CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL 1978

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House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. W.C. Fife, Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To limit the time that temporary duties may continue after an Industries Assistance Commission (IAC) report.

Provision

Section 34 of the Customs Tariff Act 1966 is repealed and replaced by a new section 34 which provides that temporary duties cease to operate three months after the receipt of an IAC report on the continuation of temporary assistance (under new sections 30C and 30E of the Industries Assistance Commission Act 1973) received by an industry for more than 2 years or a total of 2 years in the last 4.

Background

This Bill re-introduces amendments to the Industries Assistance Commission Act 1973 which were initially introduced on 19 October 1977 but which lapsed at the end of last session due to pressure of business.

This amendment matches a provision in clause 14 of the Industries Assistance Commission Amendment Bill 1978, inserting new section 30G in the Industries Assistance Commission Act 1973. It is consequent on changes in that Bill to the conditions under which temporary assistance given must be referred to the IAC.

There is a similar three month limit on temporary assistance to an industry following receipt of an IAC report under the present IAC Act.