later hour this day.

8. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1955–56.—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.

Ordered—That Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. Pearce was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

9. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3), CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 2), CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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(In the Committee.)

Sir Eric Harrison (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1954 be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the twenty-seventh day of May, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, 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* 1933-1954 as so amended.

2. That, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 1 of these Proposals, the Governor-General may, from time to time by Proclamation declare that, from a time and date specified in the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of any British or foreign country specified in the Proclamation.

3. That on and after the time and date specified in a Proclamation issued in accordance with the last preceding paragraph, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of a British or foreign country specified in that Proclamation.

4. That any Proclamation issued in accordance with paragraph 2 of these Proposals may, from time to time, be revoked or varied by a further Proclamation, and upon the revocation or variation of the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall cease to apply to the goods specified in the Proclamation so revoked, or, as the case may be, the application of the Intermediate Tariff to the goods specified in the Proclamation so varied, shall be varied accordingly.

5. That the Minister of State for Trade and Customs may, from time to time, upon receipt of a report from the Tariff Board on the question whether a deferred duty should or should not operate on and after the date to which it has been deferred, by notice published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* defer the duty to such date as is specified in the notice.

6. That in these Proposals, unless the contrary intention appears—
- “deferred duty” mean a duty which, in relation to any goods, is expressly described in the Schedule to these Proposals as a deferred duty ;
 - “Proclamation” mean a Proclamation by the Governor-General, or the person for the time being administering the government of the Commonwealth, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* ;
 - “the Intermediate Tariff” mean the rates of duty set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, in the column headed “Intermediate Tariff”, in respect of goods in relation to which the expression is used ;
 - “the Tariff Board” mean the Tariff Board appointed in pursuance of the *Tariff Board Act* 1921-1953.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION I.—ALE, SPIRITS, AND BEVERAGES.

3. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“ (A) Brandy—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof per gallon	57s. 6d.	58s. 6d.	68s. 6d.
<i>less</i> per proof gallon	20s.	20s.	20s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof per proof gallon	37s. 6d.	38s. 6d.	48s. 6d.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.			
56. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (c) Preserved (not in liquid) - - - per lb. By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (D) In brine or syrup, in vessels exceeding a quart, including the weight of the liquid - per lb.	9d.	9d.	9d.”
57. By adding a new sub-item (a) as follows :— “ (a) Bean seed of the species <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> — (1) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per cental (2) Other - - - per lb.	1s. 1½d. 6d.	1s. 6d. 6d.	1s. 6d. 6d.”

DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

105. By inserting after “ and (F) ” in sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (D) the following :—“ and in Item 122 (D) (5) ”. By omitting the whole of paragraph (4) of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (4) Moquettes of the type used for upholstery per square yard	3s.	4s. 6d.	5s.”
122. By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) (twice occurring) and inserting its stead the following sub-item :— “ (D) Goods of the type ordinarily used in the manufacture of pneumatic rubber tyres, viz. :— (1) Cotton tyre cord - - - per lb. and ad val. (2) Cotton cord 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 - - - per lb. and ad val. (3) Viscose rayon tyre yarn - - - per lb. (4) Viscose rayon tyre cord - - - per lb. (5) Viscose rayon cord tyre fabric in the piece, being loosely woven or consisting of a number of lengths of viscose rayon cord loosely held together by weft threads inserted at intervals - - - per lb.	4d. 12½ per cent. 4d. 12½ per cent. 7½d. 9d.	4d. 30 per cent. 4d. 30 per cent. 1s. 3d. 2s. 3d.	4d. 35 per cent. 4d. 35 per cent. 1s. 7d. 2s. 9d.
130. By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (1) Cotton or containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates— (a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per square yard (b) Other than as prescribed by Departmental By-laws under sub-paragraph (a), as prescribed by Departmental By-laws per lb. and ad val. (c) Otherwise - - - per lb. and ad val.	9d. Free 4d. 15 per cent. 4d. 22½ per cent.	1s. 1d. 11d. 32½ per cent. 11d. 40 per cent.	1s. 6d.” 2½d. 1s. 1d. 37½ per cent. 1s. 1d. 45 per cent.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.			
174. By omitting the whole of paragraph (5) of sub-item (κ). By omitting the whole of paragraph (137) of sub-item (m) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(137) Punching and shearing (or plate splitting) machines, combined or separate, with bar angle and tee bevel cropping devices, with frames or bodies other than of mild steel ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.”
By adding to sub-item (x) a new paragraph (1) as follows :— “(1) De-hairing machines, hog - - - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.”
176. By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(1) Drills, hand or breast, hand-operated - ad val. By omitting the whole of sub-item (γ) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(γ) Pressing machines or pressing appliances, cloth or garment, not being of the type ordinarily used in the household— (1) Manually-operated - - - - - ad val. (2) Other - - - - - ad val.	22½ per cent.	37½ per cent.	50 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (z) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(z) Chain hoists and chain pulley blocks, viz. :— (1) Spur gear - - - - - ad val. (2) Other - - - - - ad val.	12½ per cent. Free	25 per cent. 12½ per cent.	30 per cent. 12½ per cent.”
180. By omitting the whole of sub-item (n) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(n) Filament lamps— (1) Of the types ordinarily used in motor vehicles for lighting purposes - (2) Other, for lighting or heating purposes per lb.	Free 1s.	Free 2s. 6d.	Free 4s.”
194. By omitting the whole of paragraph (3) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(3) Roller, bush or conveyor types, other; inverted tooth types - - - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.”
197. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(2) Cutlery spoons and forks, n.e.i. - - - - - ad val. By adding a new sub-item (D) as follows :— “(D) Forged table, dessert and grill or steak knives, whether imported separately or otherwise ad val.	5 per cent. 25 per cent.	27½ per cent. 42½ per cent.	27½ per cent.” 42½ per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (E) as follows :— “(E) Knife sharpeners, viz. :— (1) Forged carving steels, whether imported separately or otherwise - - - - - ad val. and in respect of paragraph (1)—a deferred duty as follows :— on and after 1st July, 1955 (1) Forged carving steels, whether imported separately or otherwise - - - - - ad val. (2) Other - - - - - ad val.	5 per cent. 25 per cent. 5 per cent.	27½ per cent. 42½ per cent. 27½ per cent.	27½ per cent. 42½ per cent. 27½ per cent.”

IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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Division VI.—Metals and Machinery—*continued.*

197.— <i>continued.</i>			
By adding a new sub-item (F) as follows :—			
“(F) Forged carving knives and forks, whether imported separately or otherwise - - - ad val. and in respect of sub-item (F)—a deferred duty as follows :—	5 per cent.	27½ per cent.	27½ per cent.
on and after 1st July, 1955			
(F) Forged carving knives and forks, whether imported separately or otherwise - - - ad val.	25 per cent.	42½ per cent.	42½ per cent.”
206. By adding a new sub-item (I) as follows :—			
“(I) Lamps and lanterns, pressure, incandescent, and parts n.c.i. therefor - - - ad val.	15 per cent.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.”
208. By omitting the whole of sub-item (K) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(K) Cooking stoves and cooking ranges (other than cooking stoves and cooking ranges using gas or electricity) which, in the opinion of the Minister, are designed to function on the heat storage principle, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws—			
(1) Automatically heat controlled having a total roasting oven capacity of 4,000 cubic inches or greater - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.
(2) Other - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.”
210. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(B) When not in fancy boxes—			
(1) Plain safety pins - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	32½ per cent.	40 per cent.
(2) Other than plain safety pins - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.”
219. By omitting the whole of sub-item (G) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(G) Carpenters’ braces - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	47½ per cent.”

DIVISION VII.—OILS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES.

229. By inserting after “distillation” in paragraph (2) of sub-item (B) the following :—			
“cracking or other similar processes”.			
By adding to sub-item (B) a new paragraph (8) as follows :—			
“(8) Heavy distillate for use in the production of petroleum products other than mineral lubricating oils, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws -	Free	Free	Free”
231. By adding to sub-item (E) a new paragraph (4) as follows :—			
“(4) Chromium oxide - - - ad val.	25 per cent.	37½ per cent.	42½ per cent.”

DIVISION VIII.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONE.

