

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 126.

FRIDAY, 19TH JULY, 1946.

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—  
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of External Affairs—F. J. Blakeney.  
Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, Nos. 112, 113, 114, 115, 116.  
National Security Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (120).
3. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1946.—Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Electoral Act* 1918-1940, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.
4. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL 1946.—On the calling on of the Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—  
*Declaration of Bill as Urgent Bill.*—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) declared that the Bill 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 5.45 p.m. on Tuesday, 23rd July,  
(b) For the remaining stages, until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 23rd July.  
Question—put and passed.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 20—

On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), the following amendment was made :—

Pages 6 and 7, line 47 on page 6 and line 1 on page 7, omit “, after the publication of any such notice, any person who”, insert “any person who, after that date,”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 21—

Mr. McEwen moved, as an amendment, That all words after “Act” (page 7, line 5) to the end of the clause be omitted and the following words inserted in place thereof :—“there shall be a Primary Industries Costs Commission which shall—

(a) investigate the costs of production and other relevant factors necessary to determine the minimum price per bushel bagged at growers' sidings to be guaranteed to the wheat industry; and

(b) make an annual recommendation to the Government of such price.”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 22 to 29 agreed to.

Clause 30—

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the following amendment was made :—

Page 9, lines 7 and 8, omit “the Commonwealth for use on its behalf by”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Clauses 31 to 33 agreed to.

Clause 34—

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the following amendments were made :—

Page 9, lines 41 and 42, omit " on summary conviction ".

Page 9, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause :—

"(2.) Any offence against this Act may be prosecuted summarily."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 35 and 36 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Dedman, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

5. WHEAT EXPORT CHARGE 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 by Mr. Rankin who 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—

(a) that the 1945-46 crop be excluded ;

(b) that a ten-year period be substituted for the five-year period envisaged in the Bill ;

(c) that the Board shall keep a register of growers each year showing the respective amounts diverted to the Stabilization Fund which in the absence of such a fund would have been payable to each grower as his entitlement under the realization of the Pool concerned ; and

(d) that an actuarially sound scheme be adopted designed to permit an equitable distribution of his share to each participating grower, his executors and/or assigns in the event of certain contingencies, *inter alia*, death, termination of the scheme and/or excessive credits in the Fund ".

*Acting Speaker's Ruling.*—Mr. Martens ruled that the proposed amendment was not in order for the reason that the Bill was founded on a resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means, which the House had adopted, and the terms of the original resolution as adopted by the House could not now be varied at this stage in the manner proposed.

Debate continued.

Mr. Harrison 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question— put and passed.

And then the House, at nineteen minutes past three 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. Abbott, Mr. Adermann, Mr. Anthony, Mr. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Francis, Mr. Lawson, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scully, Mr. Spender, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*