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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 63.

TUESDAY, 24TH JULY, 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. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—
 - Financial Assistance to Tasmania—Report of the Commonwealth Grants Commission upon the application submitted by the Government of Tasmania for additional financial assistance in 1944–45 under the *States Grants (Income Tax Reimbursement) Act 1942*.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—
Bulimba, Queensland.
Pats River, Flinders Island, Tasmania.
 - National Security Act—
National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
Manufacture of domestic furniture (No. 5).
Prohibition of non-essential production (No. 17).
National Security (Maritime Industry) Regulations—Order—No. 51.
3. COMMONWEALTH BANK 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 27, clause 162, lines 34 and 35, leave out “ notified in the *Gazette* ”, insert “ made known to the officers of the Bank in the prescribed manner ”.
- No. 2.—Page 27, clause 162, at end of clause add the following new sub-clause :—
“ (3.) A statement showing the classification of each position, the name of the officer occupying the position and the salary of the officer shall be forwarded to the Treasurer, for presentation to the Parliament.”.
- No. 3.—Page 29, clause 167, line 7, at end of paragraph (c) of sub-clause (2.) add “, in this section referred to as the ‘ officers’ representative ’”.
- No. 4.—Page 29, clause 167, at end of clause add the following sub-clauses :—
“ (3.) The officers’ representative shall hold office for such period as is prescribed but shall be eligible for re-election.
“ (4.) The officers of the Bank may, in the prescribed manner, elect a deputy of the officers’ representative and the deputy so elected shall hold office for such period as is prescribed but shall be eligible for re-election.
“ (5.) A deputy so elected may, in the event of there being a vacancy in the office of officers’ representative, or in the event of the absence of the officers’ representative (whether in pursuance of a direction given under the next succeeding sub-section, or through illness or otherwise), attend and vote at meetings of the Promotions Appeal Board, and, when so attending and voting at a meeting, shall, for the purposes of sub-section (7.) of this section, be deemed to be a member of the Promotions Appeal Board in lieu of the officers’ representative.
“ (6.) Where the Chairman of the Promotions Appeal Board is of opinion that the officers’ representative is personally interested in, or affected by, any question to be considered at a meeting of the Promotions Appeal Board, the Chairman may direct that the officers’ representative shall absent himself from that meeting while that question is considered and decided.

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“(7.) Where, at any meeting of the Promotions Appeal Board, the members are divided in opinion on any question, that question shall be decided according to the decision of the majority.”
 No. 5.—Page 30, clause 175, line 33, at end of paragraph (c) of sub-clause (2.) add “, in this section referred to as the ‘officers’ representative’”.

No. 6.—Page 30, clause 175, at end of clause add the following sub-clauses :—

“(4.) The officers’ representative shall hold office for such period as is prescribed but shall be eligible for re-election.

“(5.) The officers of the Bank may, in the prescribed manner, elect a deputy of the officers’ representative and the deputy so elected shall hold office for such period as is prescribed but shall be eligible for re-election.

“(6.) A deputy so elected may, in the event of there being a vacancy in the office of officers’ representative, or in the event of the absence of the officers’ representative (whether in pursuance of a direction under the next succeeding sub-section, or through illness or otherwise), attend and vote at meetings of the Disciplinary Appeal Board, and, when so attending and voting at a meeting, shall, for the purposes of sub-section (8.) of this section, be deemed to be a member of the Disciplinary Appeal Board in lieu of the officers’ representative.

“(7.) Where the Chairman of the Disciplinary Appeal Board is of opinion that the officers’ representative is personally interested in, or affected by, any question to be considered at a meeting of the Disciplinary Appeal Board, the Chairman may direct that the officers’ representative shall absent himself from that meeting while that question is considered and decided.

“(8.) Where, at any meeting of the Disciplinary Appeal Board, the members are divided in opinion on any question, that question shall be decided according to the decision of the majority.”

No. 7.—Page 31, clause 178, line 16, leave out “publish in the *Gazette*”, insert “prepare”.

No. 8.—Page 31, clause 178, line 18, after “officer” add “, and shall circulate copies of the list among the officers of the Bank in the prescribed manner”.

No. 9.—Page 31, clause 178, at end of clause add the following new sub-clause :—

“(2.) The Bank shall forward a copy of the list to the Treasurer for presentation to the Parliament.”

No. 10.—Page 33, after clause 188, insert the following new clause :—

“188A. A trustee, executor or administrator may invest any trust moneys in his hands on deposit with the Bank or the Savings Bank.” Investment of trust moneys.

No. 11.—Page 33, clause 190, line 33, at end of clause add “, and in particular for prescribing penalties not exceeding Fifty pounds for any offence against the regulations”.

Amendment No. 1 debated and agreed to.

Amendment No. 2 agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 3 and 4 debated and agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 5 to 11 agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report.

4. DROUGHT RELIEF 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.—DROUGHT RELIEF 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. 16.

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 *States Grants (Drought Relief) Act 1944*, and for other purposes.

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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. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *States Grants (Drought Relief) Act 1944*, and for other purposes.

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. Dedman, by leave, was adopted by the House.

6. DROUGHT RELIEF 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 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. WAR PENSIONS APPROPRIATION 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.)

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 183), the Bill was read a third time.

8. LOAN 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.)

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lazzarini (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 183), the Bill was read a third time.

9. DARWIN LANDS ACQUISITION 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. Cameron was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Abbott, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Langtry, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scully, Mr. Spender, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

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