252. By adding a new item 252 as follows :—			
“252. Vitreous enamels - - - ad val.	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.			
266. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c).			
268. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
" 268. Naphthalene—			
(A) Unrefined - - - - - per lb.	1½d.	2¼d.	3d.
(B) Other - - - - - per lb.	2d.	3d.	4d."
269. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
" (c) Preparations being formaldehyde or containing formaldehyde, n.e.i.—			
(1) In drums or other vessels containing not less than five gallons - - - ad val.	5 per cent.	22½ per cent.	22½ per cent.
(2) Otherwise - - - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	47½ per cent.	47½ per cent."
275. By omitting from the proviso to paragraph (1) of sub-item (A) the words "so long as a bounty is payable on sulphur" and inserting in their stead the following :—			
"so long as a bounty is payable on sulphuric acid".			
280. By adding a new sub-item (F) as follows :—			
" (F) Methyl chloride - - - - - per lb.	8d.	10d.	10d."
By adding a new sub-item (G) as follows :—			
" (G) Cresylic acid ; ortho cresol - - - per gallon	3s.	5s.	5s. 6d."
By adding a new sub-item (H) as follows :—			
" (H) Phthalic anhydride - - - - - per lb.	2½d.	4d.	4d."
281. By omitting the whole of sub-item (W) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
" (W) Sodium bichromate, potassium bichromate, basic chromium sulphate, chromic acid and sodium chromate - - - - - ad val.	25 per cent.	40 per cent.	42½ per cent."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (X) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
" (X) Phenol - - - - - per lb.	6d.	9½d.	10¾d."
DIVISION XI.—JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS.			
318. By omitting the whole of paragraph (3) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
" (3) Clocks n.e.i. - - - - - ad val.	Free	17½ per cent.	27½ per cent."
By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (4) of sub-item (A).			
By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
" (1) Clock movements n.e.i. - - - - - ad val.	10 per cent.	27½ per cent.	27½ per cent."
By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
" (2) Parts for wristlet watches n.e.i., whether imported separately or incorporated in or forming part of complete wristlet watches, viz. :—			
(a) Cases - - - - - each or ad val.	4s. 27½ per cent.	5s. 45 per cent.	5s. 45 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.			
(b) Movements—			
(1) For insertion in Australian-made cases, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	37½ per cent.	37½ per cent.
(2) Other - - - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	45 per cent.	45 per cent."
320. By adding to sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) of sub-item (c) a new clause (4) as follows :—			
" (4) Produced especially for viewing by children, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free	Free	Free "

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IMPORT DUTIES—*continued.*

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.			
389. By adding to sub-item (c) a new paragraph (6) as follows :—			
“(6) Of the styrene type, in any polymerized or copolymerized form—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	Free	Free
(b) Other - - - - - ad val.	7½ per cent.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.”
By adding to sub-item (d) a new paragraph (6) as follows :—			
“(6) Of the styrene type, in any polymerized or copolymerized form - - - - - ad val.	7½ per cent.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.”
By adding to paragraph (1) of sub-item (f) a new subparagraph (f) as follows :—			
“(f) Of the styrene type, in any polymerized or copolymerized form - - - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.”
380. By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“(1) Household electrically operated vacuum cleaners ad val.	25 per cent.	42½ per cent.	52½ per cent.”
By omitting from paragraph (2) of sub-item (b) the words “of the outside bag and inside bag or barrel types”.			
392. By omitting the whole of sub-item (a) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(a) Artificial silk, other than viscose rayon covered by Item 122 (d) (3) - - - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	15 per cent.”
394. By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(b) Granulated cork n.e.i. - - - - - ad val.	12½ per cent.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(c) Cork manufactures n.e.i. - - - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	35 per cent.	35 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (d).			

CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 2).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) 1934-1954* be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the twenty-seventh day of May, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, 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 (Canadian Preference) 1934-1954* as so amended.

