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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 6.

THURSDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1961.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. SOUTH AFRICA—WITHDRAWAL FROM COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. McEwen (Acting Prime Minister) having answered a Question without notice concerning the announced intention of the Union of South Africa to withdraw from the Commonwealth of Nations—Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement with reference to the matter.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes—North Ryde, New South Wales.  
Public Service Act—Appointments—Attorney-General's Department—R. M. F. Boys, J. McCafferty.
4. PRESENTATION OF SAND-GLASS TO NIGERIAN PARLIAMENT.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that a message had been received from the Speaker of the Nigerian House of Representatives expressing sincere thanks for the gift of a sand-glass which had been made by the Commonwealth Parliament to the Nigerian Parliament last year to mark the celebrations associated with Nigerian independence.
5. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition), That because the Government's rapidly changing plans have failed to protect and develop the Australian economy and to safeguard our overseas funds and have caused grave confusion, dislocation and hardship to many sections of industry, both primary and secondary, and unnecessary suffering to many citizens, particularly those who have lost their employment, this Government does not possess the confidence of the Parliament or of the Nation—

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

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

AYES, 42.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Curtin	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Daly	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Davies	Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Duthie
Mr. Clay	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Cope	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Sexton	

NOES, 62.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Chaney	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chipp	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Chresby	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Aston	Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bandidt	Mr. Cramer	Mr. Halbert	Mr. McCole	Mr. Wheeler
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Dean	Mr. Holt	Mr. Murray	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Browne	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holten	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Drury	Mr. Howson	Sir E. Page	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bury	Mr. England	Mr. Jack	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Pearce
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Jess	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cash	Mr. Falkinder	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Stokes	

And so it was negatived.

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6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS—GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Government Business being entered upon before the Address in Reply is adopted.  
Question—put and passed.
7. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health) moved, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty.  
Question—put and passed.
8. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 1 TO 4), CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADA PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1) AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).—The House then resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health) moved—

## CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1960 be amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, and that the amendment operate, and be deemed to have operated, as from the twenty-third day of December, One thousand nine hundred and sixty.

THE SCHEDULE.  
IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.</b>			
105. By omitting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (d) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph:— “(a) Woven, wholly of or containing not less than 20 per cent. by weight of man-made fibres, including quilted piece goods containing woven piece goods wholly of or containing not less than 20 per cent. by weight of man-made fibres, but not including— tyre cord fabric, bed tickings, piece goods covered by sub-item (A) (1) (b), (d) (2) (a) or (e)— (1) Weighing six ounces or more per square yard, of types which are, either as imported or when further processed, principally used for furnishings drapes or upholstery, or are moquettes of the types used for upholstery, having a value for duty exceeding 65d. per square yard, but not including— pile fabrics other than moquettes fabrics printed in fast colours per square yard <i>and</i> , in addition, on such goods which were not in direct transit to Australia on or before 23rd November, 1960, a temporary duty as follows:— for each 1d. by which the value for duty exceeds 65d. per square yard per square yard (2) Other - - - - - per square yard			
	2s. 6d.	2s. 8½d.	3s. 1½d.
	½d.	½d.	½d.
	2s. 6d.	2s. 8½d.	3s. 1½d.”

## CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 2).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1960 be amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals and that the amendment operate, and be deemed to have operated, as from the twentieth day of January, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one.

THE SCHEDULE.  
IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.</b>			
453. By inserting a new item as follows:— “453. Cellulose nitrate having a nitrogen content of less than 12.3 per cent. - - - - - ad val. <i>and</i> , in addition, on such goods which were not in direct transit to Australia on or before 13th December, 1960, a temporary duty as follows:— per lb. wet weight	Free	5 per cent.	5 per cent.
	9d.	9d.	9d.”

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 3).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1960 be amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals and that on and after the seventeenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, Duties of Customs be collected accordingly.

THE SCHEDULE.  
IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.</b>			
117. By omitting sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item:— “ (A) Blankets or blanketing, knitted lockstitched netted or woven from yarns wholly of cotton - ad val.	5 per cent.	22½ per cent.	22½ per cent.”
<b>DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.</b>			
181. By omitting sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) of sub-item (d) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph:— “ (b) N.E.I.— (1) Mercury; sodium - - - - - ad val. (2) Other - - - - - ad val.	5 per cent. 5 per cent.	20 per cent. 35 per cent.	45 per cent. 45 per cent.”
<b>DIVISION X.—WOOD, WICKER, AND CANE.</b>			
291. By omitting sub-item (g).			
292. By omitting sub-items (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F).			

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 4).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933–1960 be amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals and that on and after the seventeenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, Duties of Customs be collected accordingly.

THE SCHEDULE.  
IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<b>DIVISION XII.—HIDES, LEATHER, AND RUBBER.</b>			
329. By omitting paragraph (1) of sub-item (d) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph:— “ (1) Outsoles and thongs, of rubber or artificial plastic material or combinations thereof, of types suitable for use in thong sandals— (a) Thongs - - - - - each and ad val. (b) Soles - - - - - each and ad val.	6d. 5 per cent. 1s. 5 per cent.	6d. 25 per cent. 1s. 25 per cent.	6d. 25 per cent. 1s. 25 per cent.”

