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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 22.

TUESDAY, 1ST MAY, 1945.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. CURTIN—PERFORMANCE OF MINISTERIAL DUTIES.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) informed the House of the absence, owing to illness, of Mr. Curtin (Prime Minister), and stated that, in the absence from Australia of Mr. Forde (Deputy Prime Minister), he would act as Prime Minister, and, for the time being, would represent the Minister for External Affairs. Mr. Chifley also announced that, during Mr. Curtin's absence, Mr. Beasley (Vice-President of the Executive Council) would act as Minister for Defence.  
Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) and Mr. Fadden, by leave, also made Statements.
3. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) made a Ministerial Statement regarding the Business before the House.
4. INVENTION OF CRAFTSMAN L. V. MALEE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Acting Minister for the Army), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the manner in which an invention of Craftsman L. V. Malee had been dealt with by the Army Inventions Directorate and the Army authorities.
5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—  
Norfolk Island—Report for 1942–43 and 1943–44.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 49.  
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 46.  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—  
Commonwealth purposes—  
Fortitude Valley, Queensland.  
Gawler, South Australia.  
Wodonga, Victoria.  
Postal purposes—Wodonga, Victoria.  
National Security Act—  
National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations—Orders—  
Dental treatment for civilians (No. 2).  
Military powers during emergency.  
National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—  
Control of overseas postal communications.  
Prohibited place.  
Taking possession of land, &c. (41).  
Use of land (2).  
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, Nos. 47, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That Notices of Motion Nos. 1 and 2, Government Business, be postponed until the next sitting.
7. WOOL USE PROMOTION BILL 1945.—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 6—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Abbott, viz. :—That the word " six " (page 2, line 18) be omitted with a view to inserting the word " ten " in place thereof.

Amendment negatived.

Debate continued.

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Mr. Hutchinson moved, as an amendment, That the word " Three " (page 2, line 21) be omitted with a view to inserting the word " Four " in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That the word " may " (page 2, line 25) be omitted with a view to inserting the word " shall " in place thereof.

Debate continued.

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

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

Ayes, 40.

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Barnard   | Mr. Johnson     |
| Mr. Beasley   | Mr. Langtry     |
| Mr. Breen     | Mr. Lazzarini   |
| Mr. Brennan   | Mr. Lemmon      |
| Mr. Bryson    | Mr. Makin       |
| Mr. Burke     | Mr. McLeod      |
| Mr. Calwell   | Mr. Morgan      |
| Mr. Chambers  | Mr. Mountjoy    |
| Mr. Chifley   | Mr. Mulcahy     |
| Mr. Clark     | Mr. Russell     |
| Mr. Conelan   | Mr. Scullin     |
| Mr. Daly      | Mr. Scully      |
| Mr. Dedman    | Mr. Sheehy      |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Smith       |
| Mr. Fraser    | Mr. Ward        |
| Mr. Frost     | Mr. Williams    |
| Mr. Fuller    | Mr. Wilson      |
| Mr. Gaha      |                 |
| Mr. Hadley    | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Haylen    | Mr. Lawson      |
| Mr. Holloway  | Mr. Sheehan     |

Noes, 15.

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Abbott     | Dame Enid Lyons |
| Mr. Adermann   | Mr. McDonald    |
| Mr. Bowden     | Sir Earle Page  |
| Mr. Cameron    | Mr. Ryan        |
| Mr. Fadden     |                 |
| Mr. Francis    | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Harrison   |                 |
| Mr. Hughes     | Mr. Corser      |
| Mr. Hutchinson | Mr. Guy         |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Mr. Cameron moved, as an amendment, That the words " may, after consultation with " (page 2, line 29) be omitted with a view to inserting the words " shall, upon the nomination of " in place thereof.

Debate continued.

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

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

Ayes, 39.

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Barnard   | Mr. Johnson     |
| Mr. Beasley   | Mr. Langtry     |
| Mr. Breen     | Mr. Lazzarini   |
| Mr. Brennan   | Mr. Lemmon      |
| Mr. Bryson    | Mr. Makin       |
| Mr. Burke     | Mr. McLeod      |
| Mr. Calwell   | Mr. Morgan      |
| Mr. Chambers  | Mr. Mountjoy    |
| Mr. Chifley   | Mr. Mulcahy     |
| Mr. Clark     | Mr. Russell     |
| Mr. Conelan   | Mr. Scullin     |
| Mr. Daly      | Mr. Scully      |
| Mr. Dedman    | Mr. Sheehy      |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Smith       |
| Mr. Fraser    | Mr. Ward        |
| Mr. Frost     | Mr. Williams    |
| Mr. Fuller    |                 |
| Mr. Gaha      | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Hadley    |                 |
| Mr. Haylen    | Mr. Lawson      |
| Mr. Holloway  | Mr. Sheehan     |

Noes, 16.

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Abbott     | Dame Enid Lyons |
| Mr. Adermann   | Mr. McDonald    |
| Mr. Bowden     | Sir Earle Page  |
| Mr. Cameron    | Mr. Ryan        |
| Mr. Fadden     | Mr. Wilson      |
| Mr. Francis    | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Harrison   |                 |
| Mr. Hughes     | Mr. Corser      |
| Mr. Hutchinson | Mr. Guy         |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 12 agreed to.

Clause 13—

Mr. Corser moved, as an amendment, That the words " Subject to any directions of the Minister," (page 3, line 39) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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8. THE WAR—CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IN EUROPE—CELEBRATION ARRANGEMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the arrangements proposed for marking the occasion of the cessation of hostilities in Europe.
9. WOOL USE PROMOTION BILL 1945.—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 again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 13—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Corser, viz. :—That the words " Subject to any directions of the Minister," (page 3, line 39) be omitted.

