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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 31.

TUESDAY, 2ND APRIL, 1935.

- 1 The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. J. Bell) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
Flags and Banners over one foot in length.
Liver Extracts.
Screw Hooks, Eyes and Rings.
Socks and Stockings.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past two o'clock p.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ABORIGINALS IN CENTRAL AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for the Interior), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement replying to certain allegations made in a section of the press in regard to the treatment of Aborigines in Central Australia.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Financial Emergency Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1935, No. 28.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Essendon, Victoria—For Defence purposes.
Norfolk Island Act—
Ordinances of 1935—
No. 1—Timber Licences.
No. 2—Slaughtering.
No. 3—Gun Licence.
No. 4—Apiaries.
Pounds Ordinance—Regulations.
6. NAVIGATION BILL (1935).—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. Holloway, viz. :—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—*
" this House is of opinion that it is unnecessary and unjustified to interfere in the manner proposed in this Bill with the established national policy of maintaining and extending an Australian mercantile marine service subject to the legislative control of this Parliament and conforming to Australian industrial standards, and that no attempt to redress the grievances of Tasmania, in respect of its shipping disabilities, will satisfy this House or the people unless it proposes—
(a) To secure to that State immediately by means of conditional subsidies an equitable reduction of shipping freights and fares ; and
(b) To institute, as soon as practicable, a Commonwealth-owned service providing direct and frequent communication between Tasmanian ports and the ports of the mainland ;
and this House is further of opinion that the Bill should be withdrawn, and a new Bill, embodying provisions as to wireless telegraphy apparatus and reduction of shipping freights and fares, be introduced at once"—

Debate resumed.

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Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Mr. McCall
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Casey	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Price
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Street
Mr. Hunter	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Thompson

Noes, 22.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Barnard	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Clark	Mr. Martens
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Frost	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Gander
Mr. James	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Holloway moved, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added to the clause:—
 “: Provided further that it shall be a condition of the exemption granted by paragraph (a) of the immediately preceding proviso that the seamen employed on the ship affected shall be paid, for the period in respect of which such exemption is claimed, wages in accordance with Part VI. of the Act”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the proviso proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Baker	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Garden	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson

Noes, 35.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. A. G. Cameron	Sir Charles Marr
Sir Donald Cameron	Mr. McBride
Mr. Casey	Mr. McCall
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McClelland
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Fiskén	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Nock
Mr. Frost	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Street
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hunter	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Lane	Mr. Thompson

And so it was negatived.

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Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Baker	Mr. G. W. Mahoney
Sir Donald Cameron	Sir Charles Marr	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Makin
Mr. Casey	Mr. McBride	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McCall	Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. J. V. Fairbairn	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fiske	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Frost	Mr. Nock	Mr. Garden	
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. James	Mr. Gander
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. George Lawson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Street		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. White		
Mr. Hunter			
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Jennings	Mr. A. G. Cameron		
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Hughes (Vice-President of the Executive Council), the following amendments were made, after debate:—

Page 3, lines 19-28, omit the definitions of "operator" and "wireless signaller" and insert the following definitions:—

"operator" means a person who holds—

- (a) a valid First Class or Second Class Commercial Operator's Certificate of Proficiency issued by the Postmaster-General under regulations made under the *Wireless Telegraphy Act 1905-1919*; or
- (b) in the case of a British ship, a valid certificate issued by an authority empowered in that behalf by or under the laws of the United Kingdom or a British possession, and recognized by the Postmaster-General as equivalent to either of the certificates referred to in the last preceding paragraph; or
- (c) in the case of a foreign ship, a valid certificate of proficiency in wireless telegraphy issued by an authority empowered in that behalf by or under the laws of the country in which the ship is registered, and recognized by the Postmaster-General as equivalent to either of the certificates referred to in paragraph (a) of this definition;

'wireless signaller' means a person who holds a valid Third Class Operator's Certificate of Proficiency issued by the Postmaster-General under regulations made, or to be made, under the *Wireless Telegraphy Act 1905-1919*."

Page 3, line 45, after "Committee" insert "of three persons".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Prowse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brennan, Mr. Thomas Collins, Sir Henry Gullett, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Lyons, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Frederick Stewart, Mr. Thorby, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Watkins.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.