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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 185.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 1921.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Taxation—First Report of the Royal Commission on Taxation ; together with Appendices.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c —No. 10 of 1921—In the matter of the Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1921—
No. 19—Natives Taxes.
No. 20—Customs.
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1921, No. 198.
3. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (1921)—SENATE'S REQUESTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments requested by the Senate (*vide* page 713 *ante*)—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Requested Amendment No. 25—

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Greene, That the requested amendment be made with the following modifications :—

Instead of " And on and after 1st November, 1921 "

Read " And on and after 1st January, 1922 "

In sub-item (A)—After the word " Felt " insert a comma and the words " and Felt ".

In sub-item (B)—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Instead of " ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent."
Read " ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	40 per cent."

Question—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 13.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Bowden	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Makin	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Bamford	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Marks	Mr. Foley	
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Mathews	Mr. R. W. Foster	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Fowler	Mr. Bell
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Gabb
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Riley	Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Francis	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Hay			
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Lister	Mr. Story		
Mr. Livingston			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Requested amendment, as so modified, accordingly made.

Requested Amendment No. 26—

Mr. Greene moved, That the requested amendment be made with the following modifications :—

Omit sub-item (E) (thrice occurring) and insert the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“(E) Wire—on and after 25th March, 1920 per ton	52s.	72s. 6d.	90s.
And on and after 9th June, 1921			
(E) (1) Wire of No. 16 or finer gauge .. ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
(2) Wire, other per ton	52s.	72s. 6d.	90s.
And on and after 3rd November, 1921			
(E) (1) Wire of No. 16 or finer gauge .. ad val.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
(2) Wire, other per ton	52s.	72s. 6d.	90s.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. Watkins moved, That the proposed modifications be amended by omitting the rate “20 per cent.” in sub-item (E) (1), last occurring, and inserting the rate “25 per cent.” in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Question—That the proposed modifications be so amended—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Blundell	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Corser	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Riley	Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Francis		Mr. Bowden	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Gabb	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Hay	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Makin		Mr. Foley	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wienholt
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Gregory	
		Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr
		Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Gregory moved, That the proposed modifications be amended by omitting the rate “52s.” in the last line and inserting the rate “44s.” in place thereof.

Question—That the proposed modifications be so amended—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Jowett	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Bamford	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Marks
Mr. Foley	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mathews
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wienholt	Mr. Charlton	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Gibson		Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Riley
Mr. Hay	Mr. Bell	Mr. Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Hill	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Higgs	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Lamond	
		Mr. Lister	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Livingston	Mr. Marr
		Mr. Mackay	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the requested amendment be made with the modifications (as moved by Mr. Greene) —put and passed.

Requested Amendment No. 27—

Mr. Greene moved, That the requested amendment be made.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Requested Amendments Nos. 28 and 29 made.

Requested Amendment No. 30—

Mr. Greene moved, That the requested amendment be not made

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 12	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Makin	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hill
Mr. Bayley	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Bell	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marks	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Foley	
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. R. W. Foster	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Bowden
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Riley	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Hughes			
Mr. Lamond			
Mr. Lister	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Requested amendment accordingly not made.

Requested Amendment No. 31—

Mr. Gregory moved, That the requested amendment be made with the following modification :-—

					British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
Instead of	..	..	..	..	55s.	75s.	95s."
Read ..	..	..	..	..	Free	10s.	10s."

Question—put and negatived.

Mr. Greene moved, That the requested amendment be not made.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 11.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Marks	Mr. Bell	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Robert Cook	
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Foley	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton	Mr. R. W. Foster	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Riley	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Bowden
Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Gabb
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Lister			
Mr. Livingston	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Makin	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Requested amendment accordingly not made.

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Requested Amendment No. 32 not made.

Requested Amendment No. 33—

Mr. Greene moved, That the requested amendment be not made.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bruce*, Mr. Burchell, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Jackson*, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mahony, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Tudor*, Mr. Watt, and Mr. West.

* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.