THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

No. 113.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 21st OCTOBER, 1927.

- 1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Privilege.—Mr. Gregory raised a question of Privilege concerning the limitation of the powers and privileges of Members appointed to serve on the House Committee, particularly in regard to the appointment of officers of the Joint House Department.

Mr. Speaker made a statement in connexion therewith, and other honorable Members addressed themselves to the question raised.

3. Housing Bill.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 4 further debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 debated-

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) the following amendment was made:—Page 2, line 19, omit "thirty-four F", insert "thirty-five D".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 debated-

Mr. Hughes moved, as an amendment, That after the word "extend" (page 2, line 37) the words "in respect of that advance" be inserted.

Debate continued.

Question -That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted-put.

The Committee divided-

Ayes, 32. Noes, 17. Mr. Aubrey Abbott Mr. Jackson Mr. Anstey Mr. Scullin Mr. Bruce Mr. Killen Mr. Brennan Mr. Theodore Mr. Lister Mr. Mackay Mr. Watkins Mr. West Mr. Malcolm Cameron Mr. Charlton Mr. Coleman Mr. Robert Cook Mr. Corser Mr. Marr Mr. Lacey Mr. Yates Mr. Earle Page Mr. Thomas Paterson Mr. Duncan-Hughes Mr. Lazzarini Mr. R. W. Foster Mr. Maxwell Tellers: Mr. Grosvenor Francis Mr. Perkins Mr. McGrath Mr. Gardner Mr. Pratten Mr. Edward Riley Mr. Fenton Sir John Gellibrand Mr. Prowse Mr. E. C. Riley Mr. Makin Mr. Gibson Mr. Seabrook Mr. Roland Green Mr. Thompson Mr. Gregory Mr. William Watson Mr. Gullett Mr. Hill Tellers: Mr. Hughes Mr. Hunter Mr. Hurry Mr. Manning

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Duncan-Hughes moved, as a further amendment, That the word "eight" (page 3, line 3) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word "five" in place thereof. Debate ensued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided-

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 6.
Mr. Brennan Mr. Bruce Mr. Charlton Mr. Corser Mr. Fenton Mr. Foster Mr. Grosvenor Francis Mr. Gardner Mr. Gibson Mr. Gullett Mr. Hill Mr. Hurry Mr. Lacey Mr. Mackay Mr. Makin	Mr. Maxwell Mr. McGrath Mr. Earle Page Mr. Thomas Paterson Mr. Perkins Mr. Edward Riley Mr. E. C. Riley Mr. Scullin Mr. Seabrook Mr. Watkins Mr. William Watson Mr. Yates Tellers: Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Malcolm Cameron Mr. Duncan-Hughes Sir John Gellibrand Mr. Gregory Tellers: Mr. Robert Cook Mr. Jackson
Mr. Marr	Mr. Manning	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Duncan-Hughes moved, as a further amendment, That the word "ninety" (page 3, line 4) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "eighty" in place thereof.

Amendment negatived. Mr. Gullett moved, as a further amendment, That after sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph (a) the following sub-paragraph be inserted :-

"(iv) by providing for the purchase or construction by the Authority of buildings to be let by the Authority as tenements or flats; and ".

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following further amendment was made:-

Page 3, after sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (b), insert the following sub-paragraph:—

"(ia) a loan is not made for the purpose of discharging a mortgage unless the conditions of the mortgage, or the conditions of any further loans on the property, are, in the opinion of the Authority, unduly disadvantageous to the mortgagor;

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 10-

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following amendments were made:-

Page 3, line 42, omit "thirty-four AA", insert "thirty-five Y". Page 3, line 46, omit "thirty-four AA", insert "thirty-five Y".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 11-

On the motion of Mr. Gregory, the following amendment was made, after debate:—Page 4, line 24, omit "additional".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended, see page 366), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

4. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.-Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m. Question—put and passed.

5. Adjournment.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty 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. Atkinson, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Forde, Mr. Albert Green, Sir Neville Howse*, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Ley*, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mann, Mr. Marks, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Watt.

E. W. PARKES,

Cierk-Assistant, House of Representatives.