Date Introduced: 29 May 1987
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. Barry Jones, M.P., Minister representing the Minister for
Industry, Technology and Commerce

Digest of Bill

Purpose
To ensure the validity of certain customs tariff proposals until 31 December 1987.

Background
Changes to the rate of customs duty can be implemented either through direct
changes to the legislation or through the introduction of customs tariff proposals which
are subsequently introduced as legislation. Under section 226 of the Customs Tariff
Act 1901, the proposals are protected from legal challenge for one year or until the
end of the session of Parliament in which they were introduced. On 27 May 1987
the Prime Minister announced that Parliament would be dissolved on 5 June 1987.
This meant that the session in which certain customs tariff proposals were introduced
would end before Parliament had sufficient time to consider the legislation that would
implement the proposals. As a result, this legislation was introduced to protect the
proposals from legal challenge until the end of the year which will allow time for them
to be introduced as legislation.

Main Provisions
Clause 3 will deem duties demanded or collected on or before 31 December 1987
under customs tariff proposals introduced on 7 May 1987 and 29 May 1987 to have
been lawfully collected.

For further information, if required, contact the Economics and Commerce Group.

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ed to determine the subsequent official status of the Bill.

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