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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 83.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 11TH JULY, 1924.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1924).—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clause 10—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the words "After the amount lent to the Commonwealth has been refunded" be inserted before the word "One-half" (line 33).

Debate ensued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At 12.50 o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill, up to and inclusive of clause 15, had expired—

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

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 27.              |                    | Noes, 31.             |                     |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Mr. Anstey             | Mr. McGrath        | Mr. Atkinson          | Mr. Hill            |
| Mr. Blakeley           | Mr. McNeill        | Mr. Bamford           | Mr. Hurry           |
| Mr. Brennan            | Mr. Parker Moloney | Mr. Bayley            | Mr. Jackson         |
| Mr. Charlton           | Mr. O'Keefe        | Mr. Bowden            | Mr. Lister          |
| Mr. Coleman            | Mr. Edward Riley   | Mr. Bruce             | Mr. Mackay          |
| Mr. Cunningham         | Mr. E. C. Riley    | Mr. Donald Cameron    | Mr. Manning         |
| Mr. Forde              | Mr. Scullin        | Mr. Malcolm Cameron   | Mr. Earle Page      |
| Mr. Gabb               | Mr. William Watson | Mr. Robert Cook       | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Albert Green       | Mr. West           | Mr. Corser            | Mr. Pratten         |
| Mr. Lacey              | Mr. Yates          | Mr. Duncan-Hughes     | Sir Granville Ryrie |
| Mr. Lazzarini          |                    | Mr. R. W. Foster      | Mr. Stewart         |
| Mr. Mahony             | <i>Tellers :</i>   | Mr. Frederick Francis | Mr. Whitsitt        |
| Mr. Makin              |                    | Mr. Josiah Francis    |                     |
| Mr. W. Maloney         | Mr. Fenton         | Mr. Gardner           | <i>Tellers :</i>    |
| Mr. Frederick McDonald | Mr. Watkins        | Mr. Roland Green      | Mr. Marr            |
|                        |                    | Mr. Gregory           | Mr. Prowse          |
|                        |                    | Sir Littleton Groom   |                     |

And so it was negatived.

Further question—That clauses 10 to 15 inclusive of the Bill be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 32.             |                     | Noes, 26.              |                    |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Mr. Atkinson          | Mr. Hill            | Mr. Anstey             | Mr. McGrath        |
| Mr. Bamford           | 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. Edward Riley   |
| Mr. Donald Cameron    | Mr. Manning         | Mr. Cunningham         | Mr. E. C. Riley    |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron   | Mr. Earle Page      | Mr. Forde              | Mr. Scullin        |
| Mr. Robert Cook       | Mr. Thomas Paterson | Mr. Gabb               | Mr. Watkins        |
| Mr. Corser            | Mr. Pratten         | Mr. Albert Green       | Mr. West           |
| Mr. Duncan-Hughes     | Sir Granville Ryrie | Mr. Lacey              | Mr. Yates          |
| Mr. R. W. Foster      | Mr. Stewart         | Mr. Mahony             |                    |
| Mr. Frederick Francis | Mr. William Watson  | Mr. Makin              | <i>Tellers :</i>   |
| Mr. Josiah Francis    | Mr. Whitsitt        | Mr. W. Maloney         | Mr. Fenton         |
| Mr. Gardner           |                     | Mr. Frederick McDonald | Mr. Lazzarini      |
| Mr. Roland Green      | <i>Tellers :</i>    |                        |                    |
| Mr. Gregory           | Mr. Marr            |                        |                    |
| Sir Littleton Groom   | Mr. Prowse          |                        |                    |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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## Clause 16—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) the following amendment was agreed to, after debate :—  
Line 34, after "is" insert "wilfully".

Mr. Makin moved, as a further amendment, That the following sub-sections be added to the clause :—

(8.) There shall be a Board of Appeal appointed consisting of—

- (a) A chairman who shall be a person with the qualifications of a stipendiary magistrate or be a person of sufficient practical experience in handling and weighing all facts and proceedings before the Board in regard to the principles of the law of evidence and interpretation on broad principles of the jurisdiction in law of all cases before the Board ;
- (b) A representative duly elected or appointed by the Commonwealth Bank Branch of the United Bank Officers' Association ; and
- (c) A representative of the Commonwealth Bank but such representative shall not be a person employed by the Bank in the particular department or branch in which the appellant officer is employed.

