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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 123.

TUESDAY, 16TH JULY, 1946.

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 Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 107.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 - Commonwealth purposes—
 - Lidcombe, New South Wales.
 - Raglan near Bathurst, New South Wales.
 - Regents Park, New South Wales.
 - Townsville, Queensland.
 - Defence purposes—Cape River, Queensland.
 - Postal purposes—Hawker, South Australia.
 - Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1946—No. 6—Canberra Community Hospital.
 3. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL 1946.—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.
 - Ordered—That Mr. McEwen be granted an extension of time.
 - Mr. McEwen moved, as an amendment, That all words after " That " be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—" the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for stabilization of the wheat industry for a period of not less than ten years excluding the 1945-46 harvest, and, in particular, to provide—
 - (a) a guaranteed price basis of not less than 5s. 2d. per bushel, bagged, at growers' sidings, for the next crop ;
 - (b) thereafter, an annual guaranteed minimum price related to cost of production, allowing a margin of profit ;
 - (c) the entitlement of growers to the full net realization of each annual pool less a contribution to a stabilization fund of not more than fifty per centum of realization in excess of the guaranteed price ;
 - (d) payment by the Government to the Australian Wheat Board of the difference between the prevailing export parity and the price at which any wheat is sold by Government direction for export or consumption within Australia, other than human consumption within Australia ;
 - (e) the establishment of an authority to ascertain current costs of production to enable the operation of the foregoing provisions ; and
 - (f) that, subject to the foregoing, the Australian Wheat Board shall have full authority in negotiating export sales, and shall be the authority to advise the Minister and act for the Minister in respect to any regulation of production "
- Debate continued.
 Ordered—That Mr. Pollard be granted an extension of time.
 Debate continued.
 Mr. Turnbull 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.

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4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That Mr. Harrison be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Burke, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Lawson, Dame Enid Lyons, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

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