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

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

Ayes, 38.

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Barnard   | Mr. Johnson     |
| Mr. Breen     | Mr. Langtry     |
| Mr. Brennan   | Mr. Lazzarini   |
| Mr. Bryson    | Mr. Lemmon      |
| Mr. Burke     | Mr. Makin       |
| Mr. Calwell   | Mr. McLeod      |
| Mr. Chambers  | Mr. Morgan      |
| Mr. Chifley   | Mr. Mountjoy    |
| Mr. Clark     | Mr. Mulcahy     |
| Mr. Conelan   | Mr. Russell     |
| Mr. Daly      | Mr. Scully      |
| Mr. Dedman    | Mr. Sheehy      |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Smith       |
| Mr. Fraser    | Mr. Ward        |
| Mr. Frost     | Mr. Williams    |
| Mr. Fuller    | Mr. Wilson      |
| Mr. Gaha      |                 |
| Mr. Hadley    | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Haylen    | Mr. Lawson      |
| Mr. Holloway  | Mr. Sheehan     |

Noes, 15.

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Abbott     | Dame Enid Lyons |
| Mr. Adermann   | Mr. McDonald    |
| Mr. Bowden     | Sir Earle Page  |
| Mr. Cameron    | Mr. Ryan        |
| Mr. Fadden     |                 |
| Mr. Francis    | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Harrison   |                 |
| Mr. Hughes     | Mr. Corser      |
| Mr. Hutchinson | Mr. Guy         |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 14—

Sir Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That after " of " (page 4, line 1) the words " a representative elected by the Australian Woolgrowers' Council, a representative elected by the Australian Wool Producers' Federation and " be inserted.

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

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

Ayes, 16.

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Abbott     | Dame Enid Lyons |
| Mr. Adermann   | Mr. McDonald    |
| Mr. Bowden     | Sir Earle Page  |
| Mr. Cameron    | Mr. Ryan        |
| Mr. Fadden     | Mr. Wilson      |
| Mr. Francis    |                 |
| Mr. Harrison   | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Hughes     | Mr. Corser      |
| Mr. Hutchinson | Mr. Guy         |

Noes, 37.

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Barnard   | Mr. Johnson     |
| Mr. Breen     | Mr. Langtry     |
| Mr. Brennan   | Mr. Lazzarini   |
| Mr. Bryson    | Mr. Lemmon      |
| Mr. Burke     | Mr. Makin       |
| Mr. Calwell   | Mr. McLeod      |
| Mr. Chambers  | Mr. Morgan      |
| Mr. Chifley   | Mr. Mountjoy    |
| Mr. Clark     | Mr. Mulcahy     |
| Mr. Conelan   | Mr. Russell     |
| Mr. Daly      | Mr. Scully      |
| Mr. Dedman    | Mr. Sheehy      |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Smith       |
| Mr. Fraser    | Mr. Ward        |
| Mr. Frost     | Mr. Williams    |
| Mr. Fuller    |                 |
| Mr. Gaha      | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Hadley    |                 |
| Mr. Haylen    | Mr. Lawson      |
| Mr. Holloway  | Mr. Sheehan     |

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That after " members " (page 4, line 2) the words " whose names shall be submitted to the Minister by each of the bodies or authorities mentioned hereunder and shall be " be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

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Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That sub-clause (3.) be omitted with a view to inserting the following sub-clause :—

“(3.) The Commonwealth Wool Adviser shall be the Chairman of the Council.”

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Hutchinson, moved as an amendment, That after “places” (page 4, line 16) the words “, but not less than three times each year,” be inserted.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 15—

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That after “production” (page 4, line 44) the words “, carriage, distribution” be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 16 agreed to.

Clause 17—

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That the words “Ministers shall determine the proportion” (page 5, lines 15 and 16) be omitted with a view to inserting the words “Board shall determine the proportion, if any” in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ayes, 36.

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Barnard  | Mr. Langtry     |
| Mr. Breen    | Mr. Lazzarini   |
| Mr. Bryson   | Mr. Lemmon      |
| Mr. Burke    | Mr. Makin       |
| Mr. Calwell  | Mr. McLeod      |
| Mr. Chambers | Mr. Morgan      |
| Mr. Chifley  | Mr. Mountjoy    |
| Mr. Clark    | Mr. Mulcahy     |
| Mr. Conelan  | Mr. Russell     |
| Mr. Daly     | Mr. Scully      |
| Mr. Dedman   | Mr. Sheehy      |
| Mr. Fraser   | Mr. Smith       |
| Mr. Frost    | Mr. Ward        |
| Mr. Fuller   | Mr. Williams    |
| Mr. Gaha     | Mr. Wilson      |
| Mr. Hadley   |                 |
| Mr. Haylen   | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Holloway | Mr. Lawson      |
| Mr. Johnson  | Mr. Sheehan     |

Noes, 13.

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Abbott     | Dame Enid Lyons |
| Mr. Adermann   | Mr. McDonald    |
| Mr. Bowden     | Mr. Ryan        |
| Mr. Cameron    |                 |
| Mr. Fadden     | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Francis    |                 |
| Mr. Harrison   | Mr. Corser      |
| Mr. Hutchinson | Mr. Guy         |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 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. Anthony, Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde, Mr. James, Mr. Martens, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Spender, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

\* On leave.

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