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consent of the delegations. And if what Mr. Bennett called the principle of preferences, including a duty on foodstuffs, especially wheat, was not referred to the Economic Committee, I will go so far as to say that it was not at the dictation of His Majesty's Government that it was not so referred; it was because it was impossible to get the unanimous assent of the delegations to its being so referred. . . . In the result Mr. Bennett is able to say that they were not discussed, and, I think, seriously discussed, in the meetings of the heads of delegations. . . . Your Lordships will find in the press reports day by day a good deal of evidence that it was discussed at the meetings of heads of delegations. And I myself was present day after day when these things were discussed. But it is quite true they were only discussed as a sort of Second Reading discussion because, as Mr. Bennett has said in his speech at the second plenary meeting, he wanted the

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