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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 142.

TUESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1936.

1. The House met, at three 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
Furs and other Skins and articles made thereof.
Oils, including Medicinal Oils (except Essential Oils) not compounded—in vessels not exceeding one gallon.
Perfumed Spirits.
Soap, n.e.i., Soap Substitutes and Compounded Detergents.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Earle Page (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
4. COLONIAL LIGHT DUES COLLECTION BILL (1936).—Mr. Thorby (Assistant Minister for Commerce), pursuant to leave given on the 24th November, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Colonial Light Dues Collection Act 1932-1934 ’ and for other purposes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Honorable Yoshiaki Hatta, Member of the House of Peers, Japan, was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—
GOWRIE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 124.*
Proposed Laws intituled :—
“ *Lands Acquisition Act 1936* ”
“ *Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1936* ”
as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.
Government House,
Canberra, 28th November, 1936.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—PETROLEUM OIL SEARCH BILL (No. 2) (1936).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—
GOWRIE,
Governor-General. *Message No. 125.*
In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum Oil Search Act 1936*.
Canberra, 23rd November, 1936.

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum Oil Search Act 1936*.
Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Thomas Paterson, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Thomas Paterson and Mr. Earle Page do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Thomas Paterson 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 6)].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff Amendment of the 22nd May, 1936 (pages 622–626)].
Item 291, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
291. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (2) Other— (a) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>) per 100 super. feet (Breton measurement) (b) N.E.I. ad val.	4s. 6d. 10 per cent.	4s. 6d. 30 per cent.	5s. 3d. 30 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (d) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (d) Spars in the rough— (1) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>) per 100 super. feet (Breton measurement) (2) Other ad val.	4s. 6d. 10 per cent.	4s. 6d. 30 per cent.	5s. 3d. 30 per cent.”

Debate resumed on the Item, and on the amendments moved thereto by Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties), viz. :—

That paragraph (2) of sub-item (c) be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 27th November, 1936 (2) Other— (a) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>); Hemlock (all species of <i>Tsuga</i>); Larch (all species of <i>Larix</i>); Spruce (all species of <i>Picea</i>) and White Fir (all species of <i>Abies</i>) per 100 super. feet (Breton measurement) (b) N.E.I. ad val.	4s. 10 per cent.	4s. 6d. 30 per cent.	4s. 6d. 30 per cent.”

That sub-item (d) be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 27th November, 1936 (d) Spars in the rough— (1) Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga Douglasii</i>); Hemlock (all species of <i>Tsuga</i>); Larch (all species of <i>Larix</i>); Spruce (all species of <i>Picea</i>) and White Fir (all species of <i>Abies</i>) per 100 super. feet (Breton measurement) (2) Other ad val.	4s. 10 per cent.	4s. 6d. 30 per cent.	4s. 6d. 30 per cent.”

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Mr. Price moved, as an amendment to the proposed amendments, That the word "Brereton" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word "Hoppus" in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Question:—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendments—put.

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

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Barnard	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. Martens
Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Clark	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Curtin	Sir Archdale Parkhill
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Frost	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Street
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thorby
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. E. F. Harrison	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 21.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. McCall
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. Nock
Mr. Garden	Mr. Price
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. James	Mr. Ward
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gander
Mr. Makin	Mr. D. O. Watkins
Sir Charles Marr	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendments agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item 359, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
359. By omitting the whole of paragraph (4) (twice occurring) of sub-item (n) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(4) Chassis, including lamps but not including Rubber Tyres and Tubes, Storage Batteries, Shock Absorbers (excepting Steering Dampers), Bumper Bars, Sparking Plugs and Springs— (a) Unassembled, viz. :—Car, and Car type capable of use for commercial vehicles per lb. (b) Unassembled, viz. :—Truck Omnibus or other commercial vehicle - per lb. (c) Assembled - - - - - per lb. and in respect of sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c)— An additional duty of - - - per lb. Provided that for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) the classification shall be as determined by the Minister and the Minister's decision shall be final.”	Free Free 1½d. .7d.	5d. 4¼d. 6½d. .7d.	5½d. 4¾d. 7d. .7d.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gregory moved, That sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (4) be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“(a) Unassembled, viz. :—Car, and Car type capable of use for commercial vehicles - - - ad val.	Free	32½ per cent.	32½ per cent.”

