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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 43.

TUESDAY, 13TH JUNE, 1950.

1. The House met, at fifteen minutes to three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a Statement regarding the business of the House.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Works and Housing—
K. J. A. McIlvrde.
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 168, 169.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 24.
Judiciary Act—Rule of Court, dated 28th April, 1950.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Defence purposes—Wacol, Queensland.
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1950—No. 5 (Lottery and Gaming Ordinance).
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
5. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1949–50.—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. Chifley (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.
Debate continued.
Mr. Wilson 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 a later hour this day.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 6, Government Business.
7. WAYS AND MEANS—WOOL (CONTRIBUTORY CHARGE).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved—

1. That the rate of the charge imposed by the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act 1945* be varied in accordance with the succeeding paragraphs of this resolution.

2. That, subject to this resolution, the rate of the charge be such percentage as is prescribed from time to time, by regulations under the Act, of the sale value of the wool, being a percentage not exceeding the percentage which, in the opinion of the Governor-General, after taking into consideration any advice tendered to the Minister by the Australian Wool Realization Commission, is necessary in order to provide the amounts specified in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of section four of the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act 1945*.

3. That, subject to paragraph 5 of this resolution, regulations be authorized to be made under the Act from time to time prescribing a percentage to be added to the percentage (if any) prescribed for the purposes of the last preceding paragraph, being a percentage not exceeding the percentage which, in the opinion of the Governor-General, after taking into consideration any views on the matter which have been expressed to the Minister of State for Commerce and Agriculture

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by the Australian Wool Realization Commission, the Australian Woolgrowers' Council, the Australian Wool and Meat Producers' Federation and the Australian Primary Producers' Union, is necessary in order to provide the amounts required, or likely to be required, to be contributed by the wool industry to the cost of establishing a scheme of reserve prices for wool after the Disposals Plan ceases to operate and to the cost of operating that scheme.

4. That, after the commencement of regulations prescribing a percentage under the provision passed to give effect to the last preceding paragraph, the rate of the charge be a percentage of the sale value of the wool ascertained by adding to the percentage (if any) prescribed from time to time for the purposes of paragraph 2 of this resolution the percentage prescribed from time to time under the provisions so passed.

5. That the rate of the charge shall not at any time exceed ten per centum of the sale value of the wool.

6. That the Act passed to give effect to this resolution be expressed to come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.

7. That, in this resolution, "the Act" mean the *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act 1945*, as amended by the Act passed to give effect to this resolution.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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

8. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WOOL REALIZATION BILL 1950.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 7.

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 *Wool Realization Act 1945-1946*.

Canberra, 8th June, 1950.

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. McEwen (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wool Realization Act 1945-1946*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Mr. McEwen moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. McEwen, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. McEwen and Mr. Fadden do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. McEwen then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. McEwen moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Pollard 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.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WOOL (RESERVE PRICES) FUND BILL 1950.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

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 Establish a Fund for the Purposes of a Scheme of Reserve Prices for Wool, and to make Provision for the Distribution of the Moneys in the Fund if the Scheme is not in Operation on a certain date.

Canberra, 8th June, 1950.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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(In the Committee.)

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Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

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Mr. Pollard 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.

10. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 2) 1949-50.—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. Davis 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past 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. C. G. W. Anderson, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Costa, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Dean, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Graham, Mr. E. James Harrison, Mr. Eric J. Harrison*, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Howse, Mr. Jack, Mr. James, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. McLeay, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Mulcahy*, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Wentworth and Mr. T. W. White.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.