Tariff Item.	Tariff on goods the produce or manufacture of Canada.
DIVISION XIV.—VEHICLES.	
Ex. 360. By omitting—	
“(A) Trucks, propelled by self-contained power, designed principally for loading unloading stacking or tiering of goods, and counterweighted or designed to be counterweighted at the steering axle end to enable loads to be handled on forks or other attachments to elevating masts at the driving axle end, including any of the following equipment or attachments imported with and for use with such trucks, viz., special forks, crane attachment, boom attachment, scoop attachment, roll-over or revolving head attachment, drum carrying attachment, side shifting attachment, squeeze gripping attachment, steady attachment or clamp lift, brick forks, bale carrying attachment, platform attachment, drum handling attachment, coal grab attachment, push pull attachment, pusher attachment, case grab attachment, and end or side dumping skip—	
(1) Of lifting capacities up to and including 10,000 lb. weight ad val.	22½ per cent.
(2) Of lifting capacities in excess of 10,000 lb. weight - ad val.	7½ per cent.”
and inserting in its stead the following :—	
“(A) Trucks, propelled by self-contained power, designed principally for loading unloading stacking or tiering of goods by means of fork or other attachments to elevating masts, including any of the following equipment or attachments imported with and for use with such trucks, viz., special forks, crane attachment, boom attachment, scoop attachment, roll-over or revolving head attachment, drum carrying attachment, side shifting attachment, squeeze gripping attachment, steady attachment or clamp lift, brick forks, bale carrying attachment, platform attachment, drum handling attachment, coal grab attachment, push pull attachment, pusher attachment, case grab attachment, and end or side dumping skip—	
(1) Of lifting capacities up to and including 10,000 lb. weight ad val.	22½ per cent.
(2) Of lifting capacities in excess of 10,000 lb. weight - ad val.	7½ per cent.”

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CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea Preference) 1936-1950* be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the twenty-seventh day of May, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in accordance with the *Customs Tariff (Papua and New Guinea Preference) 1936-1950* as so amended.

Item No.	Item No. of Customs Tariffs 1933.	Item.	Rate of Duty.
By adding a new Item No. 21 as follows :—			
" 21	291 (M)	Plywood, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - -	Free "

EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 3).

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff 1921-1953* be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the twenty-seventh day of May, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, at five o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the *Excise Tariff 1921-1953* as so amended.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
2. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (A) Brandy, distilled wholly from wine, the fermented juice of fresh grapes, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years and certified by an officer to be pure brandy - per proof gallon	33s. 6d."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (B) Blended Brandy, distilled wholly from wine, the fermented juice of fresh grapes, and containing not less than 25 per cent. of pure spirit (which has been separately distilled from wine, the fermented juice of fresh grapes, by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof), the whole being matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be brandy so blended and matured - - - per proof gallon	33s. 6d."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (C) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (C) Apple Brandy, distilled wholly from apple cider and Brandies distilled from other approved fruit juices by a pot-still or similar process at a strength not exceeding 40 per cent. over proof, matured by storage in wood for a period of not less than two years, and certified by an officer to be pure apple or pure fruit brandy - - - per proof gallon	33s. 6d."
By omitting the whole of sub-item (P) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (P) Spirit for scientific or educational purposes, subject to Regulations— (1) For use in Universities - - - - - (2) For use in approved Technical Colleges or other educational institutions prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free Free "

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Tariff Board—Reports—

- Bean Seed.
- Chrome Chemicals.
- Coal Tar Products and Synthetic Phenol.
- Cork Products.
- Ginger.
- Incandescent Pressure Lamps and Lanterns.
- Linseed and Linseed Products.
- Moquettes.
- Paper Charts.
- Phthalic Anhydride.
- Timber.
- Vacuum Cleaners and Vacuum Cleaner Parts.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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11. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1955-56.—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. J. R. Fraser moved, That Mr. Bryson be granted an extension of time.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Riordan addressing the House—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

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Mr. Adermann	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Howse	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Allan	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jack	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Downer	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luccock	Mr. Timson	Mr. Gullett

NOES, 22.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Minogue	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Keon	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Daly
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Stewart
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Whitlam	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Bill be now read a second time—was put accordingly, 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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

12. SUPPLY (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 1) 1955-56.—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—

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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1954-55.—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—

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. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

14. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL (No. 2) 1954-55.—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—

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.

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(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

15. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1953-54.—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—
 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. Adermann reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

16. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) BILL 1953-54.—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—
 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. Adermann reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE—COURTS-MARTIAL APPEALS BILL 1955.—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Message No. 71.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for Appeals from Courts-Martial to a Courts-Martial Appeal Tribunal*", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

A. M. McMULLIN,
 President.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 26th May, 1955.

Ordered—That the Amendments be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bird, Mr. Bland, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Brand, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Costa, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Crean, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Davies*, Mr. Davis, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Evatt, Mr. A. D. Fraser, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. E. James Harrison*, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Russell, Mr. Ward and Mr. Webb.

* On leave.

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