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## CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADA PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

That, on and after the seventeenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one—

(a) section seven of the *Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) 1960* be amended—

(i) by omitting from sub-section (2.) the word and figure “ column 1 ” and inserting in their stead the word and figure “ column 2 ”;

(ii) by omitting from sub-section (2.) the word and figure “ column 3 ” and inserting in their stead the word and figure “ column 4 ”; and

(iii) by omitting from sub-section (2.) the word and figure “ column 2 ” and inserting in their stead the word and figure “ column 3 ”;

(b) the Second Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (Canada Preference) 1960* be omitted and the following Schedule inserted in its stead; and

(c) Duties of Customs be collected accordingly.

## “ SECOND SCHEDULE.

## MODIFICATIONS OF BRITISH PREFERENTIAL TARIFF RATES.

Column 1. Consecutive No.	Column 2. Item No.	Column 3. Modifications of Rates of Duty.	Column 4. Goods to which the modifications specified in column 3 do not apply.
1	57 (A) - -	Omit ‘ Free ’, insert ‘ 2s.’.	
2	58 (B) - -	Omit ‘ Free ’, insert ‘ 2s. 6d.’.	
3	110 (A) (5) (a) -	Omit— ‘ 3s. 17½ per cent. 30 per cent.’, insert— ‘ 6s. 32½ per cent. 52½ per cent.’.	
4	110 (A) (5) (b) -	Omit— ‘ 7s. 6d. 12½ per cent. 27½ per cent.’, insert— ‘ 12s. 6d. 27½ per cent. 45 per cent.’.	
5	110 (A) (5) (c) -	Omit— ‘ 6s. 12½ per cent. 27½ per cent.’, insert— ‘ 10s. 27½ per cent. 47½ per cent.’.	
6	157 - -	Omit ‘ Free ’, insert ‘ 50s.’.	
7	162 - -	Omit ‘ 5 per cent.’, insert ‘ 27½ per cent.’.	
8	163 (A) - -	Omit ‘ 5 per cent.’, insert ‘ 30 per cent.’.	
9	165 (A) - -	Omit ‘ 5 per cent.’, insert ‘ 30 per cent.’.	

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“ SECOND SCHEDULE—continued.

Column 1. Consecutive No.	Column 2. Item No.	Column 3. Modifications of Rates of Duty.	Column 4. Goods to which the modifications specified in column 3 do not apply.
10	165 (B) - -	Omit— '... 5 per cent.', insert— '£13 30 per cent.'.	
11	167 - -	Omit— '5 per cent. ...', insert— '... 2d.'.	
12	169 (A) (4) -	Omit 'Free', insert '10 per cent.'.	
13	171 (A) - -	Omit— '10 per cent. ...', insert— '40 per cent. £3'.	
14	171 (B) - -	Omit— '10 per cent. ...', insert— '40 per cent. £10'.	
15	171 (C) - -	Omit— '10 per cent. ...', insert— '40 per cent. £4'.	
16	171 (D) - -	Omit— '10 per cent. ...', insert— '40 per cent. 2d.'.	
17	176 (O) - -	Omit— '5s. 6d. 22½ per cent.', insert— '6s. 6d. 22½ per cent.'.	
18	177 (C) - -	Omit '20 per cent.', insert '30 per cent.'.	Agricultural tractors and the tractor portion of machines known as rotary cultivators, hoes or tillers.
19	178 (B) (2) -	Omit— '22½ per cent. ...', insert— '47½ per cent. 2½d.'.	

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## " SECOND SCHEDULE—continued.

Column 1. Consecutive No.	Column 2. Item No.	Column 3. Modifications of Rates of Duty.	Column 4. Goods to which the modifications specified in column 3 do not apply.
20	180 (H) (1)	Omit— ' 9d. 27½ per cent.', insert— ' 1s. 45 per cent.'	
21	291 (c) (2) (b) (1)	Omit ' Free ', insert ' 7½ per cent.'.	
22	291 (c) (2) (b) (2)	Omit ' 7½ per cent.', insert ' 17½ per cent.'.	
23	291 (F) (2) (b)	Omit ' 2s. 3d.', insert ' 3s. 6d.'.	
24	291 (F) (3) (b)	Omit ' 6s. ', insert ' 8s.'.	
25	291 (i) (2)	Omit ' 9s.', insert ' 12s.'.	
26	291 (K) (2)	Omit ' 32½ per cent.', insert ' 47½ per cent.'.	
27	291 (L) (2)	Omit ' 16s. 6d.', insert ' 22s.'.	
28	291 (M) (1)	Omit— ' 3s. 9d. 32½ per cent.', insert— ' 5s. 47½ per cent.'.	
29	291 (M) (2)	Omit— ' 3s. 9d. 1s. 1d. 32½ per cent.', insert— ' 5s. 1s. 6d. 47½ per cent.'.	
30	291 (M) (3)	Omit ' 32½ per cent.', insert ' 47½ per cent.'.	
31	291 (N) (1)	Omit ' 12½ per cent.', insert ' 22½ per cent.'.	
32	291 (N) (2)	Omit ' 6s. 3d.', insert ' 10s. 6d.'.	
33	293 (B)	Omit— ' 6s. 3d.', insert— ' 8s. 4d.'.	
34	329 (A) (1) (a)	Omit— ' 5s. 6d. ...', insert— ' 5s. 6d. 5 per cent.'.	

