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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 22.

THURSDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1947.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—  
Tariff Board—Report—Vacuum Cleaners, domestic (local production in relation to the current demand).  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT—REPORT OF FIRST SESSION OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) laid upon the Table, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, the following Paper :—  
United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment—Report of First Session of Preparatory Committee—  
and moved, That the Paper be printed.  
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.
4. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. McEwen rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The arrangement to sell wheat to the New Zealand Government and the necessity to appoint a Select Committee of this House to enquire into the whole of the circumstances surrounding the arrangements made with the New Zealand Government to supply wheat at 5s. 9d. per bushel".  
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Mr. McEwen moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Barnard (Minister for Repatriation) addressing the House—  
*Closure moved.*—Mr. Corser moved, That the question be now put.  
Question—That the question be now put—put.  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beale	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald

Noes, 36.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Daly	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Russell
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Scully
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

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Question—That the House do now adjourn—put.

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

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Beale	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Francis	Mr. White	Mr. Daly	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Gullett		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Hamilton		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Russell
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Scully
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Hadley	
		Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

5. COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1947.—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.

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

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Howse
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Beale	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Francis	
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell	Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Evatt			
Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan		
Mr. Johnson			

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Francis moved, as an amendment, That the word "repealed" (page 2, line 19) be omitted and the following words inserted in place thereof:—"amended by omitting sub-sections (1.) to (6.) and (8.) and (9.)".

Debate ensued.

Amendment withdrawn, by leave.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 7 and 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr. Anthony moved, as an amendment, That after proposed section 81ZA the following new section be inserted:—

"81ZAA. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Minister administering the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1946* and the Minister administering the *War Service Homes Act 1918-1946* may appoint a returned soldier to any position in such Department as he considers such soldier competent and qualified to fill."

Debate ensued.

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Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Howse	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Beale	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Chifley	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White	Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Francis		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Ward
Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Fraser	
		Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Lang	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Harrison moved, as an amendment, That the following new section be added to the clause :—

“ 81zc. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, a male employee shall not be engaged in the Repatriation Department unless he is a returned soldier.”.

Debate continued.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Menzies	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Francis		Mr. Clark	Mr. Russell
Mr. Hamilton	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Ward
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Duthie	
		Mr. Gaha.	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Lang	Mr. Haylen
		Mr. Langtry	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Turnbull moved, as an amendment, That the following new section be added to the clause :—

“ 81zc. For the next fifteen years, with the exception of medical officers, no male shall be employed in the Repatriation Department who is not an ex-serviceman.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Sheehan 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.

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

Question—put and passed.

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And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes to one o'clock in the morning adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Burke, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Holloway, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McBride, Mr. Sheehy, Mr. Spender, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watkins.

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