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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 187.

THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Earle Page 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 necessity for securing at the earliest possible moment an Australian Government, controlling a majority in both Houses of the Federal Parliament, which will be able to handle with confidence, certainty and swiftness in concert with the National Government of Great Britain, the constantly changing emergencies of their common crisis".
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. Earle Page moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Member named.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Hunter (Mr. James) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.
Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) having addressed the House, and Mr. James having expressed his regret, the matter was not further proceeded with.
Debate continued.
Question—put and negatived.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Third Annual Report of the Wine Overseas Marketing Board, for the year ended 30th June, 1931, together with a statement by the Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
4. WAYS AND MEANS [CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 9, 10 AND 11) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENTS (NOS. 9 AND 10)].—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 Amendments of the 26th March, 1931 (pages 508-569), and of the 29th July, 1931 (pages 780-2).]
Postponed sub-item (c) of Item numbered 152, viz. :—

—	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p>By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— " (c) Wrought Iron and Malleable Cast Iron Fittings for Pipes, and Cast Iron Fittings for Pipes of less than 2 inches internal diameter— (1) Galvanized - - - - - per lb. 1s. (2) Other - - - - - per lb. 9d. or as to the goods covered by paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-item (c) - ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty."</p>	<p>1s. 9d. 35 per cent.</p>	<p>1s. 3d. 10d. 45 per cent.</p>	<p>1s. 6d. 1s. 50 per cent.</p>

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Debate resumed on the sub-item and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Thomas Paterson, viz. :—That the sub-item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 25th September, 1931 Fittings (Wrought Iron, Malleable Cast Iron and Cast Iron) for Pipes of less than 2 inches internal diameter ad val.	35 per cent.	45 per cent.	50 per cent.”

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Killen	
Mr. Latham	
Mr. Mackay	

Tellers:

Mr. Bayley
Mr. Gardner

Noes, 32.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Long
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Culley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Price
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Frost	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Tully
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. James	
Mr. Keane	
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lazzarini	

Tellers:

Mr. Coleman
Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

Sub-item agreed to.

Postponed sub-item (E) of Item numbered 136, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
By omitting the whole of sub-item (E) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (E) (1) Wire of No. 15 or finer gauge (Imperial Standard Wire Gauge) - - - - - ad val. (2) Wire, other - - - - - per ton	30 per cent. 52s.	45 per cent. 152s.	55 per cent. 172s.”

considered, by leave.

Debate resumed on the sub-item and on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Stewart, viz. :—That the sub-item be amended by adding the following :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
“ And on and after 25th September, 1931 (E) (1) Wire of No. 15 or finer gauge (Imperial Standard Wire Gauge) - - - - - ad val. (2) Wire, fencing, of gauges Nos. 8 to 14 (Imperial Standard Wire Gauge), both gauges inclusive, for use only as fencing wire without further manufacture, or for such manufacturing purposes as may be prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - - per ton	20 per cent. Free	35 per cent. 100s.	45 per cent. 120s.”

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Chifley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Crouch	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Culley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Hill	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Cusack	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Killen		Mr. Fenton	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Latham		Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Mackay	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Marks	Mr. Gardner	Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Keane	Mr. Coleman
		Mr. Lacey	Mr. E. C. Riley
		Mr. Long	

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, 28.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Long	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Makin	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Culley	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Rowe	Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Hill	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Theodore	Mr. Latham	
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Marks	Mr. Gardner
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Keane	Mr. Coleman		
Mr. Lacey	Mr. E. C. Riley		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Postponed Item numbered 176, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
176. By omitting the whole of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(c) Cylindrical Cement Driers and Coolers and similar cylindrical containers - - - ad val.	40 per cent.	50 per cent.	55 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (d) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(d) Cement-making Machines n.e.i.; Road-making Machines n.e.i.; Stone-crushing Machines; Aerial Ropeways exclusive of cable; Travelling and Portable Cranes, hand operated; Coal Conveyors and Ash-handling Plant exclusive of motive power equipment - - - ad val.	45 per cent.	55 per cent.	60 per cent.”
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By adding a new sub-item (ii) as follows :— “(ii) Metal Split Pulleys - - per inch of diameter or ad val.	9d. 45 per cent.	1s. 55 per cent.	1s. 3d. 60 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.”			
By adding a new sub-item (i) as follows :— “(i) (1) Pumps of the type used for vending petrol each or ad val.	£25 60 per cent.	£30 75 per cent.	£30 75 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.			
(2) Mechanical Pumping Units for pumps of the type used for vending petrol - each or ad val.	£25 60 per cent.	£30 75 per cent.	£30 75 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.”			
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considered, by leave.

Ordered, That the Item be divided.

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Sub-items (c) and (d)—

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

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

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Long
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Culley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gibbons	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Keane	
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Coleman
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 19.

Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Latham	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Mackay	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sub-item (r) postponed until after sub-items (n) and (i).

Sub-item (n) debated—

Mr. Bayley moved, That the sub-item be amended by adding the following:—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
—			
“ And on and after 25th September, 1931 (n) Metal Split Pulleys - - - per inch of diameter	4½d.	6d.	7½d.”

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Latham	
Mr. Morgan	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Gardner

Noes, 26.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Culley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gibbons	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Coleman
Mr. Long	Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was negatived.

Sub-item agreed to.

Sub-item (i) debated—

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

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

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Culley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Frost	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gibbons	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Coleman
Mr. Long	Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 14.

Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Latham	
Mr. Morgan	Mr. Bayley
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Gardner

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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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.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Josiah Francis*, Mr. Jones, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. Nelson.

* On leave.

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