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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH JULY, 1924.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Mr. Bayley, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—
Expenditure on Munitions Supply.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Imperial Force Canteens Funds Act—Fourth Annual Report by the Trustees, 1st July, 1923, to 30th June, 1924 (including the Sir Samuel McCaughey Bequest for the Technical Education of Soldiers' Children).
Ordered to be printed.
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
No. 24 of 1924—Postal Sorters' Union of Australia.
No. 25 of 1924—Arms, Explosives and Munition Workers' Federation of Australia.
No. 26 of 1924—Australian Postal Assistants' Union.
Customs Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 87.
New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1924—
No. 23—District Courts (No. 3).
No. 24—Appropriation, 1923-24.
No. 25—Licences.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinances of 1924—
No. 1—Leases (No. 2).
No. 7—Rates.
4. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1924).—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. Anstey, who moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—"and that the Government should consider the advisability of extending the functions of the Commonwealth Bank to provide rural credits for the following purposes :—
(1) to advance upon broad acres,
(2) to assist co-operative finance in primary and secondary production,
(3) to assist in land settlement and development, and
(4) to establish a grain and fodder reserve against periods of drought."
Speaker's Ruling—The Amendment was ruled out of order by Mr. Speaker, on the grounds that in the case of a second-reading stage of a Bill it was not allowable to add words to the question after the House had decided that the words proposed to be left out should stand part of the question, and that an amendment could not be made by the addition of words to the question for reading the Bill a second time.
Debate continued.
Closure.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.

9th July, 1924.

The House divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister	Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. West
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Yates
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Whitsitt	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Coleman
Mr. Gardner		Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. McGrath	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Marr		
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Prowse		
Mr. Hill			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That the Bill be now read a second time—

The House divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister	Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Yates
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. William Watson	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Whitsitt	Mr. Frederick McDonald	
Mr. Roland Green		Mr. McGrath	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Prowse		
Sir Neville Howse			

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

Mr. Anstey moved, That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee to consider the advisability of extending the functions of the Commonwealth Bank to provide rural credits for the following purposes:—

- (1) to advance upon broad acres,
- (2) to assist co-operative finance in primary and secondary production,
- (3) to assist in land settlement and development, and
- (4) to establish a grain and fodder reserve against periods of drought.

Debate ensued.

Clo ure.—Mr. Bruce moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Coleman	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Forde	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Gregory	Mr. West
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Whitsitt	Mr. Makin	Mr. Yates
Mr. Roland Green		Mr. W. Maloney	
Sir Littleton Groom	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr		
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Prowse		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee to consider the advisability of extending the functions of the Commonwealth Bank to provide rural credits for the following purposes :—

- (1) to advance upon broad acres,
- (2) to assist co-operative finance in primary and secondary production,
- (3) to assist in land settlement and development, and
- (4) to establish a grain and fodder reserve against periods of drought.

The House divided—

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West	Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Makin		Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. William Watson
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Roland Green	
		Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Sir Littleton Groom	
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr
		Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

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. Blakeley moved, as an amendment, That the words "a date to be fixed by Proclamation" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words "1st January, 1927" in place thereof.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), addressing the Committee—

Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—A Point of Order having been raised by Mr. Mahony, that the Treasurer was referring to the second-reading speech of the honorable Member for Darling instead of confining his remarks to the clause, the Temporary Chairman (Mr. Bayley) ruled that the Treasurer was in order, as his remarks referred to the clause.

Dissent from Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—Mr. Mahony having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Temporary Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Forde	Mr. West	Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Yates	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Frederick Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Makin		Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Gardner	Mr. William Watson
Mr. McNeill	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Whitsitt
		Mr. Gregory	
		Sir Littleton Groom	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr
		Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued on proposed amendment.

Mr. Coleman addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. Bruce moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

9th July, 1924.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Atkinson	Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister	Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Lazzarini.	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Makin	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. William Watson	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Coleman
Mr. Gardner		Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Roland Green			
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Prowse		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Atkinson	Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister	Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Yates
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Gardner		Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Roland Green			
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Prowse		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two 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—Sir Austin Chapman*, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham*, Mr. Mann, Mr. Marks, Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. Seabrook, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

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