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Hutchinson moved, That in respect of sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph (4)—an additional duty of—per lb. .7d. (British Preferential Tariff); .7d. (Intermediate Tariff); .7d. (General Tariff); be postponed.

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Debate continued.

Question--That the motion be agreed to--put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Thomas Collins, in the Chair)--

Ayes, 7.

Mr. A. G. Cameron
Mr. Gregory
Mr. E. J. Harrison
Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Prowse

Tellers:

Mr. Nairn
Mr. Nock

Noes, 43.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Makin
Mr. Barnard	Sir Charles Marr
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McCall
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Archdale Parkhill
Mr. Frost	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gander	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Garden	Mr. Price
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Rosevear
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Street
Mr. Holt	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. James	
Mr. Jennings	
Mr. Lane	
Mr. Lazzarini	

Tellers:

Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

Item agreed to.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight--

WEDNESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1936.

Postponed Item 105, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
105. By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :—			
“(a) Cotton piece goods and piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates (excepting piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA), (D) (1) and (F)), n.e.i.—			
(1) Unbleached, not being printed dyed or coloured - per square yard or ad val.	½d. 5 per cent.	2½d. ..	2¾d. ..
whichever rate returns the lower duty.			
(2) Bleached, not being printed dyed or coloured - per square yard or ad val.	½d. 5 per cent.	2¾d. ..	3d. ..
whichever rate returns the lower duty.			
(3) Printed, dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val.	½d. 5 per cent.	3¼d. ..	3½d. ..
whichever rate returns the lower duty.”			
By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :—			
“(c) Cotton Piece Goods and piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates (excepting piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA), (D) (1) and (F)), viz. :—Drills Dungarees and Jeans, weighing 6 ounces or less per square yard or weighing 18 ounces or more per square yard—			
(1) Unbleached, not being printed dyed or coloured - per square yard or ad val.	½d. 5 per cent.	2½d. ..	2¾d. ..
whichever rate returns the lower duty.			
(2) Bleached, not being printed dyed or coloured - per square yard or ad val.	½d. 5 per cent.	2¾d. ..	3d. ..
whichever rate returns the lower duty.			
(3) Printed, dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val.	½d. 5 per cent.	3¼d. ..	3½d. ..
whichever rate returns the lower duty.”			

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	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
105. <i>-continued.</i>			
By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-paragraph :—			
“(d) Cotton Piece Goods and piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates, of a type which would otherwise be classifiable under sub-item (A) (1) (b), as prescribed by Departmental By-laws, viz. :— for use in the manufacture of shirts; for use as pocketings in the manufacture of outer clothing; undyed, whether bleached or unbleached, for use in the manufacture of leathercloth rubbercloth and other waterproofed cloth; undyed sheetings, whether bleached or unbleached, for use in the undyed state; for use in the manufacture of other goods not specified in sub-item (A) (1) (b)—			
(1) Unbleached, not being printed dyed or coloured - per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.	½d. 5 per cent.	2½d. ..	2¾d. ..
(2) Bleached, not being printed dyed or coloured - per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.	½d.½ 5 per cent.	2¾d. ..	3d. ..
(3) Printed, dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.”	½d. 5 per cent.	3¼d. ..	3½d. ..
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(B) Cotton Piece Goods and piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates (excepting piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA), (D) (1) and (F)), defined for cutting up for the manufacture of hemmed or hemstitched handkerchiefs, serviettes, tablecloths, or window blinds, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws—			
(1) Unbleached, not being printed dyed or coloured - per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.	½d. 5 per cent.	2½d. ..	2¾d. ..
(2) Bleached, not being printed dyed or coloured - per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.	½d. 5 per cent.	2¾d. ..	3d. ..
(3) Printed, dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.”	½d. 5 per cent.	3¼d. ..	3½d. ..
By omitting the whole of sub-item (C) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(C) Piece goods, n.e.i., including cotton piece goods and piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates but not including piece goods wholly of silk or in which silk predominates or piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA), (D) (1) and (F), suitable for human apparel, or to be worn in connexion with the human body, having on one or both sides a teased, treated, combed, fluffed, or raised nap or surface in imitation of or resembling flannel in feel or appearance—			
(1) Unbleached, not being printed dyed or coloured - per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.	½d. 5 per cent.	2½d. ..	2¾d. ..
(2) Bleached, not being printed dyed or coloured - per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.	½d. 5 per cent.	2¾d. ..	3d. ..
(3) Printed, dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty.”	½d. 5 per cent.	3¼d. ..	3½d. ..
By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(D) (1) Artificial silk, or containing artificial silk or having artificial silk worked thereon, except piece goods enumerated in sub-items (A) (1) (b), (A) (3), (AA) and (F)—			
(a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws in respect only of goods entered for home consumption on or before 30th November, 1936 per square yard	½d.	3d.	3d.
(b) Other - per square yard	1½d.	8d.	9d.
(2) Silk, or containing silk or having silk worked thereon, except piece goods enumerated in sub-items (A) (1), (A) (3), (AA), (B), (C), (D) (1), (F), and Item 130 (B) (1) - ad val.	10 per cent.	30 per cent.	30 per cent.”

