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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 56.

FRIDAY, 29TH 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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1945, No. 92.
3. 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 30 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 31 to 38 agreed to.

Clause 39—

Mr. Corser moved, as an amendment, That the following provisos be added to sub-clause (1.) :—

“ Provided that such regulations shall be made solely for the purpose of the regulation of credit and currency in Australia in terms of the general objectives set out in section eight of the *Commonwealth Bank Act 1945* :

“ Provided further that nothing in this Part shall be construed as empowering the Commonwealth Bank to make regulations for the control of interest rates with respect to any transactions between a bank and any member of its staff or trustees of its pension, provident or like funds.”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 40 to 47 agreed to.

Clause 48—

Mr. Adermann moved, as an amendment, That the words “ including a local governing authority ” (page 14, line 19) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 49—

Mr. Bowden moved, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added to sub-clause (2.) :—

“ Provided that no such investigation shall be directed by the Treasurer unless he believes, on reasonable grounds, that the bank is in financial difficulties or that it is wilfully avoiding its obligations under this Act.”.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past twelve o'clock noon, 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 proviso proposed to be added be so added—put and negatived.

Further question—That clause 49 and the remainder of the Bill be agreed to and that the Bill be reported with amendments—put and passed.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security), the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Lazzarini moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fadden moved, That the word “ now ” be omitted from, and that the words “ this day six months ” be added to, the question.

Debate continued.

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Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 36.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Haylen	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. Makin	Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Holt	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan		
Mr. Coles	Mr. Russell		
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin		
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 resolved in the affirmative.

Limitation of debate.—The time allotted for the remaining stage of the Bill having expired—

Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put.

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

Ayes, 36.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
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Mr. Gaha	Mr. Martens		
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

4. SUPERANNUATION 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. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPERANNUATION 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. 9.

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 purpose of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1943*.

Canberra, 18th May, 1945.

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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.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purpose of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1943*. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

6. SUPERANNUATION 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.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Home Security), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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 four minutes past four 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. Blain*, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Curtin*, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde*, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Harrison, Mr. James, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lemmon, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McEwen*, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scully, Mr. Sheehy, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Wilson.

* On leave.

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