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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 36.

FRIDAY, 25TH MAY, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. 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.)*

Clause 64—

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, as an amendment, That sub-clause (2.) be omitted with a view to inserting the following sub-clause in place thereof:—

“(2.) For the purposes of this Division, where a person who, although not legally married to another person, was, immediately prior to that other person's engagement on war service, substantially dependent for his or her support on that other person and was recognized as the wife or husband of that other person, the first-mentioned person shall be deemed to be the spouse of that other person.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment amended by Mr. Dedman, by leave, by adding the following:—

“, but nothing in this sub-section shall be deemed to deprive the wife or husband of that other person of any right to receive a re-employment allowance to which the wife or husband would have been entitled if this sub-section had not been enacted.”

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clauses 65 to 69 agreed to.

Clause 70—

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

Page 25, lines 6–12, omit paragraph (a), insert the following paragraph:—

“(a) who, in the opinion of the prescribed authority—

(i) has been honourably discharged after not less than six months' war service; or

(ii) has been materially prejudiced by reason of his war service and has been honourably discharged after less than six months' war service;”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 71—

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

Page 25, line 27, omit “in the war”, insert “in all the wars in which His Majesty was engaged at the date of commencement of this Division”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 72 and 73 agreed to.

Clause 74—

Mr. Ryan moved, as an amendment, That the words “(a) in the case of a man—” (page 25, line 39) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At fifteen minutes past three o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill to the end of clause 101 had expired—

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 29.
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Barnard
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Beasley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Breen
Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Bryson
Mr. Coles	Mr. White	Mr. Burke
Mr. Francis		Mr. Chambers
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Chifley
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Conelan
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy	Mr. Daly
		Mr. Dedman
		Mr. Drakeford
		Mr. Fraser
		Mr. Frost
		Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Hadley
		Mr. Holloway
		Mr. Johnson
		Mr. Langtry
		Mr. Lawson
		Mr. Lazzarini
		Mr. Makin
		Mr. Morgan
		Mr. Mountjoy
		Mr. Mulcahy
		Mr. Russell
		Mr. Scullin
		Mr. Smith
		<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Sheehy

And so it was negatived.

Further question—That clause 74 and the circulated amendment of the Government, and clauses 75 to 101 and the circulated amendments of the Government be agreed to—put and passed.

The circulated amendments of the Government were accordingly made in the Bill, and are as follows:—

Clause 74, page 26, lines 14 and 15, omit “ (not being a widower or widow) ”.

Clause 76, page 26, line 38, omit “ in the war ”, insert “ in all the wars in which His Majesty was engaged at the date of commencement of this Division ”.

Clause 89, page 29, lines 19–24, omit sub-paragraph (i), insert the following sub-paragraph:—

“ (i) in the opinion of the prescribed authority, has been honourably discharged after not less than six months’ war service or has been materially prejudiced by reason of his war service and has been honourably discharged after less than six months’ war service; and ”.

Clause 94, page 31, lines 30 and 31, omit “ in the war ”, insert “ in all the wars in which His Majesty was engaged at the date of commencement of this Division ”.

Clause 94, page 31, line 37, omit “ in the war ”, insert “ in all the wars in which His Majesty was engaged at the date of commencement of this Division ”.

Clause 101, page 34, line 10, after “ advances ” insert “ or payments ”.

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.

3. LIFE INSURANCE BILL 1945.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 22nd May, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to Life Insurance and other matters* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

4. WAR GRATUITY BILL 1945.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 22nd May, brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act relating to the payment of War Gratuity to members of the Defence Force in respect of War Service* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Harrison moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past five o’clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o’clock p.m.

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

\* On leave.

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