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	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
105.— <i>continued.</i> By adding a new sub-item (m) as follows :— “(m) Linen piece goods, viz. :— (1) Defined for cutting up for the manufacture of hemmed or hemstitched handkerchiefs, serviettes, tablecloths, or window blinds, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws ad val. 5 per cent. 25 per cent. 25 per cent. (2) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val. 5 per cent. 25 per cent. 25 per cent.”			
By adding a new sub-item (n) as follows :— “(n) Piece Goods n.e.i. - - - - - ad val. 5 per cent. 25 per cent. 25 per cent.”			

On the motion of Sir Henry Gullett, the following amendments were made, after debate :—

To sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A), add the following :—

“And in respect of sub-paragraph (a)—

on and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation—such rates under the columns headed British Preferential Tariff, Intermediate Tariff and General Tariff, as are specified in the Proclamation :

Provided that—

- (i) the rates so specified under the columns headed British Preferential Tariff, Intermediate Tariff and General Tariff, shall not be higher than the rates respectively specified under those columns in sub-paragraph (a) ; and
- (ii) the rates so specified shall cease to have effect as from 9 o'clock in the forenoon (reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government) on the day following the date of introduction into the House of Representatives of a Tariff Proposal for the imposition of duties of Customs upon goods covered by sub-paragraph (a) or upon the expiration of fifteen sitting days from the date of the first meeting of the House of Representatives in the year 1937, whichever first happens ”.

To sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A), add the following :—

“And in respect of sub-paragraph (c)—

on and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation—such rates under the columns headed British Preferential Tariff, Intermediate Tariff and General Tariff, as are specified in the Proclamation :

Provided that—

- (i) the rates so specified under the columns headed British Preferential Tariff, Intermediate Tariff and General Tariff, shall not be higher than the rates respectively specified under those columns in sub-paragraph (c) ; and
- (ii) the rates so specified shall cease to have effect as from 9 o'clock in the forenoon (reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government) on the day following the date of introduction into the House of Representatives of a Tariff Proposal for the imposition of duties of Customs upon goods covered by sub-paragraph (c) or upon the expiration of fifteen sitting days from the date of the first meeting of the House of Representatives in the year 1937, whichever first happens ”.

To sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A), add the following :—

“And in respect of sub-paragraph (d)—

on and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation—such rates under the columns headed British Preferential Tariff, Intermediate Tariff and General Tariff, as are specified in the Proclamation :

Provided that—

- (i) the rates so specified under the columns headed British Preferential Tariff, Intermediate Tariff and General Tariff, shall not be higher than the rates respectively specified under those columns in sub-paragraph (d) ; and
- (ii) the rates so specified shall cease to have effect as from 9 o'clock in the forenoon (reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government) on the day following the date of introduction into the House of Representatives of a Tariff Proposal for the imposition of duties of Customs upon goods covered by sub-paragraph (d) or upon the expiration of fifteen sitting days from the date of the first meeting of the House of Representatives in the year 1937, whichever first happens ”.