(9.) The Board shall have jurisdiction in the following cases :—

- (a) Before any officer is transferred or removed from his position or is dismissed or called upon to resign the Bank shall submit its intention to do so to the Board and the Board shall determine whether such proposed transfer or removal shall be made ;
- (b) Where the Bank proposes to reduce the salary of any officer or officers, it shall give due notice (i) in the case of an individual officer to such officer, and (ii) where more than one will be affected to the General Secretary of the United Bank Officers' Association, and the officer, officers or Association shall be duly heard by the Board and the Board shall determine the matter ;
- (c) Where any officer is prejudiced or affected in any way in regard to his conditions of employment as a result of any action or proposed action by the Bank he shall have the right to appeal to or apply to the Board for a decision on the matter ;
- (d) In all cases before the Board the officer affected may be represented by anyone appointed for that purpose by the United Bank Officers' Association and the Bank may be represented by any person appointed by the Governor, but no barrister or solicitor shall be allowed to so appear ;
- (e) In all cases in which application is before it the Board on such application may approve, modify or overrule the decision or proposal of the Bank ;
- (f) The Board shall be vested with all powers to enforce the giving of evidence, the production of all books, papers, documents or other evidence or information required either by the Board, the Bank or any applicant or applicants in each and every case before it ;
- (g) The Board shall have full power to deal with all applications to it in regard to individual salaries, classifications, hours and conditions of employment other than those dealt with by either the Arbitrator or the Arbitration Courts ;
- (h) The Board shall have full power to deal with any charge, charges, or accusations against any officer or officers. The Board's decision shall be final and conclusive other than on the question of jurisdiction when any appeal may lie from its decision to a single Judge of the High Court of Australia who shall determine such appeal finally and conclusively ; and.
- (i) All officers shall have the right to appeal to the Board on the following matters :—
  - (i) Their rights to any particular positions or promotions ; and
  - (ii) Their claims for transfer from any country or other position to any post.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the sub-sections proposed to be added be so added—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Mr. Anstey             | Mr. McGrath        |
| Mr. Blakeley           | Mr. McNeill        |
| Mr. Brennan            | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Charlton           | Mr. O'Keefe        |
| Mr. Coleman            | Mr. Edward Riley   |
| Mr. Forde              | Mr. E. C. Riley    |
| Mr. Gabb               | Mr. Scullin        |
| Mr. Albert Green       | Mr. West           |
| Mr. Lacey              | Mr. Yates          |
| Mr. Lazzarini          |                    |
| Mr. Mahony             |                    |
| Mr. Makin              | <i>Tellers :</i>   |
| Mr. W. Maloney         | Mr. Cunningham     |
| Mr. Frederick McDonald | Mr. Fenton         |

Noes, 30.

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Mr. Atkinson          | Mr. Hurry           |
| Mr. Bayley            | Mr. Jackson         |
| Mr. Bowden            | Mr. Lister          |
| Mr. Bruce             | Mr. Mackay          |
| Mr. Donald Cameron    | Mr. Manning         |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron   | Mr. Earle Page      |
| Mr. Corser            | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Duncan-Hughes     | Mr. Pratten         |
| Mr. R. W. Foster      | Sir Granville Ryrie |
| Mr. Frederick Francis | Mr. Stewart         |
| Mr. Josiah Francis    | Mr. William Watson  |
| Mr. Gardner           | Mr. Whitsitt        |
| Mr. Roland Green      |                     |
| Sir Littleton Groom   | <i>Tellers :</i>    |
| Mr. Hill              | Mr. Marr            |
| Sir Neville Howse     | Mr. Prowse          |

And so it was negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 17 agreed to.

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*New Clauses—*

On the motion of Mr. W. Maloney, the following new clause was added to the Bill :—

16A. After section sixty-two of the Principal Act, the following sections are inserted :—

“ 62A. The Bank shall have power to accept any trust for charitable or public purposes only and to perform and discharge all the accounts and duties of a trustee for charitable or public purposes only as fully and effectively as a private individual may when appointed such a trustee.” Bank as trustee for charitable or public purposes.

“ 62B. Notwithstanding anything contained in this or any Act it shall be mandatory that all architectural work of the Commonwealth Bank of the value of Five thousand pounds and upwards shall be open to the competition of all architects in Australia.” Architectural work to be competitive.

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

4A. Section seven of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from paragraph (h) thereof the word “ and ”; and  
(b) by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph :—

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“ and (j) to provide credits for the purposes of—

- (i) advances upon broad acres ;
- (ii) assisting co-operative finance in primary and secondary production ;
- (iii) assisting in land settlement and development ; and
- (iv) establishing a grain and fodder reserve against periods of drought ”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the proposed new clause be added to the Bill—put.

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 25.              |                    | Noes, 30.             |                     |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 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. Edward Riley   | Mr. Donald Cameron    | Mr. Manning         |
| Mr. Forde              | Mr. E. C. Riley    | Mr. Malcolm Cameron   | Mr. Earle Page      |
| Mr. Gabb               | Mr. Scullin        | Mr. Corser            | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Albert Green       | Mr. West           | Mr. Duncan-Hughes     | Mr. Pratten         |
| Mr. Lacey              | Mr. Yates          | Mr. R. W. Foster      | Sir Granville Ryrie |
| Mr. Lazzarini          |                    | Mr. Frederick Francis | Mr. Stewart         |
| Mr. Mahony             |                    | Mr. Josiah Francis    | Mr. William Watson  |
| Mr. Makin              | <i>Tellers :</i>   | Mr. Gardner           | Mr. Whitsitt        |
| Mr. W. Maloney         | Mr. Cunningham     | Mr. Roland Green      |                     |
| Mr. Frederick McDonald | Mr. Fenton         | Sir Littleton Groom   | <i>Tellers :</i>    |
|                        |                    | Mr. Hill              | Mr. Marr            |
|                        |                    | Sir Neville Howse     | Mr. Prowse          |

And so it was negatived.

