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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 86.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1936.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—

Articles for Games.
Flexible Coupling Discs.
Portland Cement (Supplementary Report).
Rubber Thread and Elastics.

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

3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. G. W. Mahoney 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 appointments of junior clerks to the Commonwealth Bank by a competitive system and not by the present methods".

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. Mahoney moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Mahoney not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Martens
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Clark	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. Gander
Mr. Makin	Mr. George Lawson

Noes, 37.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nock
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hughes	Mr. White
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

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4. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 3 AND 4)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs Tariff Amendments of the 28th November, 1935 (pages 375-456) and of the 20th March, 1936 (pages 536-538)].

Item 105—

Debate resumed on the motion of Mr. Forde, That sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A) be postponed.

Question—That the sub-paragraphs be postponed—put.

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

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Martens
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gander
Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. George Lawson

Noes, 34.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McCall
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
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Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey
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Mr. Hughes	Mr. White
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson
Mr. McBride	

And so it was negatived.

Sub-paragraphs agreed to.

Remainder of Item, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
* * * * *			
By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“(1) Waterproofed Cloth n.e.i., prepared with rubber, oil, celluloid or nitro-cellulose - - - - - ad val.	25 per cent.	55 per cent.	55 per cent.
And in respect of paragraph (1)—			
For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—			
An additional duty of - - - - - ad val.	.4 per cent.	.4 per cent.	.4 per cent.”
* * * * *			

Mr. White (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That paragraph (1) of sub-item (H) be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 26th March, 1936			
(1) Waterproofed piece goods (including such piece goods containing silk or artificial silk) prepared with rubber, oil, celluloid or nitro-cellulose, but not including surgical dressings, surgical oil silk, or piece goods covered by Item 105 (H) (2) (a) - ad val.	25 per cent.	55 per cent.	55 per cent.
And in respect of paragraph (1)—			
For each £1 by which the equivalent in Australian currency of £100 sterling is less than £125 at the date of exportation—			
An additional duty of - - - - - ad val.	.4 per cent.	.4 per cent.	.4 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

Remainder of Item, as amended, agreed to.

Items 106, 110 and 114 agreed to.

Item 115 debated and agreed to.

Items 117 and 119 agreed to.

Item 120 debated—

Mr. Mulcahy moved, That the Item be postponed.

Debate continued.

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Question—put.

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

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Martens
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gander
Mr. G. W. Mahoney	Mr. George Lawson

Noes, 32.

Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Nock
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Perkins
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Price
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Holt	Mr. Street
Mr. Hughes	Mr. White
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

Items 123, 126, 130 and 131 agreed to.

Division VI.—Metals and Machinery—Explanatory Note—

On the motion of Mr. White, the deletion of the explanatory note to the heading of Division VI.—Metals and Machinery—was postponed until after the consideration of Prefatory Note (12) to the Schedule.

Item 136, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
136. By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (D) Plate and Sheet (plain) - - - - - ad val. and per ton * * * * *	15 per cent. .. *	15 per cent. 70s. *	27½ per cent. 70s. *

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That the Item be amended by inserting the following in sub-item (D) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 26th March, 1936 (D) Plate and Sheet (plain) - - - - - ad val. and per ton	5 per cent. ..	15 per cent. 70s.	27½ per cent. 70s.”

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Item agreed to.

Item 137—

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. Parkhill (Minister for Defence) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Beasley, Mr. Fiskien, Mr. Frost, Mr. Garden, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. E. F. Harrison, Mr. John Lawson, Mr. Lyons, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Earle Page, and Sir Frederick Stewart.

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