

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 1920.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. SEA CARRIAGE—SELECT COMMITTEE.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That the Select Committee on Sea Carriage have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Butter—Agreement between the Commonwealth Dairy Produce Pool Committee of Australia and the Ministry of Food, London.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. NEW GUINEA BILL.—Sir Joseph Cook, pursuant to leave given yesterday, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make provision for the Acceptance of a Mandate for the Government of certain Territories and Islands in the Pacific Ocean, and to make immediate provision for the Civil Government of the said Territories and Islands, and for other purposes,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Bruce 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 basis upon which Foreign Exchange shall be calculated for the purpose of determining the amount of Customs Duty payable in respect of Imports into the Commonwealth".
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. Bruce moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Mr. Bruce, not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 39, was given leave to continue his speech.
Mr. Greene, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 39, was given leave to continue his speech.
Debate continued.
Question—put and negatived.
6. BUTTER AGREEMENT BILL.—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. Parker Moloney moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "now" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—
"withdrawn for the purpose of its re-casting and immediate re-introduction with suitable provisions to insure that the butter producers of Australia will be guaranteed a return for their exportable surplus butter of a price which shall not be less than the world's parity for butter during the period in which such exportable surplus is disposed of".
Debate continued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hill	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister	Mr. Considine	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marr	Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Lavelle	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Riley
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Prowse		
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Robert Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Stewart		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Gibson			
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate on Main Question continued.

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 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the words "Provided that the consumer shall have representation on such Committee" be added to the clause.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Bell	Mr. Marr
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Blundell	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Considine	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Cunningham		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. Riley	Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Greene	
		Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Groom	
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 amended, on the motion of Mr. Greene, by the insertion of the words "and powers" after the word "constitution" (line 13) and agreed to as amended.

New Clause—

Mr. Mahony moved, That the following new clause be added to the Bill:—

This Act shall not become operative unless and until the said agreement and proposal to give the Governor-General power to prohibit the exportation from the Commonwealth of the exportable surplus of butter has been referred to the butter producers for their expression of opinion thereon.

Debate ensued.

Member Named.—Mr. Lavelle, in addressing the Committee, having refused to obey the ruling of the Chair, was named by the Chairman for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the honorable Member for Calare (Mr. Lavelle) be suspended from the service of the Committee.

Question—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 10.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marr	Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Blundell	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Lavelle	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Riley
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Prowse		
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Robert Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Stewart		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Gibson			
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Chairman forthwith suspended the proceedings of the Committee.

The House resumed.

The Chairman of Committees reported the circumstance to the House, and the Speaker thereupon put the question—That the honorable Member for Calare (Mr. Lavelle) be suspended from the service of the House.

The House divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 11.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Riley
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marr	Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Blundell	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Lavelle	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Makin	
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Rodgers		
Sir Joseph Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Corser	Mr. Stewart		
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Wise		
Mr. R. W. Foster			
Mr. Gibson			
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the honorable Member was, therefore, under Standing Order No. 59, suspended for the remainder of the day's sitting.

Mr. Lavelle not withdrawing, Mr. Speaker directed the Serjeant-at-Arms to remove the honorable Member from the Chamber.

Thereupon Mr. Lavelle, accompanied by the Serjeant-at-Arms, withdrew from the Chamber.

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

(In the Committee.)

Debate on proposed new clause continued.

The Committee continuing to sit until after twelve o'clock midnight—

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Debate continued.

Closure—

Mr. Greene moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 9.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Cunningham	
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marr	Mr. Gabb	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Blundell	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Riley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Parker Moloney	
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Prowse		
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Robert Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Stewart		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Gibson			
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That the proposed new clause be agreed to—

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 8.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Gabb		Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Bell	Mr. Marr
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Riley	Mr. Blundell	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page
		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
		Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Prowse
		Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. Robert Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Fleming	Mr. Stewart
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Gibson	
		Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Preamble agreed to.

Question proposed—That the Title be the Title of the Bill—

Mr. Ryan proposing to move an amendment—

Closure—

Mr. Greene moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 8.	
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marr	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Riley	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Prowse		
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Robert Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Stewart		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Gibson			
Mr. Greene	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That the Title be the Title of the Bill—was passed.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Mr. Greene moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

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7. SEA CARRIAGE—SELECT COMMITTEE—SECOND INTERIM REPORT.—Mr. R. W. Foster, for the Chairman, brought up the Second Interim Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon Australian overseas and Inter-State sea carriage.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
8. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Department of Trade and Customs—Appointments of L. R. Sundercombe and W. MacGowan.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until eleven o'clock a.m. this day:

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bowden*, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Higgs, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jowett, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. James Page*, Mr. Watt*, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.