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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 94.

FRIDAY, 28TH APRIL, 1933.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. 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).]

Group 6 continued—

Item 145 agreed to.

Item 152, sub-item (c), debated—

Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That the fixed duties be omitted.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Nock
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Gregory	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McBride	Mr. Hunter
Mr. McClelland	Mr. McNicoll
Mr. Nairn	

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Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Jennings
Mr. Casey	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Dein	Mr. Makin
Mr. Dennis	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Martens
Mr. Forde	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gander	Mr. Perkins
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Riordan
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Guy	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Watkins
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. Gardner
Mr. James	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

Sub-item further debated and agreed to.

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Item 164 debated—

Mr. Forde moved, That the Item be postponed.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Dennis
Mr. Fenton
Mr. Forde
Mr. Holloway
Mr. James
Mr. Makin
Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Riordan
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Watkins

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. Martens

Noes, 33.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott
Mr. Casey
Mr. Thomas Collins
Mr. Bernard Corser
Mr. Dein
Mr. Gabl
Sir Littleton Groom
Sir Henry Gullett
Mr. Guy
Mr. E. F. Harrison
Mr. E. J. Harrison
Mr. Hill
Mr. Hutchin
Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Jennings
Mr. Latham
Mr. Lyons
Mr. McBride

Mr. McClelland
Mr. McNicoll
Mr. Nairn
Mr. Nock
Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Perkins
Mr. Prowse
Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Stacey
Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. William Watson
Mr. White

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

Item 168, sub-item (B), agreed to.

Item 176, sub-items (D), (F), debated and agreed to.

Item 177, sub-item (A), paragraph (2), agreed to.

Item 178, sub-items (D), (E), debated and postponed.

Item 179, sub-items (B), (C), sub-item (D), paragraphs (1), (2), viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
179. Electrical Machines and Appliances :—		
(B) Electric Fittings consisting wholly or partly of metal, viz. :— Switches, Fuses, and Lightning Arrestors, n.e.i. - ad val.	65 per cent.	75 per cent.
(C) Regulating, Starting, and Controlling Apparatus, for all electrical purposes, including Distributing Boards and Switchboards, n.e.i. - ad val.	65 per cent.	75 per cent.
(D) (1) Dynamo Electric Machines, viz. :— (a) Alternating current machines— (1) Induction type— (a) Up to and including 150 horse- power - ad val.	45 per cent.	65 per cent.
(b) Exceeding 150 horse-power—the rate of duty shall be the per- centage rate under sub-clause (a) reduced by 1 for each horse- power above 150 horse-power with minimum of - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.
(2) Variable speed commutator type with speed variation between maximum and minimum speeds having ratio at least two to one - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.
(3) Other (including exciters, if any, imported with and for use therewith)— (a) 2 horse-power up to 125 horse- power both inclusive ad val.	20 per cent.	40 per cent.
(b) Exceeding 125 horse-power ad val.	Free	15 per cent.
(b) Converters, motor or synchronous rotary— (1) Up to and including 10 k.w. - ad val.	45 per cent.	65 per cent.
(2) Exceeding 10 k.w. - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.
(C) Direct current machines— (1) Traction Motors - ad val.	45 per cent.	65 per cent.
(2) Motors for gearless lifts - ad val.	45 per cent.	65 per cent.
(3) Other— (a) Up to and including 20 k.w. ad val.	45 per cent.	65 per cent.
(b) Exceeding 20 k.w. - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.
(d) N.E.I. - ad val.	45 per cent.	65 per cent.
For the purposes of the foregoing para- graph (1) of sub-item (D), horse-power shall be determined as prescribed by Departmental By-law. In converting horse-power into kilowatts, one horse-power shall be taken as equal to 0.746 k.w.		

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179.— <i>continued.</i>		
(v)— <i>continued.</i>		
(2) Static Transformers n.e.i.—		
(a) At voltages below 66,000—		
(1) Up to and including 10,000 k.v.a. - ad val.	45 per cent.	65 per cent.
(2) Over 10,000 k.v.a.—the rate of duty shall be the percentage rate under clause (1) reduced by .009 for each k.v.a. above 10,000 k.v.a. with minimum of ad val.	Free	15 per cent.
(b) At a voltage of 66,000—		
(1) Up to and including 1,000 k.v.a. - ad val.	45 per cent.	65 per cent.
(2) Over 1,000 k.v.a.—the rate of duty shall be the percentage rate under clause (1) reduced by .09 for each k.v.a. above 1,000 k.v.a. with minimum of ad val.	Free	15 per cent.
(c) At voltages above 66,000 - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.
(d) Induction Coils for all purposes unless otherwise expressly provided for - ad val.	45 per cent.	65 per cent.
<p>For the purposes of the foregoing paragraph (2) of sub-item (v) k.v.a. shall mean the k.v.a. rating determined in accordance with the Australian Standard Specification for the Electrical performance of Transformers for Power and Lighting (1931).</p>		

Ordered to be considered' by sub-items.

Sub-item (B)—

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to sub-item (b) of Item 179 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of sub-item (b) of Item 179 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

Sub-item, as amended, agreed to.

Sub-item (c)- -

Mr. White moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to sub-item (c) of Item 179 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of sub-item (c) of Item 179 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question--put and passed.

Sub-item, as amended, agreed to.

