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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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No. 153.

THURSDAY, 4TH JUNE, 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—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO WHEAT-GROWERS.—Mr. Parker Moloney (Minister for Markets), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the correspondence between the Commonwealth Government and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia with reference to the question of providing finance for the payments proposed under the Wheat Marketing Bill. Mr. Gullett, by leave, also made a Statement with reference to the matter.
3. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1931).—Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1931*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Blakeley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Mr. Blakeley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
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.

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The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.  
On the motion of Mr. Blakeley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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 107 further debated.—  
Question—That the Item be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Anstey  
 Mr. Blakeley  
 Mr. Brennan  
 Mr. Chifley  
 Mr. Coleman  
 Mr. Crouch  
 Mr. Cunningham  
 Mr. Cusack  
 Mr. Fenton  
 Mr. Forde  
 Mr. Frost  
 Mr. Gibbons  
 Mr. Albert Green  
 Mr. Jones  
 Mr. Keane  
 Mr. Lacey  
 Mr. Lewis

Mr. Long  
 Mr. Makin  
 Mr. W. Maloney  
 Mr. Martens  
 Mr. McNeill  
 Mr. Parker Moloney  
 Mr. Price  
 Mr. Edward Riley  
 Mr. Riordan  
 Mr. Rowe  
 Mr. Tully  
 Mr. Yates

Tellers:  
 Mr. E. C. Riley  
 Mr. Watkins

Noes, 28.

Mr. Beasley  
 Mr. Bell  
 Mr. Donald Cameron  
 Mr. Malcolm Cameron  
 Mr. Bernard Corser  
 Mr. Gabb  
 Mr. Gardner  
 Mr. Roland Green  
 Mr. Gregory  
 Mr. Gullett  
 Mr. Hawker  
 Mr. Hill  
 Mr. Hunter  
 Mr. James  
 Mr. Killen

Mr. Mackay  
 Mr. Marks  
 Mr. Maxwell  
 Mr. Morgan  
 Mr. Nairn  
 Mr. Parkhill  
 Mr. Thomas Paterson  
 Mr. Prowse  
 Mr. Stewart  
 Mr. Thompson  
 Mr. Ward

Tellers:  
 Mr. Bayley  
 Mr. White

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Item numbered 109 debated and agreed to.

Item numbered 110—

Ordered—That the Item be divided.

Sub-item (A) debated and agreed to.

Sub-items (B), (C), (D) and (E) agreed to.

Items numbered 112 and 113 agreed to.

Item numbered 114, viz.:—

—	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
114. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 114. Hats, Caps, and Bonnets—			
(A) Firemen's Helmets and Miners' Hats ad val.	Free	Free	10 per cent.
(B) Wool Felt Hats n.e.i. in any stage of manufacture including wool felt hoods n.e.i. per dozen or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.	30s. 45 per cent.	40s. 55 per cent.	50s. 60 per cent.
(C) Fur Felt Hats n.e.i. in any stage of manufacture including fur felt hoods n.e.i. per dozen or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.	48s. 45 per cent.	60s. 55 per cent.	72s. 60 per cent.
(D) Caps and Sewn Hats, n.e.i. per dozen and ad val.	15s. 35 per cent.	16s. 40 per cent.	17s. 45 per cent.
(E) Wool Felt Hoods for girls' and women's hats, in conical shape which have not been proofed tip-stretched sandpapered or polished per dozen or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.	20s. 35 per cent.	25s. 40 per cent.	30s. 45 per cent.
(F) Felt hats and felt capelines for women and girls, Fur felt hoods for women's and girls' hats, Hoods n.e.i. ; Berets, Women's and Girls' caps (other than bathing) of any material ; Hats and Bonnets n.e.i. per dozen or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.	45s. 45 per cent.	50s. 55 per cent.	60s. 60 per cent.
(G) Handwoven or handplaited hoods (not sewn) of hemp vegetable fibre paper or similar materials ad val.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent.
(H) Bathing Hats and Bathing Caps of rubber or other material per dozen or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.”	12s. 35 per cent.	14s. 40 per cent.	16s. 45 per cent.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to sub-item (D) :—

—	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
(D) Caps n.e.i. “ And on and after 5th June, 1931 per dozen and ad val.	15s. 35 per cent.	16s. 40 per cent.	17s. 45 per cent.

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Debate continued.

Mr. Bernard Corser addressing the Committee, and having been repeatedly called to order for irrelevance, the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Crouch) directed the honorable Member to discontinue his speech.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Long
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Makin
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Martens
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gibbons	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Jones
Mr. Keane	Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 20.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gregory	Mr. White
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hill	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Thompson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

—	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p style="text-align: center;">“ And on and after 5th June, 1931</p> <p>(E) Wool and fur felt hoods and capelines for girls' and women's hats, proofed or unproofed, in conical shape, which have been tip-stretched, sandpapered or polished - per dozen or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty.”</p>	20s. 35 per cent.	25s. 40 per cent.	30s. 45 per cent.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Debate continued.

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

—	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p style="text-align: center;">“ And on and after 5th June, 1931</p> <p>(a) Panama and Pandan Hoods and Hoods similar to Panama and Pandan Hoods made of hemp vegetable fibre paper or similar materials which have been plaited from the tip of the crown to the base of the brim and which do not contain any thread straws or other material joining the plait or other material together - ad val.</p>	45 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent.”

Debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

Question—That the Item, as amended, be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 25.

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

Noes, 18.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Hill	Mr. White

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Item numbered 115—

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

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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. Brennan (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Culley, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Latham, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Scullin, and Mr. Theodore.

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