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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 55.

THURSDAY, 28TH 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 Paper was presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—
  - National Security Act—National Security (Prices) Regulations—Declaration—No. 155.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
  - The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
    - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—
      - Burwood, Victoria.
      - Meredith, Victoria.
      - Nannup, Western Australia.
    - National Security Act—
      - National Security (General) Regulations—Order—Control of automotive spare parts (No. 4).
      - National Security (Munitions) Regulations—Order—Declaration of certain items to be munitions.
      - National Security (Prices) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 2072–2112.
3. PAPUA—NEW GUINEA PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATION BILL 1945.—Mr. Ward (Minister for External Territories) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the provisional administration of the Territory of Papua and that portion of the Territory of New Guinea no longer in enemy occupation.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Ward 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.  
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
4. BANKING 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 27—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Anthony, viz. :—That all words after “ so ” (page 8, line 37) to the end of the clause be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“ in pursuance of its duties set out in section eight of the *Commonwealth Bank Act 1945*, the Commonwealth Bank may determine broadly the policy in relation to advances to be followed by banks by giving directions as to the classes of purposes for which the advances may or may not be made by banks and each bank shall comply with any broad directions so given, but nothing in this section shall be construed as empowering the Commonwealth Bank to determine policy with respect to the amount or nature of securities taken by a bank against any advance made by it ”.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Holt moved, as an amendment, That all words after “ may ” (page 8, line 38) to the end of the clause be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“ advise the banks as to the directions in which it is desirable in the national interest that advances should be made ”.

Debate continued.

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Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.  
The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Martens, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Breen	Mr. Makin	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Coles	Mr. White
Mr. Burke	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Holt	
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Russell	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully		
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Fuller			
Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hadley			
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Clark		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sir Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That sub-clause (2.) be omitted with a view to inserting the following sub-clause in place thereof:—

“(2.) No bank shall be compelled to make any particular advance.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Francis	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser
Mr. Clark	Mr. Russell	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin		
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully		
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Fuller			
Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hadley			
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Martens		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 28 debated and agreed to.

Clause 29—

Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That after “he” (page 9, line 21) the words “may declare a state of emergency after submission to Parliament and” be inserted.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

5. DECLARATION OF BANKING BILL 1945 AS URGENT BILL—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) declared that the Banking Bill 1945 was an Urgent Bill—

Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put and passed.

*Allotment of Time.*—Mr. Chifley then moved, That the time allotted in connexion with the Bill be as follows:—

(a) For the remainder of the Committee stage, until 12.30 p.m. to-morrow.

(b) For the remaining stages, until 12.45 p.m. to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the House—

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

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Bowden	Mr. White
Mr. Bryson	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Burke	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Holt	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Russell		
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scully		
Mr. Daly	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Frost			
Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Gaha			
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Martens		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. BANKING 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 29—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Fadden, viz. :—That after “ he ” (page 9, line 21) the words “ may declare a state of emergency after submission to Parliament 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, 17.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Haylen
Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Breen	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Coles	Mr. White	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Fadden		Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Holt		Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser	Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
		Mr. Daly	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Frost	
		Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Martens
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That the word “ fixing ” (page 9, line 27) be omitted with a view to inserting the word “ quoting ” in place thereof.

Amendment negatived.

Sir Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (f) be omitted.

Debate continued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be omitted be so omitted—put.

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

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Haylen
Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Breen	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Coles	Mr. White	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Fadden		Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy	Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
		Mr. Daly	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Frost	
		Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Martens
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. Coles moved, as an amendment, That the words " unless a licence under the regulations to import or export the goods is in force " (page 9, lines 39 and 40) be omitted.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Spender moved, as an amendment, That the following sub-clause be added :—

" (3.) Any regulation made pursuant to sub-section (1.) hereof shall cease to have effect unless confirmed by resolution of Parliament within fourteen days of its meeting next after the making of the regulation."

Debate continued.

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Haylen
Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Breen	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Coles	Mr. White	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Fadden		Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy	Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
		Mr. Daly	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Frost	
		Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Martens
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Abbott	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Breen	Mr. Holloway	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Spender
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Bowden	Mr. White
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Holt	
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Mr. Drakeford			
Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Fuller			
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Martens		
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan		

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.

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. Curtin\*, Mr. Evatt\*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde\*, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lemmon, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McEwen\*, Mr. Pollard\*, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave.

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