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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 149.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH MAY, 1931.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—  
ISAAC A. ISAACS,  
*Governor-General.* *Message No. 70.*  
A Proposed Law intituled “ *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1931,*” 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 Law.  
Government House,  
Canberra, 21st May, 1931.
3. THE LATE MR. J. E. WEST.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Miss West, daughter of the late Mr. West, a letter thanking the House for its Resolution of sympathy.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
North Australia—Report on Administration for year ended 30th June, 1930.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.  
Aircraft *Southern Cloud*—Report by the Air Accidents Investigation Committee on the loss of the Aircraft *Southern Cloud*.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, Nos. 52, 56.  
Northern Australia Act—  
Central Australia—Public Service Ordinance—Regulations Amended.  
North Australia—  
Ordinance of 1931—No. 7—Education.  
Public Service Ordinance—Regulations Amended.  
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 54.  
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1931—No. 9—Canberra Social Service Association (Winding-up).

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5. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 9) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 9)].—  
The House, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

[See proposed Resolutions for Customs and Excise Tariff Amendment of the 26th March, 1931 (pages 508-569).]

Item numbered 105, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
By omitting the whole of sub-item (AA) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(AA) Piece Goods, Knitted or Lock-stitched, in tubular form or otherwise, of any material except when wholly of wool—			
(1) For the manufacture of goods other than apparel, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.
ad val.	2s. 6d.	3s.	4s.
(2) Other - - - - - per lb.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.”
and ad val.			
By omitting the whole of sub-item (B) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(B) Cotton and Linen Piece Goods defined for cutting up for the manufacture of hemmed or hem-stitched Handkerchiefs, Serviettes, Tablecloths, or Window Blinds, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - ad val.	5 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (C) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(C) Piece Goods, n.e.i., other than of wool or silk, 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	5 per cent.	15 per cent.	25 per cent.”
ad val.			
By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) (three times occurring) 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 (AA) and (F) - ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
(2) Silk, or containing silk or having silk worked thereon, except piece goods enumerated in sub-items (AA), (D) (1) and (F) - - - - - ad val.	10 per cent.	22½ per cent.	30 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :—			
“(2) Lace for Attire; Lace Flouncings; Millinery and Dress Nets; Veilings; Embroideries in the piece; Tucked Linens or Cottons - - - - - ad val.	15 per cent.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(F) (1) Piece Goods, woollen, or containing wool, ordinarily used in the manufacture of outer clothing for human wear and weighing more than three ounces per square yard - - - - - per square yard	2s.	2s. 6d.	3s.
and ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.
(2) Piece Goods, woollen, or containing wool, n.e.i. ad val.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent.
(3) Piece Goods, woollen, or containing wool, n.e.i., of a class or kind not produced in Australia, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - ad val.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.
(4) Piece Goods, felt, of wool or containing wool—			
(a) Slipper Upper Felt - - - - - per square yard	6d.	9d.	1s.
and ad val.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
(b) N.E.I. - - - - - per square yard	9d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 6d.
and ad val.	20 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
(5) Piece Goods, felt, composed of hair; Piece Goods, felt, n.e.i. - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (G) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(G) Hair Cloth and Cloth of Hair in combination with other fibres for interlining apparel - - - - - per square yard	1s. 3d.	2s.	2s. 6d.
and ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (H) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(H) Waterproofed Cloth prepared with rubber, oil, celluloid, or nitro-cellulose—			
(1) Woollen or containing Wool - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.
(2) Silk or Artificial Silk or containing Silk or Artificial Silk but not containing Wool - ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.
(3) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (J) as follows :—			
“(J) Leather Cloth, Leather Cloth Binding, and Oil Baize and fabrics similar to oil baize, prepared with rubber, oil, celluloid or nitro-cellulose; Bookbinders' Cloth prepared with nitro-cellulose - - - - - ad val.	35 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.”

Sub-item (AA) debated—

Mr. Beasley moved, That the sub-item be postponed.

Debate continued.

