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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 34.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD MAY, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. HAY PRODUCTION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the production of hay.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
National Security Act—National Security (General) Regulations—Order—Use of land.
4. RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT 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.)*

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated—

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, as an amendment, That the words “, or called up for, active service” (page 3, lines 3 and 4) be omitted with a view to inserting the words “service in a prescribed area” in place thereof.

Debate continued.

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

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

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

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Breen	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Makin
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Smith
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fuller	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Martens
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 18.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender
Mr. Coles	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr. Fadden moved, as a further amendment, That after paragraph (f) the following proviso be inserted :—" Provided that, for the purposes of the preceding paragraphs of this definition enemy alien members of a labour corps, an employment company or a non-military establishment or organization shall not be included in the definition of ' member of the Forces ' ;".

Debate continued.

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

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

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Breen	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Coles	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Francis		Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy	Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Frost	
		Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hadley	
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Martens
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the following further amendment was made :—

Page 3, at the end of the definition of " member of the Forces ", insert " , but does not include any enemy alien who served during the war as a member of the Army Labour Corps but not otherwise ;".

Mr. Dedman moved, as a further amendment, That at the end of the definition of " the war ", the words " , and includes any other war in which His Majesty became engaged after that date and before the date of commencement of this Part ;" be added.

Debate continued.

*Closure.*—Mr. Dedman moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Burke	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Coles	Mr. Spender
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Fadden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell	Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Frost			
Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Lawson		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Holloway			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—was put accordingly, and passed.

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as a further amendment, That paragraph (f) of the definition of " war service " (page 3, lines 37-41) be omitted.

Debate continued.

*Closure.*—Mr. Dedman moved, That the question be now put.

23rd May, 1945.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin
Mr. Burke	Mr. Martens
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward

*Tellers:*

Mr. Hadley	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Holloway	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Coles	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fadden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Francis	Mr. White

*Tellers:*

Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy
Mr. McDonald	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Abbott	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Coles	Mr. White

*Tellers:*

Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
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Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward

*Tellers:*

Mr. Hadley	Mr. Martens
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Holloway	

And so it was negatived.

Clause, as amended, debated.

Mr. Fadden moved, as a further amendment, That the words " of an organization or part thereof which is declared by proclamation to be an organization in relation to which these provisions apply " (page 3, lines 39-41) be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :— " of the Australian Red Cross Society, Australian Comforts Fund, Salvation Army, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association and such other organizations having kindred objects ".

Closure.—Mr. Dedman moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward

*Tellers:*

Mr. Fuller	Mr. Martens
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Coles	Mr. Spender
Mr. Fadden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Francis	Mr. White

*Tellers:*

Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Holt	Mr. Guy
Mr. Hutchinson	
Mr. McDonald	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

23rd May, 1945.

And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—  
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Riordan, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Breen	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Coles	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Francis		Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy	Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Frost	
		Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hadley	
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Martens
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Clause, as amended—

*Closure.*—Mr. Dedman moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin	Mr. Coles	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Francis	
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell	Mr. Holt	
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Frost			
Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Martens		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Holloway			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause, as amended, be agreed to—being accordingly put—  
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Riordan, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Abbott	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Breen	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Makin	Mr. Francis	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
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Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully		
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy		
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Frost			
Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Martens		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 5—

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 3, line 46, omit " active service ", insert " service in a prescribed area ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Clauses 6 and 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

Clause 9 debated—

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service), the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 4, lines 39–41, omit sub-clause (3.), insert the following new sub-clause :—

“(3.) The chairmen and other members of the Reinstatement Committees appointed under the National Security (Reinstatement in Civil Employment) Regulations holding office at the date of commencement of this Division shall be deemed to have been appointed chairmen and members, respectively, of the corresponding Reinstatement Committees under this Division.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 10—

On the motion of Mr. Holloway, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 5, lines 31–33, omit the definition of “war service”.

Mr. White moved, as a further amendment, That after “the” (page 5, line 36) the word “honorable” be inserted.

Debate continued.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Amendment withdrawn, by leave.

Mr. Bowden moved, as a further amendment, That the words “one month” (page 5, line 41) be omitted with a view to inserting the words “three months” in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Amendment withdrawn, by leave.

Debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the following further amendment was made :—

Page 6, line 19, omit “ceases to be engaged in war”, insert “ceases to be engaged in all the wars in which His Majesty was engaged at the date of commencement of this Division”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 11 agreed to.

Clause 12 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 13 to 15 agreed to.

Clause 16 debated—

Mr. Adermann moved, as an amendment, That after “remuneration” (page 7, line 45) the words “, seniority, promotion and status” be inserted.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Abbott asked leave of the Committee to move an amendment to an earlier part of the clause.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Closure.—Mr. Dedman moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 30.

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

Noes, 18.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Coles	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the clause be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

Clause 17—

Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph (d) :—

“(e) all other privileges and preference based on length of employment.”

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

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Clause 18 debated—

Mr. Ryan moved, as an amendment, That the words " six months " (page 9, line 40) be omitted with a view to inserting the words " two years " in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Amendment withdrawn, by leave.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 19 agreed to.

Clause 20—

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

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The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Evatt\*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde\*, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lemmon, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McEwen\*, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Pollard\*, Mr. Watkins\*, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave.

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F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*