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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 43.

FRIDAY, 23RD MAY, 1930.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Latham (Leader of the Opposition) rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The policy of the Government with respect to terms and conditions of employment in the public service of the Commonwealth in relation to membership of organizations".  
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Mr. Latham moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 39—  
*Suspension of Standing Orders.*—Mr. Latham moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Right Honorable Member to continue his speech.  
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.  
Mr. Scullin continued and concluded his speech.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. White rising to address the House—  
*Closure.*—Mr. Scullin moved, That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Makin, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Long
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens
Mr. Crouch	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Culley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Frost	Mr. West
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Yates
Mr. Gibbons	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	
Mr. Keane	Mr. Jones
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Price

Noes, 19.

Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Killen	
Mr. Latham	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Mackay	Mr. White

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—being accordingly put, was negatived.

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4. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1930).—Mr. Theodore (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Bank Act 1911-1929*. Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Theodore then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.  
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 12 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 13.
6. COTTON INDUSTRIES BOUNTY 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 13—

The following proposed amendment of Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs), viz. :—  
That the following sub-clauses be added to the clause :—

(7.) The Minister may appoint an authority or authorities for determining, for the purposes of this section, wages and conditions of employment which are fair and reasonable for labour employed in the production of seed cotton or lint, or the manufacture of cotton yarn, and any authority so appointed shall be deemed to be a Commonwealth authority within the meaning of sub-section (1.) of this section.

(8.) An authority appointed by the Minister under the last preceding sub-section shall consist of a representative of the Commonwealth, a representative of employers engaged in the production of seed cotton or lint, or the manufacture of cotton yarn, and a representative of employees engaged in such production or manufacture.—

was, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Forde moved, as an amendment, That the following sub-clauses be added to the clause :—

(7.) If—

(a) the Chief Judge or a Judge of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration has not declared, in accordance with sub-section (1.) of this section, what wages and conditions of employment are fair and reasonable for labour employed in the production of seed cotton or lint, or the manufacture of cotton yarn ; and

(b) there are not in force, in the locality where the seed cotton, lint or cotton yarn is produced or manufactured, any standard rates and conditions prescribed by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration or by an industrial authority of a State, or contained in an industrial agreement registered under any law of the Commonwealth or a State,

the Minister may appoint an authority or authorities for determining, for the purposes of this section, wages and conditions of employment which are fair and reasonable for labour employed in the production of seed cotton or lint, or the manufacture of cotton yarn, and any authority so appointed shall be deemed to be a Commonwealth authority within the meaning of sub-section (1.) of this section.

(8.) An authority appointed by the Minister under the last preceding sub-section shall consist of a representative of employers engaged in the production of seed cotton or lint or the manufacture of cotton yarn, a representative of employees engaged in such production or manufacture, and a person, who shall act as Chairman, and who shall be appointed by the Minister on the joint nomination of the representatives of employers and employees :

Provided that, if the representatives of employers and employees fail to make a joint nomination of a Chairman within twenty days after being called upon by the Minister so to do, the Governor-General may appoint a person to act as Chairman.

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Mr. Latham, the following amendment was made to the proposed amendment :—

After " conditions " paragraph (b), sub-clause (7.), insert " relating to the labour employed in the production of seed cotton or lint, or the manufacture of cotton yarn ".

Debate continued.

Question—That the sub-clauses, as amended, proposed to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Crouch, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 30.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lewis	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Long	Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Martens	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Chifley	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Gullett	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Cusack	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Hawker	Mr. White
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rowe	Mr. Hill	
Mr. Frost	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Latham	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Theodore	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Gibbons	Mr. Tully	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Yates		
Mr. James			
Mr. Jones	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Keane	Mr. Cunningham		
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Price		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 14 to 17 agreed to.

Postponed clause 5—

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the following amendments were made :—

Omit sub-clause (1.), insert the following sub-clause :—

(1.) The bounties under this Act shall be payable—

(a) in respect of seed cotton which—

(i) has been grown in Australia ;

(ii) has been delivered to an appointed place ; and

(iii) has been graded in one of the grades prescribed under section seven of this Act ; or,

in any particular case, at the option of the Minister, in respect of lint produced from Australian-grown seed cotton ; and

(b) in respect of cotton yarn manufactured in Australia and delivered from a factory,

on or before the thirtieth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

At the end of the clause insert the following sub-clause :—

(6.) No bounty shall be paid under this Act upon any seed cotton or cotton yarn upon which bounty is payable, after the commencement of this Act, under the *Cotton Bounty Act 1926*.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed clause 6—

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the following amendments were made :—

Page 2, line 35, omit “ (3.) ”, insert “ Provided that ”.

Page 2, line 37, after “ cotton ” (second occurring) insert :—“, and in the event of a standard ratio being so prescribed, bounty in respect of lint shall be paid in accordance with that ratio.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

First and Second Schedules agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Crouch reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Forde (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 119), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

7. WHEAT MARKETING BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Latham, viz. :—*That all words after “ That ” be omitted, and that the following words be substituted in lieu thereof :—“ this House is of opinion that, while present circumstances justify a guarantee by the Governments of the Commonwealth and the States of a minimum price of 4s. per bushel for f.a.q. wheat, season 1930–1931, delivered at railway sidings, legislation providing for such a guarantee should be introduced separately from any legislation providing for the establishment of a monopoly in the marketing of Australian wheat by means of a compulsory pool ”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Cunningham addressing the House and not having concluded his speech—the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—  
 No. 10 of 1930—Professional Officers' Association.  
 Nos. 11 and 12 of 1930—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.  
 No. 13 of 1930—Commonwealth Telephone Officers' Association.  
 No. 14 of 1930—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.  
 No. 15 of 1930—Professional Officers' Association.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to four 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. Bayley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Coleman\*, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Guy, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Lyons, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Mathews\*, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McTiernan, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Edward Riley, Mr. E. C. Riley, Mr. Riordan, and Mr. Watkins.

\* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.