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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 152.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD JUNE, 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. OBJECTION TO DEPUTY-SPEAKER'S RULING—MOTION NOT MOVED.—The motion by Mr. Eldridge, viz. :—That the Ruling of the honorable the Deputy-Speaker—That an honorable Member cannot base a question on a newspaper report of alleged utterances by another honorable Member, the accuracy of which has been denied by that honorable Member—be disagreed with—was called on, and, not being moved, was withdrawn from the Notice Paper.
3. THE LATE PRINCESS ROYAL.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received the following letter from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

Government House,
Canberra, 2nd June, 1931.

My dear Mr. Speaker,

With reference to the Address of Condolence to His Majesty the King in the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, forwarded to me with your communication of the 11th March, I have been informed by the Private Secretary to the King that the Address was submitted to His Majesty, who received it with deep appreciation, and has commanded that an expression of His sincere thanks may be conveyed to you and to the Members of the House of Representatives.

Yours sincerely,
ISAAC A. ISAACS.

4. 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.
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By omitting the whole of sub-item (n) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(n) 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.”

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Sub-item (u)—

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Gabb
Mr. James
Mr. Killen
Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Ward

Tellers:

Mr. Hawker
Mr. Thompson

Noes, 44.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jones
Mr. Bell	Mr. Keane
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Long
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Makin
Mr. Chifley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Martens
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Price
Mr. Forde	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Frost	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Tully
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Guy	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Hill	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

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

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

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Long
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Coleman	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Martens
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Price
Mr. Forde	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Frost	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Tully
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. White
Mr. Guy	Mr. Yates

Tellers:

Mr. Jones
Mr. Keane
Mr. Lacey
Mr. Lewis
Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Watkins

Noes, 19.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Killen	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Marks	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sub-item (v) debated—

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
(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	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	35 per cent."

Debate continued.

Member named.—The Chairman named the honorable Member for Angas (Mr. Gabb) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Forde (Minister for Trade and Customs) having addressed the Committee, and Mr. Gabb having expressed his regret, the matter was not further proceeded with.

Debate continued.

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Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Long
Mr. Bell	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Chifley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Martens
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Crouch	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Cusack	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Ward	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Hawker		Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Hill		Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Killen	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jones	
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Lacey	Mr. Guy
		Mr. Lewis	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

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

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

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Makin	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Bell	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Martens	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Rowe	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates	Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Jones		Mr. Hill	
Mr. Keane		Mr. Killen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lacey	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Lewis	Mr. Guy	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Long	Mr. E. C. Riley		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Item numbered 106, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
106. By omitting the whole item and inserting in its stead the following item :—			
“ 106. (A) Cotton Featherstitch Braids; Piping; Tinsel Cloth; Tinsel Belting, having warp or weft composed wholly of tinsel or of continuous threads of tinsel and an alternate thread of textile; Tinsel Thread - - - - - ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.
(B) Trimmings and Ornaments, n.e.i. for Hats Shoes and other attire, not being partly or wholly of gold or silver; Braids n.e.i.; Fringes n.e.i.; Frillings; Ruffings; Pleatings; Ruchings; Galoons n.e.i.; Ribbons n.e.i.; Tinselled Belting n.e.i.; Webbing n.e.i.; Belting for apparel not elsewhere specified and not being cut to lengths for belts - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
(C) Braids, Straw or Grass, for hat making—			
(1) Not bleached or dyed - - - - -	Free	Free	Free
(2) Bleached or dyed - - - - - ad val.	5 per cent.	5 per cent.	10 per cent.
(D) Badges, Emblems, and the like (other than those of woven or embroidered material)—			
(1) Partly or wholly of gold or silver - ad val.	50 per cent.	60 per cent.	65 per cent.
(2) Wholly of metal (not being partly or wholly of gold or silver) including metal enamelled - - - - - ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
(3) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
(E) Buckles Clasps and Slides for Hats Shoes and other attire—			
(1) Partly or wholly of gold or silver - ad val.	50 per cent.	60 per cent.	65 per cent.
(2) Wholly of metal not being partly or wholly of gold or silver - - - - - ad val.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent.
(3) Non-metallic, other than those made of glass, pearl or tinsel - - - - - ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
(4) N.E.I. - - - - - ad val.	Free	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
(F) Buttons, n.e.i.—			
(1) Partly or wholly of gold or silver - ad val.	50 per cent.	60 per cent.	65 per cent.
(2) Wholly of metal (not being partly or wholly of gold or silver) excepting trouser buttons - - - - - ad val.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.
(3) Non-metallic, other than those made of glass or tinsel - - - - - ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
(4) Other - - - - - ad val.	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent.

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Ordered—That the Item be divided.

Sub-items (A), (B) and (C) debated—

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

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

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Long
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Makin
Mr. Chifley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Martens
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Forde	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Frost	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Tully
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Guy	Mr. Yates
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Lewis	Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 14.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bell	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hill	Mr. Ward

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sub-item (D) debated and agreed to.

Sub-item (E)—

Mr. Forde moved, That the Item be amended by adding the following to paragraph (3):—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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(3) Non-metallic, other than those made of glass or tinsel, with or without metal fittings or metal fastening devices - ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Thomas Paterson moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by inserting after the word "glass" the word "pearl", and by omitting "30 per cent., 40 per cent., 50 per cent." and inserting in place thereof "20 per cent., 30 per cent., 40 per cent."

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment to the proposed amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Hill	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Killen	Mr. White
Mr. Mackay	
Mr. Maxwell	
Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Bell
Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Gardner

Noes, 28.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Long
Mr. Beasley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Price
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Yates
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Coleman
Mr. Lewis	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

Original amendment agreed to.

Sub-item, as amended, agreed to.

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Sub-item (F)—

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

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
" And on and after 4th June, 1931			
(F) Buttons, n.e.i., including blanks and those partly finished—			
(1) Partly or wholly of gold or silver - - - ad val.	50 per cent.	60 per cent.	65 per cent.
(2) Wholly of metal (not being partly or wholly of gold or silver) excepting trouser buttons - - - ad val.	40 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.
(3) Non-metallic, other than those made of glass or tinsel and those specified in paragraph (4) of this sub-item, with or without metal fittings or metal fastening devices; Cloth Covered - - - - - ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
(4) Trochus, Pearl, Imitation Pearl or other Animal Shell—			
(a) Up to 20 line - - - per line per gross and ad val.	$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	$\frac{3}{4}$ d.	1d.
(b) Exceeding 20 line - - - per line per gross and ad val.	$\frac{1}{4}$ d.	$\frac{3}{4}$ d.	1d.
(5) Other - - - - - ad val.	30 per cent.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.
	Free	5 per cent.	15 per cent."

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Sub-item, as amended, agreed to.

Item numbered 107 debated—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Yates reported accordingly.

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

5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
British Phosphate Commissioners—Reports and Accounts for years ended 30th June, 1929, and 30th June, 1930, respectively.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Northern Australia Act—North Australia—Ordinance of 1931—No. 6—Workmen's Compensation.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to 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. Culley, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Latham, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Scullin, and Mr. Theodore.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk-Assistant, House of Representatives.