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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 51.

THURSDAY, 21ST JUNE, 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - National Security Act—
 - National Security (Agricultural Aids) Regulations—Order—Hay, straw and chaff (Victoria) (No. 2).
 - National Security (Food Control) Regulations—Order—No. 21.
 - National Security (General) Regulations—Order by State Premier—Victoria (No. 61).
 - National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (94).
3. DROUGHT RELIEF BILL 1945.—Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Drought Relief) Act 1944*, and for other purposes.
 - Question—put and passed.
 - Mr. Scully then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 - Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 - Mr. Scully moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 - Mr. Cameron 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. RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND EMPLOYMENT BILL 1945.—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—
 - Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 15, after clause 32 insert the following new clause :—
 - “ 32A.—(1.) A person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of offences. this Division, or contravenes or fails to comply with any order of a court made under this Division, shall be guilty of an offence punishable on conviction by a fine not exceeding One hundred pounds or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or both.
 - “ (2.) Where a person is convicted of an offence under this section, the court may order that a portion of the fine imposed shall be paid to such person entitled to preference as the court specifies in the order.”
- No. 2.—Page 15, clause 33, line 38, leave out “ thirty-two ”, insert “ thirty-two A ”.
- No. 3.—Page 27, clause 75, line 3, after “ Two pounds ” insert “ ten shillings ”.
- No. 4.—Page 28, clause 81, line 21, leave out “ or to such other person as is approved by the prescribed authority ”, insert “, but the prescribed authority may determine that the whole or part of the allowance shall be paid to such other person as the prescribed authority approves, in which case payment shall be made accordingly ”.
- No. 5.—Page 31, clause 90, line 7, at the end of sub-clause (2.) add “, but nothing in this sub-section shall prevent the making of a loan under this Division to the lawful widow of the member, or the guaranteeing under this Division of repayment of a loan (including interest thereon) made, or to be made, to her ”.

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No. 6.—Page 36, clause 105, after sub-clause (2.) insert the following new sub-clause :—

“(2A.) Any consent given under or for the purposes of regulation fifteen A or regulation twenty-two A of the National Security (War Service Moratorium) Regulations (being Statutory Rules 1941, No. 61, as amended) shall have the same effect as if the consent had been given under or for the purposes of section one hundred and seventeen or one hundred and twenty-five of this Act.”.

No. 7.—Page 51, clause 125, at the end of the clause add the following new sub-clause :—

“(2.) This section shall apply, in relation to a person who has been a member of the Forces, in the same manner as it applies in relation to a member of the Forces, for a period—
 (a) immediately following the date on which the member ceased or ceases to be engaged on war service equal to the period during which he was so engaged ; or
 (b) of twelve months immediately following that date,
 whichever is the shorter.”.

No. 8.—Page 55, clause 136, lines 26 and 27, leave out sub-clause (2.), insert the following sub-clauses :—

“(2.) Regulations may be made providing for the repeal or amendment of, or the addition to, any of the provisions of this Act.

“(3.) Any regulations made in pursuance of the last preceding sub-section shall, by force of this sub-section, if not sooner repealed, be repealed at the termination of all the wars in which His Majesty was engaged at the date of commencement of this Part.

“(4.) Upon the repeal of regulations by virtue of the last preceding sub-section, the provisions of this Act shall have effect as if no regulation had been made in pursuance of sub-section (2.) of this section.”.

Amendment No. 1 debated and agreed to.

Amendment No. 2 agreed to.

Amendment No. 3 debated and agreed to.

Amendment No. 4 agreed to.

Amendment No. 5 debated and agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 6 and 7 agreed to.

Amendment No. 8—

Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, That the Amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Spender moved, as an amendment to the Senate's Amendment, That the following sub-clause be added :—

“(5.) Any regulation providing for the repeal or amendment of, or the addition to, any of the provisions of this Act shall cease to have effect unless approved by resolution of both Houses of Parliament at its next meeting or within fourteen days thereof.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment to Senate's Amendment negatived.

Amendment No. 8 agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the House adopted the Report.

5. CHILD ENDOWMENT 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—

Debate resumed.

Question—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.)

Clause 1—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Barnard reported accordingly.

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

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—CHILD ENDOWMENT BILL 1945.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 7.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Child Endowment Act 1941-1942*.

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Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(In the Committee.)

Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Child Endowment Act 1941-1942*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Barnard reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Holloway, by leave, was adopted by the House.

7. CHILD ENDOWMENT 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.)

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Barnard reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. BANKING 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—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Smith 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Holloway (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen 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. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Coles, Mr. Curtin*, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde*, Mr. Francis, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Langtry, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McEwen*, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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