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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PURCHASE OF QUEENSLAND TIMBER MILLS, &c.—Mr. Hughes, by leave made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Repatriation Department and the purchase of Queensland timber mills, &c.
3. ARBITRATION (PUBLIC SERVICE) BILL (1920).—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, *and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Ryan, viz. :—*That after the word "now" the following words be inserted :—“ withdrawn for the purpose of affording an opportunity to the members of the Public Service of indicating whether they desire to be removed from the jurisdiction and protection of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration as proposed by the Bill ”—

Debate resumed.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 36.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Stewart	Sir Robert Best	Mr. Marks
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Lavelle	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. West	Mr. Chanter	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Makin		Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Poynton
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Riley	Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wienholt
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Greene	
		Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Groom	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 36.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lamond	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Stewart
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Marr	Mr. Fowler	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Lavelle	Mr. West
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Lazzarini	
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Makin	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse	Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Mahony
Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Riley
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Wienholt		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Gregory			
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Story		

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, 2, and 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Cunningham moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—

“and notwithstanding anything contained in this Act any organization of such employees may avail themselves of the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration under the provisions of the *Arbitration (Public Service) Act of 1911.*”

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause further debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That the following words be inserted after the word “Arbitrator” (line 23) :—“and two assessors one representing the Commonwealth and the other the employees”.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Ryan	Sir Robert Best	Mr. Marr
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Tudor	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Francis	Mr. West	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Wienholt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hill		Mr. Fleming	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Lavelle	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Riley	Mr. Gregory	
		Mr. Groom	
		Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 7—

Mr. W. Maloney moved, as an amendment, That the word “be” (line 40) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words “not exceed one thousand” in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

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Clause amended, on the motion of Mr. Groom, by the insertion of the words "Two thousand" in the blank (line 40) and by the addition to sub-clause (1.) of the words "and the Consolidated Revenue Fund is, to the necessary extent, hereby appropriated accordingly."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 8, 9, and 10 agreed to.

Clause 11—

Mr. Ryan moved, as an amendment, That sub-clause (1.) be omitted from the clause.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 35,		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Nicholls
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr	Mr. Fenton	Mr. West
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Lavelle	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Prowse	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Mahony
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fowler	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. Francis	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wienholt		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hill			
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 12—

Mr. McGrath moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to sub-clause (1.) :—
" Provided that he shall not determine on any rate of wage which is less than the basic wage as ascertained by the Basic Wage Commission or other body duly constituted for the purpose of fixing a basic wage."

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bowden*, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Considine, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Mahon, Mr. James Page*, and Mr. Watt*.

* On leave.

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