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

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

Ayes, 5.		Noes, 47.
Mr. Crouch		Mr. Lewis
Mr. Hawker		Mr. Long
Mr. James		Mr. Mackay
		Mr. Makin
<i>Tellers:</i>		Mr. Martens
Mr. Beasley		Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Ward		Mr. McNeill
		Mr. Parker Moloney
		Mr. Morgan
		Mr. Nairn
		Mr. Parkhill
		Mr. Thomas Paterson
		Mr. Price
		Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Edward Riley
		Mr. Riordan
		Mr. Rowe
		Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Tully
		Mr. White
		<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. E. C. Riley
		Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following to sub-item (AA) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 28th May, 1931			
(AA) Piece Goods, Knitted or Lock-stitched, in tubular form or otherwise, of any material except when wholly of wool—			
(1) For the manufacture of goods other than apparel, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.
(2) Other - per lb. or ad val.	2s. 6d. 30 per cent.	3s. 40 per cent.	4s. 50 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty ”			

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 33.
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Anstey
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Brennan
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Donald Cameron
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Chifley
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Coleman
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Bernard Corser
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Ward	Mr. Crouch
Mr. Hill	Mr. White	Mr. Culley
Mr. Hughes		Mr. Cunningham
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Curtin
Mr. Killen	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Forde
		Mr. Josiah Francis
		Mr. Frost
		Mr. Albert Green
		Mr. Holloway
		Mr. Jones
		Mr. Keane
		Mr. Lacey
		Mr. Lewis
		Mr. Long
		Mr. Mackay
		Mr. Makin
		Mr. Martens
		Mr. McNeill
		Mr. Parker Moloney
		Mr. Edward Riley
		Mr. Riordan
		Mr. Rowe
		Mr. Tully
		Mr. Watkins
		<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. E. C. Riley
		Mr. Yates

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the sub-item be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Long
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Makin
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Martens
Mr. Culley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Tully
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hunter	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Jones	Mr. Yates

Noes, 18.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White
Mr. Hill	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Killen	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Nairn

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sub-item (B) debated—

Question—That the sub-item be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Jones
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Keane
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Long
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Culley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Martens
Mr. Curtin	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tully
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gullett	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Yates

Noes, 14.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hill	Mr. White
Mr. James	
Mr. Killen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Ward

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sub-item (c)—

Question—That the sub-item be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Keane
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Long
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Makin
Mr. Culley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Tully
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. White
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Jones	Mr. Yates

Noes, 15.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hill	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Killen	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Parkhill	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Sub-item (D)—

Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following to sub-item (D) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 28th May, 1931			
(1) Artificial Silk, or containing artificial silk or having artificial silk worked thereon, except piece goods enumerated in clauses (b) and (c) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A) and in sub-items (AA) and (F) . . . . . ad val.	25 per cent.	30 per cent.	35 per cent.
(2) Silk, or containing silk or having silk worked thereon, except piece goods enumerated in clauses (b) and (c) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (A), in paragraph (1) of sub-item (D), and in sub-items (AA) and (F) . . . . . ad val.	10 per cent.	22½ per cent.	30 per cent.”

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 34.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Long
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Makin
Mr. Culley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Tully
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. White
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jones	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Keane	Mr. Yates

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hill	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Ward
Mr. James	
Mr. Killen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Nairn

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the sub-item, as amended, be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 34.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Martens
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Culley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Forde	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Tully
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. White
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Jones	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Hawker
Mr. Hill
Mr. Hunter
Mr. Killen

*Tellers:*

Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Ward

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sub-item (E), paragraph (2)—

Question—That the paragraph be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 11.	
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Lewis	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Long	Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Makin	Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Culley	Mr. Martens	Mr. James	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Killen	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Price		
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Edward Riley		
Mr. Forde	Mr. Riordan		
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Rowe		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tully		
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Gullett			
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Jones	Mr. E. C. Riley		
Mr. Keane	Mr. Yates		
Mr. Lacey			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sub-item (F)—

Mr. Josiah Francis moved, That the Item be further amended by adding the following to paragraph (1) :—

—	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 28th May, 1931 (1) Piece Goods, woollen, or containing wool, ordinarily used in the manufacture of outer clothing for human wear and weighing more than three ounces per square yard - per square yard and ad val.	1s. 30 per cent.	1s. 6d. 40 per cent.	2s. 45 per cent.”

Debate ensued.

*Point of Order.*—Mr. Nairn raised a Point of Order that the Minister for Trade and Customs, having quoted from a private letter, was required to state the name of the writer.

*Temporary Chairman's Ruling.*—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Yates) ruled that it was not necessary for a Minister to supply the name of the writer of a private letter which he had quoted in debate.

*Dissent from Temporary Chairman's Ruling.*—Mr. Nairn having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Temporary Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate on sub-item and proposed amendment continued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past ten 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. Bayley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Guy, Mr. Latham, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lyons, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Theodore.

F. C. GREEN,  
*Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.*