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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 30.

THURSDAY, 11TH MAY, 1950.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Notice of variation of plan of lay-out of City of Canberra and its environs, dated 4th May, 1950.
3. COMMUNIST PARTY DISSOLUTION BILL 1950.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. E. James Harrison moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 8 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 9, Government Business.
5. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1), AND CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1).—The Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Ways and Means—  
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. McBride (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

## CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 1).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1949, be amended as hereinafter set out, and that, on and after the twelfth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1949 as so amended.

2. That, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1.) of these Proposals, the Governor-General may, from time to time by Proclamation declare that, from a time and date specified in the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of any British or foreign country specified in the Proclamation.

3. That on and after the time and date specified in a Proclamation issued in accordance with the last preceding paragraph, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of a British or foreign country specified in that Proclamation.

4. That any Proclamation issued in accordance with paragraph (2.) of these Proposals may, from time to time, be revoked or varied by a further Proclamation, and upon the revocation or variation of the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall cease to apply

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to the goods specified in the Proclamation so revoked, or, as the case may be, the application of the Intermediate Tariff to the goods specified in the Proclamation so varied, shall be varied accordingly.

5. That in these Proposals, unless the contrary intention appears—

“Proclamation” means a Proclamation by the Governor-General, or the person for the time being administering the government of the Commonwealth, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* ;

“the Intermediate Tariff” means the rates of duty set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, in the column headed “Intermediate Tariff”, in respect of goods in relation to which the expression is used.

## IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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## DIVISION IV.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES.

78. By omitting the whole of paragraph (3) of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (3) Kernels n.e.i. - - - - - per lb.	4½d.	8d.	9d.”
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## DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.

143A. By omitting the whole item.			
161. By omitting the whole of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (A) Agricultural, horticultural and viticultural machinery and implements, n.e.i. ; cane loaders cane unloaders and cane harvesters ; channel-making graders ; garden and field rollers ; garden hose reels ; horse road rollers and machines ; lawn sweepers ; road scoops and scrapers ; scoops ; stump extractors ; fibre scutching machines ; milking machines ; potato raisers or diggers ; potato sorters ; root cutters pulpers and graters ; straw stackers ; sub-surface packers - - - - - ad val.	5 per cent.	27½ per cent.	27½ per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (D) as follows :— “ (D) Garden and field spraying machines not including spray pumps operated by hand or foot - ad val.	5 per cent.	25 per cent.	27½ per cent.”
176. By adding a new sub-item (T) as follows :— “ (T) Homogenising machines - - - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	50 per cent.	57½ per cent.”
185. By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (B) Screws for wood not elsewhere specified - ad val.	10 per cent.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.”
206. By adding a new sub-item (G) as follows :— “ (G) Lanterns, acetylene gas, of the type ordinarily used in lighthouse services as an aid to navigation - - - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	45 per cent.”
208. By adding a new sub-item (J) as follows :— “ (J) Metal hinges— (1) Wholly of brass, bronze, or gunmetal ad val. (2) Other - - - - - ad val.	27½ per cent. 27½ per cent.	50 per cent. 50 per cent.	50 per cent. 57½ per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (M) as follows :— “ (M) Tinned steel milk transport cans having a capacity of not less than 2 gallons but not exceeding a capacity of 15 gallons - - - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	35 per cent.	57½ per cent.”

## DIVISION VIII.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND STONE.

262. By omitting the whole of sub-item (C) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (C) Slabs, scantlings, or blocks, sawn on one or two faces, n.e.i.— (1) Marble - - - - - ad val. (2) Other than marble - - - - - ad val.	17½ per cent. 17½ per cent.	25 per cent. 30 per cent.	30 per cent. 30 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (D) Slabs, scantlings, or blocks, sawn on one or more faces and one or more edges or ends— (1) Marble - - - - - ad val. (2) Other than marble - - - - - ad val.	20 per cent. 20 per cent.	27½ per cent. 35 per cent.	35 per cent. 35 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (F) Dust and chips— (1) Marble - - - - - ad val. (2) Other than marble - - - - - ad val.	10 per cent. 10 per cent.	17½ per cent. 22½ per cent.	22½ per cent. 22½ per cent.”

## DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

281. By omitting the whole of paragraph (4) of sub-item (A) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “ (4) Arsenic trioxide - - - - - per ton	Free	£2	£3 ”
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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION XV.—MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

366. By adding a new sub-item (c) as follows :— “(c) Accordions but not including piano accordions ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	17½ per cent.”
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DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

429. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “429. Tanning materials, viz. :— (A) Wattle bark extract - - - - - ad val. (B) Valonia, raw and extracts thereof - - - - -	10 per cent. Free	10 per cent. Free	22½ per cent. Free ”
447. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :— “447. Ferrous alloys not processed beyond the ingot stage, viz. :— (A) Ferro-manganese - - - - - ad val. (B) Ferro-chromium ; ferro-silicon ; ferro-silico-manganese ; ferro-molybdenum (C) N.E.I. - - - - -	Free Free Free	12½ per cent. Free Free	12½ per cent. Free Free ”
450. By adding a new item as follows :— “450. Corundum and emery, natural, being abrasive media, viz. :— Crude, unground ; powdered or granulated, in packages containing 5 lb. or over - - - - -	Free	Free	Free ”

CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) AMENDMENT (No. 1).

That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1949* be amended as hereinafter set out and that, on and after the twelfth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and fifty, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in accordance with the *Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1949* as so amended.

Consecutive No.	Tariff Item.	Tariff Rates on Goods the Produce or Manufacture of New Zealand.
By inserting, after the particulars specified opposite Consecutive No. 79, the following :—		
“ 79A	208 (M). Tinned steel milk transport cans having a capacity of not less than 2 gallons but not exceeding a capacity of 15 gallons - - - - -	20 per cent. ad val.”

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.  
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. COMMUNIST PARTY DISSOLUTION BILL 1950.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—  
Debate resumed.  
*Member named.*—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Hindmarsh (Mr. C. R. Cameron) for refusing to withdraw an unparliamentary expression.  
Mr. Cameron having withdrawn the remark and having apologized to the Chair, the matter was not further proceeded with.  
Debate continued.

*Distinguished Visitor.*—Mr. Speaker informed the House that His Excellency the Right Honorable Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General for the United Kingdom in South-east Asia, 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.

Debate continued.  
Mr. Daly moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Beale (Minister for Supply) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

*Closure.*—Mr. Beale moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Bostock, Mr. T. P. Burke, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Corser, Mr. Davies, Mr. Davis, Mr. Drury, Mr. Eric J. Harrison, Mr. James\*, Mr. Kent Hughes, Mr. Keon, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Opperman, Mr. Spender, Mr. Treloar and Mr. T. W. White.

\* On leave.

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F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*