To sub-item (B), add the following :—

“And in respect of sub-item (B)—

on and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation—such rates under the columns headed British Preferential Tariff, Intermediate Tariff and General Tariff, as are specified in the Proclamation :

Provided that—

- (i) the rates so specified under the columns headed British Preferential Tariff, Intermediate Tariff and General Tariff, shall not be higher than the rates respectively specified under those columns in sub-item (B) ; and
- (ii) the rates so specified shall cease to have effect as from 9 o'clock in the forenoon (reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government) on the day following the date of introduction into the House of Representatives of a Tariff Proposal for the imposition of duties of Customs

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upon goods covered by sub-item (B) or upon the expiration of fifteen sitting days from the date of the first meeting of the House of Representatives in the year 1937, whichever first happens ”.

To sub-item (c), add the following :—

“ And in respect of sub-item (c) —

on and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation—such rates under the columns headed British Preferential Tariff, Intermediate Tariff and General Tariff, as are specified in the Proclamation :

Provided that—

- (i) the rates so specified under the columns headed British Preferential Tariff, Intermediate Tariff and General Tariff, shall not be higher than the rates respectively specified under those columns in sub-item (c) ; and
- (ii) the rates so specified shall cease to have effect as from 9 o'clock in the forenoon (reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government) on the day following the date of introduction into the House of Representatives of a Tariff Proposal for the imposition of duties of Customs upon goods covered by sub-item (c) or upon the expiration of fifteen sitting days from the date of the first meeting of the House of Representatives in the year 1937, whichever first happens ”.

To paragraph (1) of sub-item (D), add the following :—

“ And in respect of paragraph (1)—

on and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation—such rates under the columns headed British Preferential Tariff, Intermediate Tariff and General Tariff, as are specified in the Proclamation :

Provided that—

- (i) the rates so specified under the columns headed British Preferential Tariff, Intermediate Tariff and General Tariff, shall not be higher than the rates respectively specified under those columns in paragraph (1) ; and
- (ii) the rates so specified shall cease to have effect as from 9 o'clock in the forenoon (reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government) on the day following the date of introduction into the House of Representatives of a Tariff Proposal for the imposition of duties of Customs upon goods covered by paragraph (1) or upon the expiration of fifteen sitting days from the date of the first meeting of the House of Representatives in the year 1937, whichever first happens ”.

To sub-item (N), add the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 2nd December, 1936 (N) Piece Goods, viz. :— (1) Lampwicking ; Candlewicking ; Cotton piece goods in widths not exceeding one inch, viz., Tapes, Mattress binding, Lacing and webbing of the type used for bonnets and radiators of motor vehicles - ad val. (2) N.E.I. - - - - ad val.	5 per cent. 5 per cent.	25 per cent. 25 per cent.	25 per cent. 25 per cent.”

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed Item 120, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
120. By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (D) Tablecloths handkerchiefs and serviettes imported in an unhemmed, unpressed and unboxed condition, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws— (1) Cotton ; made from piece goods containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates (excepting piece goods enumerated in Items 105 (AA), (D) (1) and (E))— (a) Unbleached, not being printed dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty. (b) Bleached, not being printed dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty. (c) Printed, dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty. (2) Linen - - - - ad val.	$\frac{1}{2}$ d. 5 per cent. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 5 per cent. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 5 per cent. 5 per cent.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. .. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. .. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. .. 25 per cent.	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. .. 3d. .. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. .. 25 per cent.”