Sub-item (D), paragraphs (1), (2)—

Mr. White moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to paragraph (1) of sub-item (v) of Item 179 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of paragraph (1) of sub-item (v) of Item 179 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. White moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to paragraph (2) of sub-item (v) of Item 179 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of paragraph (2) of sub-item (v) of Item 179 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

Paragraphs, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Item 180, sub-items (b), (c), sub-item (e), paragraphs (3), (5), (6), (17), (22), (23), (25), (26), sub-item (k); viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
180. Electrical and Gas Appliances, viz. :—		
(b) (1) Gas meters - - - - - ad val.	45 per cent.	65 per cent.
(2) Parts of Gas Meters—		
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.
(b) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	45 per cent.
(c) Electroliers ; Gasaliers ; Chandeliers ; Pendants ; Brackets ; Gas Cooking and Heating Appliances, including Gas Ranges - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	55 per cent.
(d) Wireless Receivers and Parts and Accessories, viz. :—		
(3) Chokes for Battery Eliminating Devices - each	10s.	15s.
(5) Condensers, Variable, of capacities exceeding .0001 microfarad, but not exceeding .001 microfarad— with gang or drum control—per each Condenser contained therein - - - - -	2s. 3d.	3s. 6d.
without gang or drum control - - - each	2s. 3d.	3s. 6d.
(6) Condensers, Variable, Midget, of .0001 microfarad capacity or less - - - - - each	1s. 2d.	1s. 6d.

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	British Preferential Tariff.	General Tariff.
180.— <i>continued.</i> (s)— <i>continued.</i> (17) Loudspeakers and Parts thereof excluding trans- formers :— (a) Loudspeakers excluding transformers each 10s. 12s. 6d. (b) Parts of loudspeakers imported other than in complete loudspeakers, viz. :— (1) Field coils - - - each 2s. 6d. 3s. (2) Field Coil Cores - - - each 1s. 1s. 6d. (3) Field Coil Housings - - - each 1s. 6d. 2s. (4) Cones with or without voice coils each 1s. 3d. 1s. 9d. (5) Cone Housings - - - each 2s. 2s. 6d. (6) N.E.I. - - - ad val. 35 per cent. 55 per cent. Provided however that in the case of combinations of any of the above-mentioned parts duty shall be payable on such com- binations as though the parts were imported separately (22) Transformers, Power - - - each 20s. 25s. (23) Combined Power Transformer and Choko - - - each 30s. 40s. Or as to all the goods covered by paragraphs (1) to (23) of sub-item (s) with the exception of the goods covered by clause (6) of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (17) the following rates if same return a higher duty, viz. :— - - ad val. 35 per cent. 55 per cent. (25) Wireless Receiving Sets wholly assembled, partly assembled, or unassembled, excluding cabinets, valves, loudspeakers, headphones, batteries or any device for eliminating batteries— Per valve socket excluding sockets for valves forming part of any battery eliminating device - or ad val. 20s. 30s. 35 per cent. 55 per cent. whichever rate returns the higher duty. Provided—(1) In the absence of valve sockets the sets shall be charged duty at the above rates on the basis of the number of valves for which they are constructed or designed. (2) In the instance of sets constructed or adapted for use with multiple purpose valves, the set shall be charged duty equal to that payable on a set having an equal number of unit stages using unit function valves. (26) Wireless Receiving Sets and Gramophones combined, excluding cabinets, valves, loudspeakers, head- phones, batteries or any device for eliminating batteries— Per valve socket excluding sockets for valves forming part of any battery eliminating device - or ad val. 25s. 35s. 50 per cent. 70 per cent. whichever rate returns the higher duty. Provided—(1) In the absence of valve sockets the combined sets shall be charged duty at the above rates on the basis of the number of valves for which they are constructed or designed. (2) In the instance of combined sets con- structed or adapted for use with multiple purpose valves, the combined set shall be charged duty equal to that payable on a combined set having an equal number of unit stages using unit function valves. (κ) Moulded Lamp-holders; Adapters; Wall Plugs; Plug Tops; Ceiling Roses - - - ad val. 35 per cent. 55 per cent.		

Mr. Holloway moved, That the sub-items be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Makin	Mr. Martens

Noes, 30.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bell	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nock
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Guy	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hill	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Latham	Mr. Thomas Collins
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Gardner

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. Guy (Assistant Minister) moved, That that portion of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on 8th March, 1933, relating to paragraphs (3), (5), (6), (17), (22), (23), (25) and (26) of sub-item (E) of Item 180 be incorporated in the present Proposals as on and from the 9th March, 1933, in lieu of paragraphs (3), (5), (6), (17), (22), (23), (25) and (26) of sub-item (E) of Item 180 of the Tariff Resolution introduced into the House of Representatives on the 13th October, 1932.

Question—put and passed.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

4. **WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 2)].**—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—

That the Schedule to the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the thirteenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, as proposed to be amended by the Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the eighth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, be further amended as hereunder set out, and that on and after the twenty-ninth day of April, 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, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the said Customs Tariff Proposals as so amended.

That, excepting by mutual agreement or until after six months' notice has been given to the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, nothing in this Resolution shall affect any goods the produce or manufacture of the Dominion of New Zealand entering the Commonwealth of Australia from the Dominion of New Zealand.

IMPORT DUTIES.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Latham not having concluded his speech (in reply) at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

Ordered—That the Right Honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.

Mr. Latham continued and concluded his speech.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes to six 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. Anstey, Mr. Baker, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blacklow, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lane, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Marr, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Price, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Thorby, and Mr. Ward.

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