

Customs Tariff

Delaware and that they do not have to incorporate in the state in which they operate.

Progress reported.

Mr. Speaker: The hour for private and public bills having expired, the house will revert to the business which was interrupted at five o'clock.

WAYS AND MEANS

The house in committee of ways and means, Mr. Rea in the chair.

At six o'clock the committee took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The committee resumed at eight o'clock.

CUSTOMS TARIFF

Customs Tariff—384. Skelp, plate, sheet or strip of iron or steel, hot- or cold-rolled, when imported by manufacturers of pipes or tubes, for use in the manufacture of pipes or tubes: British preferential tariff, free; most-favoured-nation tariff, 7½ per cent; general tariff, 15 per cent.

Mr. McMillan: Mr. Chairman, at five o'clock I asked the minister if he would agree to considering item 384 together with items 397 and 399 because I think it is impossible to discuss item 384 without some repetition of debate. However, since he has not agreed may I say that I have been aware for a long time that representations—

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Mr. Chairman, the suggestion was first made this afternoon by the hon. member for Ottawa West. I have no particular objection to it. A request was made earlier this afternoon by the hon. member for Kenora-Rainy River that we should take these items one at a time. I only wish to accommodate the committee, and if there is a strong wish on the part of my hon. friend to take them that way I am not going to offer objection.

Mr. McIlraith: I think it would save a lot of repetition of debate if 384 could be allowed to stand over and be discussed when we are on 397 or 399, as the minister wishes.

The Chairman: Is it agreed that resolution 384 stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Item stands.

Item 385 agreed to.

Customs tariff—386. Plate or sheet of iron or steel, rolled from ingots, blooms or slabs of Canadian origin, when imported by the manufacturers of the said ingots, blooms or slabs (this item expires effective January 1, 1961): British preferential tariff, free; most-favoured-nation tariff, free; general tariff, 20 per cent.

Mr. Benidickson: In reading the left-hand column table and comparing it with the

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right-hand column one might assume a reduction from \$10 per ton under the most-favoured-nation tariff to free. Am I right in thinking that these products are now admitted under order in council at rates similar to those proposed in the resolution?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Yes. Old item 385b is an order in council item.

Mr. Benidickson: I was talking about 386.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): The new proposed item 386 is the old item 385b which is an order in council item.

Mr. Benidickson: I am concerned with the words that appear after the description of the item, "this item expires effective January 1, 1961." I did not understand that that was part of the board's recommendation. Has the minister some comment to make on that?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): My hon. friend is correct in pointing out that to the recommendation of the tariff board with respect to the rates this resolution has added the proposal that the expiry date be January 1, 1961. The purpose of adding this expiry date is to provide an opportunity to reconsider at a later date whether or not it is in the best interests of the Canadian economy to provide duty free entry for plate or sheet which has been rolled in a foreign country from semi-finished steel made in Canada.

Item agreed to.

Items 387, 387a and 387b agreed to.

Customs tariff—387c. Railway intersection lay-outs, intersections, switches, crossings, frogs, guard rails, of iron or steel: British preferential tariff, 15 per cent; most-favoured-nation tariff, 25 per cent; general tariff, 30 per cent.

Mr. Benidickson: I do not find a reference to this in the tariff board schedule as recommended. What is the situation here?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Items 387b and 387c were not in the tariff board reference and the change at this time simply represents a renumbering of the former items.

Item agreed to.

Customs tariff—392a (1). Forgings of iron or steel, hollow, rough-machined or not, not less than 12 inches in internal diameter; all other forgings, solid or otherwise, rough-turned or rough-machined or not, of a weight of 20 tons or more: British preferential tariff, 5 per cent; most-favoured-nation tariff, 20 per cent; general tariff, 30 per cent.

Mr. Benidickson: On this item there is a deviation from the tariff board recommendation. I take it that the administration has decided to make two classes. I think they have accepted the tariff board recommendation and rates with respect to forgings 20