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On the motion of Sir Henry Gullett, the following amendment was made :—
To paragraph (1) of sub-item (D), add the following :—

“ And in respect of paragraph (1)—

on and after a date to be fixed by proclamation—such rates under the columns headed British Preferential Tariff, Intermediate Tariff and General Tariff, as are specified in the Proclamation :

Provided that—

- (i) the rates so specified under the columns headed British Preferential Tariff, Intermediate Tariff and General Tariff, shall not be higher than the rates respectively specified under those columns in paragraph (1) ; and
- (ii) the rates so specified shall cease to have effect as from 9 o'clock in the forenoon (reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government) on the day following the date of introduction into the House of Representatives of a Tariff Proposal for the imposition of duties of Customs upon goods covered by paragraph (1) or upon the expiration of fifteen sitting days from the date of the first meeting of the House of Representatives in the year 1937, whichever first happens ”.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed Item 130, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
130. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (B) Not waterproofed by treatment with any substance— (1) Cotton ; containing a mixture of fibres in which cotton predominates (excepting piece goods covered by Items 105 (A) (1) (b), (AA), (D) (1) and (X))— (a) Unbleached, not being printed dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty. (b) Bleached, not being printed dyed or coloured . per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty. (c) Printed, dyed or coloured per square yard or ad val. whichever rate returns the lower duty. (2) Other - - - - - ad val.	$\frac{1}{2}$ d. 5 per cent.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. ..	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. ..
	$\frac{1}{3}$ d. 5 per cent.	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. ..	3d. ..
	$\frac{1}{2}$ d. 5 per cent.	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. ..	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. ..
	5 per cent.	25 per cent.	25 per cent.”

On the motion of Sir Henry Gullett, the following amendment was made :—
To paragraph (1) of sub-item (B), add the following :—

“ And in respect of paragraph (1)—

on and after a date to be fixed by Proclamation—such rates under the columns headed British Preferential Tariff, Intermediate Tariff and General Tariff, as are specified in the Proclamation :

Provided that—

- (i) the rates so specified under the columns headed British Preferential Tariff, Intermediate Tariff and General Tariff, shall not be higher than the rates respectively specified under those columns in paragraph (1) ; and
- (ii) the rates so specified shall cease to have effect as from 9 o'clock in the forenoon (reckoned according to standard time in the Territory for the Seat of Government) on the day following the date of introduction into the House of Representatives of a Tariff Proposal for the imposition of duties of Customs upon goods covered by paragraph (1) or upon the expiration of fifteen sitting days from the date of the first meeting of the House of Representatives in the year 1937, whichever first happens ”.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Preliminary matter agreed to.

Resolution 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. Sir Henry Gullett moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Sir Henry Gullett, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Henry Gullett and Mr. Menzies do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

1st and 2nd December, 1936.

9. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 2) (1936).—Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Sir Henry Gullett moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Henry Gullett, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

10. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT (No. 6)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Amendment of the 22nd May, 1936 (page 626)].

The motion previously moved by *Mr. White* (Minister for Trade and Customs) was agreed to. Resolution 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. Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties) moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Sir Henry Gullett, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Henry Gullett and Mr. Menzies do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

11. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) BILL (No. 2) (1936).—Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1934', as amended by the 'Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1936'*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Sir Henry Gullett moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Henry Gullett, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

12. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (CANADIAN PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 4)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff (Canadian Preference) Amendment of the 22nd May, 1936 (pages 626-7).]

The motion previously moved by *Mr. White* (Minister for Trade and Customs) was further considered. 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.

13. CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 7).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Resolution from the Committee of Ways and Means—

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties,) was adopted by the House.

Sir Henry Gullett moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That Sir Henry Gullett and Sir Archdale Parkhill do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

1st and 2nd December, 1936.

14. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 3) (1936).—Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Sir Henry Gullett moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 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.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Henry Gullett, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

15. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) AMENDMENT (No. 7)].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolution for Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Amendment of the 29th October, 1936 (page 712).]

The motion previously moved by Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties) was agreed to.

Resolution 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.

Sir Henry Gullett moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Sir Henry Gullett, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Henry Gullett and Mr. Thomas Paterson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

16. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXCHANGE ADJUSTMENT) BILL (No. 3) (1936).—Sir Henry Gullett (Minister directing negotiations for Trade Treaties) then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1933-1934', as amended by the 'Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act 1936' and by the 'Customs Tariff (Exchange Adjustment) Act (No. 2) 1936'*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Sir Henry Gullett moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.

The House resumed ; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Henry Gullett, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes past one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Baker, Mr. Fiskin, Mr. Forde, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lyons, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McBride, and Mr. Stacey:

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.