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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 188.

FRIDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. 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 Item numbered 176, viz. :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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By omitting the whole of sub-item (F) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—			
“(F) (1) Machines and Machinery, n.e.i. - ad val.	55 per cent.	65 per cent.	75 per cent.
(2) Refrigerators and Refrigerator Parts, viz. :—			
(a) Cabinets imported with or without Refrigerating Units—			
(1) Up to and including 10 cubic feet gross internal capacity	£10	£11	£12
each			
or ad val.	60 per cent.	70 per cent.	75 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.			
(2) Other - - - - - each	£22 10s.	£24	£25
or ad val.	60 per cent.	70 per cent.	75 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.			
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(g) Automatic Controlling Devices - each	£2 10s.	£2 15s.	£3
or ad val.	60 per cent.	70 per cent.	75 per cent.
whichever rate returns the higher duty.			
The term “ British Thermal Unit capacity per hour ” mentioned in this item shall be as defined by Departmental By-law.”			
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By adding a new sub-item (J) as follows :—			
“(J) Parts imported in an unassembled condition of any of the following refrigerator parts, viz. :—			
Compressors, Condensers (air or water cooled),			
Expansion Coils, Automatic Controlling Devices,			
Evaporators, Chilling Units - - - - - ad val.	60 per cent.	70 per cent.	75 per cent.”

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Sub-item (F), paragraph (1), postponed.

Sub-item (F), paragraph (2), debated—

Mr. Gullett moved, That the sub-item be amended by adding the following to paragraph (2) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“ And on and after 26th September, 1931 (F) (2) Refrigerators, up to and including 7,500 British Thermal Unit capacity per hour and parts of such Refrigerators, imported separately or otherwise, including Cabinets but excluding Electric Motors - ad val.</p>	55 per cent.	60 per cent.	65 per cent.”

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 22.

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

Noes, 30.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Long
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Makin
Mr. Chifley	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Martens
Mr. Bernard Corser	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. Watkins
Mr. Gibbons	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Keane	Mr. Tully

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Hughes moved, That the sub-item be amended by adding the following new paragraph (2A) :—

	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
<p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“ And on and after 26th September, 1931 (2A) Non-mechanical absorption type Refrigerators up to and including 7,500 British Thermal Unit capacity per hour and parts of such Refrigerators imported separately or otherwise, including Cabinets - ad val.</p>	55 per cent.	60 per cent.	65 per cent.”

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 24.

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

Noes, 28.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Long
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Coleman	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. Watkins
Mr. Gibbons	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Keane	Mr. Tully

And so it was negatived.

Paragraph (2) agreed to.

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Sub-item (j) agreed to.

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.

4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 117.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Beasley, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Josiah Francis*, Mr. Guy, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Marr, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Ward, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

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