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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 75.

THURSDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1933.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—VISIT OF COMMONWEALTH MINISTER TO NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that the Government had decided to send the Assistant Treasurer (Senator the Honorable W. Massy Greene) to New Zealand to discuss certain trade matters with the Government of that Dominion.
3. TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating a Temporary Chairman of Committees, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

*The Parliament of the Commonwealth.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order numbered 25, I do hereby nominate—

Walter Maxwell Nairn, Esquire,

to act in the place of the Honorable Thomas Walter White as Temporary Chairman of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this ninth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three.

G. H. MACKAY,  
Speaker.

4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Beasley rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The effect and the drastic administration of the recent amendments to the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act*".  
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Mr. Beasley moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
*Closure.*—Mr. Gander moved, That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Mackay, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Martens
Mr. Baker	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. George Lawson	
Mr. Makin	Mr. Gander
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. E. C. Riley

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Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Marr
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McBride
Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Dein	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Dennis	Mr. McNicoll
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Nock
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Guy	Mr. Price
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hill	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holman	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hughes	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchin	
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Latham	Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

5. LIBRARY COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT OF MR. CASEY IN PLACE OF MR. WHITE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That Mr. White be discharged from attendance on the Library Committee and that, in his place, Mr. Casey be appointed a member of the Committee.

Question—put and passed.

6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—

Dynamo Electric Machines, &c.

Hair Cloth.

Piece Goods, woollen, or containing wool (Addendum to report presented on 16th November, 1932).

Static Transformers.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations Amended—

Statutory Rules 1932, No. 131.

Statutory Rules 1933, No. 10.

7. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (1932) AND AMENDMENT (NO. 1)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs Tariff of the 13th October, 1932 (pages 355–430) and Amendment (No. 1) of the 8th March, 1933 (pages 535–558).]

General debate resumed on the first Item.

Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, as an amendment to the first paragraph of the proposed Resolution of the 13th October, 1932, That after the words "United Kingdom" the following words be inserted :—  
"and that the Government without delay submit a further schedule which will carry out the terms and the spirit of the Ottawa Agreement with respect to increased preference to British goods in the following manner :—

Duties against British goods to be reduced to the level of the 1921–1930 Tariff in all cases where they have been raised above that level without report by the Tariff Board".

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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8. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA PREFERENCE)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

(1.) That notwithstanding anything contained in—

- (a) the Customs Tariff 1921-1930 ; or
- (b) the Customs Tariff proposals as defined in this resolution ; or
- (c) the Customs Tariff by which the Customs Tariff 1921-1930 is repealed ;

from and after the tenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, at nine o'clock in the forenoon reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government, the goods specified in the Schedule to this resolution, if produced or manufactured in the Territory of Papua or the Territory of New Guinea, and imported direct from either of those Territories, be free of duty.

(2.) That in this resolution the " Customs Tariff proposals " means the Customs Tariff proposals (not being proposals relating to Special Duty or Primage Duties) introduced into the House of Representatives on the thirteenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, and any amendment to those proposals.

THE SCHEDULE.

Item No.	Item No. of Customs Tariff 1921-1930 or Customs Tariff Proposals.	Item.
1	437	Arecanuts
2	44 (A)	Cocoa Beans, whole or broken, raw ; Cocoa Shells, raw
3	43 (A)	Coffee, raw and kiln dried
4	287	Essential Oil, viz. :—Massoi oil
5	53 (A)	Fruits, dried, viz. :—Lychee
6	52 (b) and (c)	Fruits, Fresh, viz. :—Chicomamey, Lychee, Longan, Akee, Pulasan, Rambutan, Avocado, Mangosteen, Sapote, Sapodilla, Abiu, Star-apple, Langsat, Imbu, Ilima, Durian, Jaboticaba, Grumichama, Kao Pan Seedless Pummelo, and Jak Fruit
7	101 or 102	Fungi, edible
8	56 (A)	Ginger, green
9	56 (B)	Ginger, dry, unground
10	57 (D)	Grain and Pulse, viz., Rangoon Beans
11	78	Nuts, viz. :— (A) Coconuts, whole (B) Coconuts, prepared (C) Shelled or Unshelled
12	87 (B)	Sago and Tapioca, not being packed for household use
13	92	Seeds, viz. :—Kapok ; Sesame
14	96 (A) (1)	Spices, unground, viz. :—Cardamom, Chillies, Cinnamon, Cloves, Mace, Nutmegs, Pepper, Pimento
15	438	Vanilla Beans

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven o'clock p.m., 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. Bruce, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Gregory, Sir Henry Gullett, and Mr. Earle Page.

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