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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 19.

MONDAY, 27TH MAY, 1940.

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. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. HOSPITAL, DARWIN—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Thorby (Minister for Health) moved, by leave, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1936*, it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work, which was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to the House the result of its investigations :—Erection of a General Hospital at Darwin in accordance with the revised plans designed to meet defence and civil requirements.
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Supply and Development Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1940, Nos. 88, 89.
5. SUGAR AGREEMENT BILL 1940.—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—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Rosevear addressing the House and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
Ordered—That the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
Mr. Rosevear moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—"the Agreement be referred to a Royal Commission for consideration and report as to its effect on—
(1) The position of the wage earners in the industry ;
(2) As to whether the primary producers have benefited and to what extent by its operations since 1915 ;
(3) As to whether the price of sugar could be reduced to the consumers of Australia ;
(4) The degree to which the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd. has benefited by the Agreement ; and
(5) The degree of benefit (if any) to the fruit-growers of Australia as a result of rebates to manufacturers of jams and canned fruits".

Debate continued.

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, 45.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Makin
Mr. Badman	Mr. Martens
Mr. Barnard	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McHugh
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nock
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Collins	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Price
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Forde	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Spurr.
Mr. Frost	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Green	Sir Frederick Stewart
Sir Henry Gullett	Mr. Street
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. Jolly	
Mr. John Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Mahoney	Mr. George Lawson

Noes, 7.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Nairn
Mr. Rankin
Mr. Sheehan

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. Rosevear

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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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. Nairn moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—“ subject to that Agreement being amended to provide that in paragraph (ii) of sub-clause (a) of Clause 5, the price for refined sugar of 1A grade for not less than half-ton lots for net cash be reduced to £32 Os. 8d. per ton, and the price for refined sugar of 1XD grade to manufacturers for net cash be reduced to £31 7s. 5d. per ton ”.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Jennings
Mr. Nairn
Mr. Prowse
Mr. Scholfield

Tellers:

Mr. Price
Mr. Stacey

Noes, 36.

Mr. Anthony	Mr. Makin
Mr. Badman	Mr. Martens
Mr. Barnard	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McHugh
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nock
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Paterson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Spurr
Mr. Forde	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Francis	Mr. Street
Mr. Frost	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Gander	Mr. Ward
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jolly	Mr. Gardner
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. George Lawson

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Collins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fadden (Assistant Minister), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Assistant Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Clark, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hunter, Mr. James, Mr. Lane, Mr. Maloney, Sir Charles Marr, Mr. McCall, Mr. Perkins, Mr. White*, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.