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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 185.

FRIDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Seventh Annual Report of the Dried Fruits Control Board, for year ended 30th June, 1931, together with a statement by the Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
4. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 9, 10 AND 11) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 9 AND 10)].—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 Amendments of the 26th March, 1931 (pages 508-569), and of the 29th July, 1931 (pages 780-2).]
Postponed sub-item (E) of Item numbered 136, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(E) (1) Wire of No. 15 or finer gauge (Imperial Standard Wire Gauge) - - - ad val. (2) Wire, other - - - - - per ton	30 per cent. 52s.	45 per cent. 152s.	55 per cent. 172s.”

considered, by leave.

Mr. Stewart moved, That the sub-item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 19th September, 1931 (E) (1) Wire of No. 15 or finer gauge (Imperial Standard Wire Gauge) - - - ad val. (2) Wire, fencing, of gauges Nos. 8 to 14 (Imperial Standard Wire Gauge), both gauges inclusive, for use only as fencing wire without further manufacture, or for such manufacturing purposes as may be prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per ton	20 per cent. Free	35 per cent. 100s.	45 per cent. 120s.”

Debate ensued.

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.

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5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Annual Report for 1930–31, together with Schedule of Recommendations.
 Ordered, after debate—That the Report be printed.
 Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 106.
 Dairy Produce Export Charges Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 107.
 Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 98.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
Member named.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Dalley (Mr. Theodore) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.
 Mr. Scullin having addressed the House, and Mr. Theodore having expressed his regret, the matter was not further proceeded with.
 Debate continued.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bell, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Josiah Francis*, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. Nelson.

* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,
 Clerk of the House of Representatives.