" SECOND SCHEDULE—continued.

Column 1. Consecutive No.	Column 2. Item No.	Column 3. Modifications of Rates of Duty.	Column 4. Goods to which the modifications specified in column 3 do not apply.
35	329 (A) (1) (b) -	Omit— ' 3s. 6d. ' ..', insert— ' 3s. 6d. 5 per cent.'	
36	329 (A) (2) (a) -	Omit— ' 5s. 6d. ' ..', insert— ' 5s. 6d. 17½ per cent.'	
37	329 (A) (2) (b) -	Omit— ' 3s. 6d. ' ..', insert— ' 3s. 6d. 17½ per cent.'	
38	329 (B) (1) (a) -	Omit— ' 5s. 6d. ' ..', insert— ' 5s. 6d. 5 per cent.'	
39	329 (B) (1) (b) -	Omit— ' 3s. 6d. ' ..', insert— ' 3s. 6d. 5 per cent.'	
40	333 (A) (1) -	Omit— ' 6d. 15 per cent.', insert— ' 1s. 27½ per cent.'	
41	333 (A) (2) -	Omit ' 6d. ', insert ' 1s. 6d. '.	
42	333 (B) -	Omit ' 17½ per cent. ', insert ' 37½ per cent. '.	
43	334 (a) (1) (a) -	Omit ' £19 ', insert ' £21 '.	- Cartridge paper.
44	334 (a) (1) (b) -	Omit ' £12 ', insert ' £14 '.	- Glazed imitation parchment.
45	334 (a) (1) (c) (1)	Omit— ' 3d. ' ..', insert— ' 6d. 12½ per cent.'	
46	334 (a) (1) (c) (2)	Omit ' Free ', insert ' 7½ per cent. '.	

" SECOND SCHEDULE—continued.

Column 1. Consecutive No.	Column 2. Item No.	Column 3. Modifications of Rates of Duty.	Column 4. Goods to which the modifications specified in column 3 do not apply.
47	334 (G) (5)	- Omit ' £19 ', insert ' £21 '.	
48	334 (T) -	- Omit ' £12 ', insert ' £14 '.	
49	351 (B) (1)	- Omit ' Free ', insert ' 22½ per cent.'.	
50	359 (F) -	- Omit ' 27½ per cent.', insert ' 30 per cent.'.	
51	359 (I) (2)	- Omit— ' 3s. 9d. - - - - - 30 per cent., insert— ' 12s. 6d. 57½ per cent.'.	Shock absorbers not imported separately.
52	360 (A) (1)	- Omit ' 15 per cent.', insert ' 22½ per cent.'.	
53	360 (A) (2)	- Omit ' Free ', insert ' 7½ per cent.'.	
54	360 (B) -	- Omit ' Free ', insert ' 7½ per cent.'.	
55	360 (D) (1)	- Omit ' 12½ per cent.', insert ' 15 per cent.'.	
56	360 (D) (2)	- Omit ' 25 per cent.', insert ' 27½ per cent.'.	
57	365 (A) -	- Omit— ' £9 17½ per cent., insert— ' £45 45 per cent.'.	
58	365 (B) -	- Omit— ' £9 20 per cent., insert— ' £45 47½ per cent.'.	
59	365 (C) -	- Omit— ' £5 17½ per cent., insert— ' £27 5s. 45 per cent.'.	
60	365 (D) -	- Omit ' 17½ per cent.', insert ' 42½ per cent.'.	
61	365 (E) -	- Omit ' 12½ per cent.', insert ' 27½ per cent.'.	
62	380 (A) (2)	- Omit ' 17½ per cent.', insert ' 40 per cent.'."	

CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (NO. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1960* be amended as set out in the Schedule to these Proposals and that on and after the seventeenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, Duties of Customs be collected accordingly.

THE SCHEDULE.

Item 94 is amended by omitting the following words and figures:—

" (G) Timber, undressed, viz.:—

Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga Douglasii*) in sizes 12 inches x 6 inches (or its equivalent)  
and over, for use underground for mining purposes

- - - - - Free "

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

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The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—

Tariff Board—Reports—

Printing of Cotton Piece Goods.

Timber.

Severally ordered to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Tariff Board—Reports of Deputy Chairman—

Furnishing Fabrics.

Industrial Nitrocellulose.

Severally ordered to be printed.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported acquainting the House of the appointment of a Senator to the following Committee:—

16th March, 1961—*Message No. 1*—Joint Committee of Public Accounts—Senator McKellar in place of Senator Wade, resigned.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. D. A. Cameron (Minister for Health) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Allan, Mr. Bird, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Makin, Mr. Menzies and Mr. Osborne.

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A. G. TURNER,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*