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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 150.

THURSDAY, 28TH 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Canberra University College—Report of the Council for 1930.
Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 55.
3. 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 105, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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By omitting the whole of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(F) (1) Piece Goods, woollen, or containing wool, ordinarily used in the manufacture of outer clothing for human wear and weighing more than three ounces per square yard - - - - - per square yard and ad val.	2s. 35 per cent.	2s. 6d. 45 per cent.	3s. 50 per cent.
(2) Piece Goods, woollen, or containing wool, n.e.i. ad val.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent.
(3) Piece Goods, woollen, or containing wool, n.e.i., of a class or kind not produced in Australia, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - ad val.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.
(4) Piece Goods, felt, of wool or containing wool—			
(a) Slipper Upper Felt - - - - - per square yard and ad val.	6d. 20 per cent.	9d. 30 per cent.	1s. 35 per cent.
(b) N.E.I. - - - - - per square yard and ad val.	9d. 20 per cent.	1s. 3d. 30 per cent.	1s. 6d. 35 per cent.
(5) Piece Goods, felt, composed of hair; Piece Goods, felt, n.e.i. - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (G) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(G) Hair Cloth and Cloth of Hair in combination with other fibres for interlining apparel - - - - - per square yard and ad val.	1s. 3d. 35 per cent.	2s. 45 per cent.	2s. 6d. 50 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(H) Waterproofed Cloth prepared with rubber, oil, celluloid, or nitro-cellulose—			
(1) Woollen or containing Wool - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.
(2) Silk or Artificial Silk or containing Silk or Artificial Silk but not containing Wool - - - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
(3) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (J) as follows :—			
“(J) Leather Cloth, Leather Cloth Binding, and Oil Baize and fabrics similar to oil baize, prepared with rubber, oil, celluloid or nitro-cellulose; Bookbinders' Cloth prepared with nitro-cellulose - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.”

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Sub-item (F)—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Josiah Francis, viz. :—That the Item be further amended by adding the following to paragraph (1) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
—			
“ And on and after 29th May, 1931 (1) Piece Goods, woollen, or containing wool, ordinarily used in the manufacture of outer clothing for human wear and weighing more than three ounces per square yard - per square yard and ad val.	1s. 30 per cent.	1s. 6d. 40 per cent.	2s. 45 per cent.”

Member named.—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Prowse) named the honorable Member for Corio (Mr. Lewis) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs) having addressed the Committee, and Mr. Lewis having apologized to the Chair, the matter was not further proceeded with.

Debate continued.

Closure moved.—Mr. Eldridge 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, 26.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White
Mr. Hill	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Killen	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Hunter

Noes, 30.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Long
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Makin
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Martens
Mr. Culley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jones	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Keane	Mr. Yates

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Member named.—The Chairman named the honorable Member for Richmond (Mr. Roland Green) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. McNeill (Minister for Health) having addressed the Committee, and Mr. Roland Green having apologized to the Chair, the matter was not further proceeded with.

Debate continued.

Closure.—Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hawker	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hill	
Mr. James	Mr. Josiah Francis
Mr. Killen	Mr. Gardner

Noes, 27.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Long
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Coleman	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Jones	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Keane	Mr. Yates

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. White moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following to paragraph (1) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
—			
“ And on and after 29th May, 1931			
(1) Piece Goods, woollen, or containing wool, ordinarily used in the manufacture of outer clothing for human wear and weighing more than four ounces per square yard - per square yard and ad val.	2s. 35 per cent.	2s. 6d. 45 per cent.	3s. 50 per cent.”

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Long
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Frost	Mr. Yates
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jones	Mr. Coleman
Mr. Keane	Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 17.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Killen	Mr. Josiah Francis
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gardner

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Forde moved, That paragraphs (4) and (5) be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Brennan 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, 29.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Long
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jones	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Keane	Mr. Yates

Noes, 10.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bernard Corser	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Eldridge	
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Hill	Mr. White

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That paragraphs (4) and (5) be postponed—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Jones
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Keane
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Long
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Martens
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hawker	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Yates

Noes, 12.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Ward
Mr. Eldridge	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hill	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. White

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Sub-item (g)—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Keane reported accordingly.

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

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Member named.—The Deputy-Speaker (Mr. McGrath) named the honorable Member for Martin (Mr. Eldridge) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Eldridge having expressed his regret, the matter was not further proceeded with.

Debate continued.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put, was passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Guy, Mr. Latham, Mr. Lyons, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Theodore.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.