*Limitation of Debate.*—On the conclusion of the Division, after 3.15 o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the consideration of the remainder of the Committee stage of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the remainder of the Bill and the new clause printed and circulated by the Government be agreed to, and that the Bill be reported with amendments—put.

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 30.             |                     | Noes, 25.              |                    |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Mr. Atkinson          | Mr. Hurry           | Mr. Anstey             | Mr. McGrath        |
| Mr. Bayley            | Mr. Jackson         | Mr. Blakeley           | Mr. McNeill        |
| Mr. Bowden            | Mr. Lister          | Mr. Brennan            | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Bruce             | Mr. Mackay          | Mr. Charlton           | Mr. O'Keefe        |
| Mr. Donald Cameron    | Mr. Manning         | Mr. Coleman            | Mr. Edward Riley   |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron   | 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. West           |
| Mr. R. W. Foster      | Sir Granville Ryrie | Mr. Lacey              | Mr. Yates          |
| Mr. Frederick Francis | Mr. Stewart         | Mr. Lazzarini          |                    |
| Mr. Josiah Francis    | Mr. William Watson  | Mr. Mahony             | <i>Tellers :</i>   |
| Mr. Gardner           | Mr. Whitsitt        | Mr. Makin              |                    |
| Mr. Roland Green      |                     | Mr. W. Maloney         | Mr. Cunningham     |
| Sir Littleton Groom   | <i>Tellers :</i>    | Mr. Frederick McDonald | Mr. Fenton         |
| Mr. Hill              | Mr. Marr            |                        |                    |
| Sir Neville Howse     | Mr. Prowse          |                        |                    |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The printed and circulated new clause of the Government was accordingly added to the Bill, and is as follows :—

7A. After section 16A of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

“ 16B.—(1.) Where an officer of the Bank is affected in his employment by the action of any authority of the Bank other than the Board, the officer may, within the prescribed time, submit in writing an appeal to the Board.” Appeals by officers of the Bank.

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(2.) An appeal under this section shall state fully the action appealed against and the grounds of the appeal.

(3.) The Board shall consider and determine any appeal made to it under this section and shall notify the appellant of its determination which shall be final and conclusive."

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Mr. Earle Page moved, That the Report be now adopted—

Mr. Anstey moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of the following proposed new clause:—

4A. Section seven of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from paragraph (h) thereof the word "and"; and

(b) by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:—

"and (j) to provide credits for the purposes of—

(i) advances upon broad acres;

(ii) assisting co-operative finance in primary and secondary production;

(iii) assisting in land settlement and development; and

(iv) establishing a grain and fodder reserve against periods of drought."

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Debate ensued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At 3.50 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the consideration of the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of the proposed new clause—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 25.

Noes, 31.

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

And so it was negatived.

Further question—That the Report be now adopted—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 31.

Noes, 25.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Further question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put.

The House divided—

| Ayes, 31.             |                     | Noes, 25.              |                    |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Mr. Atkinson          | Mr. Hurry           | Mr. Anstey             | Mr. McGrath        |
| Mr. Bamford           | Mr. Jackson         | Mr. Blakeley           | Mr. McNeill        |
| Mr. Bayley            | Mr. Lister          | Mr. Brennan            | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Bowden            | Mr. Mackay          | Mr. Charlton           | Mr. O'Keefe        |
| Mr. Bruce             | Mr. Manning         | Mr. Cunningham         | Mr. Edward Riley   |
| Mr. Donald Cameron    | Mr. Earle Page      | Mr. Forde              | Mr. E. C. Riley    |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron   | Mr. Thomas Paterson | Mr. Gabb               | Mr. Scullin        |
| Mr. Robert Cook       | Mr. Pratten         | Mr. Albert Green       | Mr. West           |
| Mr. Corser            | Sir Granville Ryrie | Mr. Lacey              | Mr. Yates          |
| Mr. Duncan-Hughes     | Mr. Stewart         | Mr. Lazzarini          |                    |
| Mr. Frederick Francis | Mr. William Watson  | Mr. Mahony             | <i>Tellers :</i>   |
| Mr. Josiah Francis    | Mr. Whitsitt        | Mr. Makin              |                    |
| Mr. Gardner           |                     | Mr. W. Maloney         | Mr. Coleman        |
| Mr. Roland Green      | <i>Tellers :</i>    | Mr. Frederick McDonald | Mr. Fenton         |
| Sir Littleton Groom   |                     |                        |                    |
| Mr. Hill              | Mr. Marr            |                        |                    |
| Sir Neville Howse     | Mr. Prowse          |                        |                    |

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

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Tariff Board—Annual Report to June, 1924—together with accompanying Schedule of Recommendation.

Ordered.—That the Report be printed.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Brocklesby, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three 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. Lambert, Mr. Latham\*, Mr. Mann, Mr. Marks\*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Charles McDonald\*, Mr. Seabrook\*, and Mr. Thompson.

\* On leave.

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