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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 142.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY, 1931.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRIMAGE DUTY ON CORN SACKS, ETC.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that the Government proposed to remove the Primage Duty from Corn Sacks and certain other articles.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
  - Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
    - Carburettors.
    - Dredging and Excavating Machinery.
    - Dry Batteries and Dry Cells.
    - Electric Storage Batteries and Parts thereof.
    - Fashion Plates and Books, &c.
    - Felts.
    - Furs and other Skins and Dressed Rabbit Skins.
    - Leclanche Cells.
    - Malleable Iron Castings.
    - Pressed and Pressed Blown Glassware.
    - Telephone and Telegraph Apparatus.
    - Wood Wool.
  - Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
    - Paper Industry—General Report by H. W. Gepp, Consultant on Development to the Commonwealth Government, and I. H. Boas, Chief of the Forest Products Division of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, on the proposed Paper Industry in Tasmania.
  - Ordered to lie on the Table.
    - The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
      - Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 47.
      - Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Building and Services Ordinance—Regulations Amended.

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4. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 9) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 9)].—  
The House, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs and Excise Tariff Amendment of the 26th March, 1931 (pages 508-569).]

Item numbered 3, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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"(B) Whisky, including Liqueur Whisky—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof—			
(a) If bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision subject to such conditions as to the bottling and as to the strength of the spirits as are prescribed by Departmental By-laws per gallon	45s.	47s.	48s.
(b) If not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision per gallon	50s.	52s.	53s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof—			
(a) If bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision subject to such conditions as to the bottling and as to the strength of the spirits as are prescribed by Departmental By-laws per proof gallon	45s.	47s.	48s.
(b) If not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision per proof gallon	50s.	52s.	53s."
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Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Roland Green, viz. :—That the Item be further amended by adding the following to sub-item (B) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 14th May, 1931			
(B) Whisky, including Liqueur Whisky—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof—			
Whether or not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision subject to such conditions as to the bottling and as to the strength of the spirits as are prescribed by Departmental By-laws per gallon	33s.	47s.	48s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof—			
Whether or not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision subject to such conditions as to the bottling and as to the strength of the spirits as are prescribed by Departmental By-laws per proof gallon	33s.	47s.	48s."

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Roland Green moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following to sub-item (B) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 14th May, 1931			
(B) Whisky, including Liqueur Whisky—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof—			
Whether or not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision subject to such conditions as to the bottling and as to the strength of the spirits as are prescribed by Departmental By-laws per gallon	35s.	37s.	38s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof—			
Whether or not bottled in the Commonwealth under Customs supervision subject to such conditions as to the bottling and as to the strength of the spirits as are prescribed by Departmental By-laws per proof gallon	35s.	37s.	38s."

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 39.	
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Long
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Marr	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Bell	Mr. Makin
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Chifley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Gullett		Mr. Coleman	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Hawker	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Hill	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Culley	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Killen	Mr. White	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Thomas Paterson
		Mr. Curtin	Mr. Price
		Mr. Cusack	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Forde	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Theodore
		Mr. Gabb	Mr. Tully
		Mr. Gibbons	
		Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Guy	Mr. Keane
		Mr. Jones	Mr. E. C. Riley
		Mr. Lewis	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Nairn moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following to sub-item (B) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 14th May, 1931			
(b) Whisky, including Liqueur Whisky—			
(1) When not exceeding the strength of proof - per gallon	45s.	47s.	48s.
(2) When exceeding the strength of proof - per proof gallon	45s.	47s.	48s."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Bell	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Long
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Coleman	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Crouch	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Culley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Price
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Cusack	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Guy	Mr. White	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Hawker		Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Hill		Mr. Frost	
Mr. Killen	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Gabb	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mackay		Mr. Albert Green	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Marr	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jones	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Martens	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Keane	

And so it was negatived.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items numbered 8 and 9 agreed to.

Item numbered 10 debated and postponed.

Items numbered 11 and 12 agreed to.

Item numbered 13 debated and agreed to.

Item numbered 18 debated and agreed to.

Item numbered 19 debated and agreed to.

Items numbered 20 and 21 agreed to.

Item number 22, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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 - per lb.	16s.	16s.	16s."

Debate ensued.

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Mr. Gregory moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
22. Cigarettes, including weight of cards and mouth-pieces contained in inside packages ; Fine Cut Tobacco, suitable for the manufacture of Cigarettes ; whether wholly or in part of British labour and material - - - - - per lb.	14s.	15s.	16s."

Debate continued.

*Closure moved.*—Mr. James moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 3.

Mr. James

*Tellers:*

Mr. Beasley

Mr. Ward

Noes, 56.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Bell	Mr. Long
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Makin
Mr. Chifley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Martens
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Culley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Forde	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Frost	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Tully
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White
Mr. Hill	Mr. Yates
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Jones	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Lacey	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Item agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Latham, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Marks, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Riordan.

E. W. PARKES,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*