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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 37.

TUESDAY, 29TH 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. CONVERSION LOAN IN LONDON—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the results of the recent Conversion Loan in London.
3. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.  
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
  - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1945—
    - No. 25—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
    - No. 26—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
    - No. 27—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association and others.
  - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—
    - Eagle Farm, Queensland.
    - Eagle Farm (Meeandah), Queensland.
  - National Security Act—
    - National Security (Emergency Control) Regulations—Orders—Military powers during emergency (2).
    - National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
      - Taking possession of land, &c. (27).
      - Use of land (2).
    - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, Nos. 70, 71.
5. 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 102 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 103 to 105 agreed to.

Clause 106—

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), the following amendment was made:—

Page 37, lines 11-16, omit sub-clause (4.), insert the following sub-clause:—

“(4.) Where any female was wholly or partly dependent for her support on the pay of a member of the Forces, but is no longer so dependent merely by reason of an allotment of pay made to that female having been suspended, that female shall be deemed to be a female dependant of a member within the meaning of this section.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 107—

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

Page 37, lines 44 and 45, 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 Part”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 108 to 117 agreed to.

Clause 118—

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

Page 47, lines 43 and 44, 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 Part”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 119 to 134 agreed to.

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Clause 135—

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the following sub-clause be added :—

“(3.) Any regulation providing for the repeal or amendment of, or the addition to, any of the provisions of this Act shall, by force of this sub-section, be repealed at the termination of all the wars in which His Majesty was engaged at the date of commencement of this Part, when the provisions of this Act shall continue in effect as if the regulation had not been made.”.

Debate ensued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At fifteen minutes to six o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the remainder of the Committee stage of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Abbott	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Spender	Mr. Breen	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Bowden	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Coles	Mr. White	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin
Mr. Francis		Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
		Mr. Clark	Mr. Russell
		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Daly	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Fuller	
		Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Haylen	
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Martens
		Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Further question—That clause 135, the remainder of the Bill, and the new clause circulated by the Government be agreed to, and that the Bill be reported with amendments—put and passed.

The new clause circulated by the Government was accordingly inserted in the Bill, and is as follows :—

“58A. A person shall not be entitled to receive any assistance or benefit under any of the last three preceding sections if that person is entitled to receive the like assistance or benefit from the Repatriation Commission.”.

Persons not entitled to double benefits.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Mr. Dedman moved, That the Report be adopted.

Mr. Menzies moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 75.

Debate ensued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At six o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 75—put.

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

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 38.	
Mr. Abbott	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Spender	Mr. Breen	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Bowden	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Coles	Mr. White	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin
Mr. Francis		Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
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Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. McDonald		Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
		Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Hadley	
		Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Holloway	
		Mr. James	Mr. Martens
			Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

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Further question—That the Report be adopted and that the Bill be now read a third time—put and passed.—Bill read a third time.

6. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1945.—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. Fadden, viz. :—*That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“the Bill be withdrawn as a direction to the Government that it be redrafted, to provide, inter alia :—

- (1) That the Commonwealth Bank Board be maintained in accordance with the decision and recommendation of the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the Monetary and Banking Systems in Australia.
- (2) That the Note Issue should be limited by statute.
- (3) That the Commonwealth Bank be so constituted that each of its constituent parts shall be provided with separate management, and with whatever liaison as is necessary to ensure a co-ordinated policy.
- (4) That the Commonwealth General Trading Bank and Industrial Finance Bank be treated, insofar as their relationship to the Central Bank is concerned, in exactly the same way as other Trading Banks”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Spender 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

\* On leave.

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