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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 95.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 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).—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS. The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

- No. 1.—Page 2, clause 4, line 6, leave out " ' Local Board ' means a Local Board of Advice ; "
- No. 2.—Page 2, clause 5, line 19, leave out " lent ", insert " granted "
- No. 3.—Page 2, clause 6, line 42, leave out " lend ", insert " grant "
- No. 4.—Page 3, clause 6, line 3, leave out " loan ", insert " grant "
- No. 5.—Page 3, clause 6, line 5, leave out " amount due by the Bank to the Commonwealth in respect of loans ", insert " grants "
- No. 6.—Page 3, clause 7, lines 22–28, leave out paragraphs (b), (c), and (d), insert the following new paragraph :—
" (b) six other persons who are or have been actively engaged in agriculture, commerce, finance, or industry."
- No. 7.—Page 3, clause 7, lines 32–35, leave out sub-section (2).
- No. 8.—Page 3, clause 7, line 36, leave out " (c) and (d) "
- No. 9.—Page 3, clause 7, line 40, leave out " (c) and (d) "
- No. 10.—Page 4, clause 7, line 2, leave out " (c) and (d) "
- No. 11.—Page 4, clause 7, after section 12A insert the following new section :—
" 12AA.—(1.) There shall be a Board of Advice in London hereinafter called the London Board.
" (2.) The London Board shall consist of three members to be appointed by the Governor-General upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors.
" (3.) The members of the London Board shall subject to this Act hold office for four years and be eligible for re-appointment.
" (4.) The duties and powers of the London Board shall be such as may be delegated to it from time to time by the Board of the Bank."
- No. 12.—Page 4, clause 7, lines 13–26, leave out section 12B.
- No. 13.—Page 4, clause 7, line 33, leave out " a Local Board ", insert " the London Board "
- No. 14.—Page 4, clause 7, line 33, after " to " insert " such "
- No. 15.—Page 4, clause 7, lines 34 and 35, leave out " by way of salary at the rate of Two hundred pounds per annum ", insert " as is fixed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Board of Directors "
- No. 16.—Page 4, clause 7, line 38, leave out " a Local Board ", insert " the London Board "
- No. 17.—Page 4, clause 7, line 40, leave out " a Local Board ", insert " the London Board "
- No. 18.—Page 4, clause 7, line 43, leave out " a Local Board ", insert " the London Board "
- No. 19.—Page 4, clause 7, line 46, leave out " a Local Board ", insert " the London Board "
- No. 20.—Page 5, clause 7, line 1, leave out " a Local Board ", insert " the London Board "
- No. 21.—Page 5, clause 7, line 14, leave out " a Local Board ", insert " the London Board "
- No. 22.—Page 5, clause 7, line 16, leave out " a Local Board ", insert " the London Board "
- No. 23.—Page 5, clause 7, line 29, leave out " a Local Board ", insert " the London Board "

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No. 24.—Page 6, clause 7, lines 4–8, leave out “ the Directors voting for it include two of the following Directors, namely, the Governor, the Director who is the Secretary to the Treasury, and the Directors appointed in pursuance of paragraph (d) of sub-section (2.) of section eleven of this Act”, insert “ six Directors vote for it at a meeting at which all the Directors are present or five Directors vote for it at a meeting from which any of the Directors are absent ”.

No. 25.—Page 6, clause 8, lines 23–25, leave out sub-section (3.), insert the following new sub-sections :—

“ (3.) The Board shall refer the appeal to an Appeal Board consisting of three members, one of whom shall be appointed by the Board and one of whom shall be elected by the officers of the Bank in the manner prescribed, with an independent Chairman appointed by the Board.

“ (4.) The Appeal Board shall consider any appeal referred to it under this section and shall submit its report thereon to the Board which shall determine the appeal and notify the appellant of its determination which shall be final and conclusive.”

No. 26.—Page 7, after clause 11, insert the following new clause :—

“ 11A. Section thirty-four of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (2.) thereof the word ‘ Governor ’ and inserting in its stead the word ‘ Board ’.”

Investment
of
Funds.

No. 27.—Page 7, clause 16, line 10, after “ amended ” insert “ —(a) ”.

No. 28.—Page 7, clause 16, at end of clause add “ ; and (b) by adding at the end thereof the following proviso :—

‘ Provided that Australian notes shall not be issued to the Bank without the approval of the Treasurer ’.”

No. 29.—Page 7, after clause 16 insert the following new clause :—

“ 16A. After section sixty o of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

‘ 60 OA. The Board may issue Australian notes to the Bank or to other banks in Australia in exchange for money or securities lodged with the London branch of the Bank.’ ”

Issue of notes
on money or
securities lodged
in London.

No. 30.—Page 7, after clause 16 insert the following new clause :—

“ 16B. Section sixty p of the Principal Act is repealed.”

Repeal of
section 60p.

No. 31.—Page 7, clause 17, lines 15 and 16, leave out “ the thirty-first day of January One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five ”, insert “ a date to be fixed by Proclamation ”.

No. 32.—Page 8, clause 17, line 12, after “ public ” insert “ and allows interest thereon ”.

No. 33.—Page 8, clause 18, lines 22–25, leave out section 62B.

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the Senate’s Amendments be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Ordered, after debate—That the Amendments be taken *seriatim*.

Amendment No. 1 agreed to.

Amendment No. 2 debated and agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 3 and 4 agreed to.

Amendment No. 5—

Mr. Lazzarini moved, That the Amendment be amended by the insertion of the words “ and the Bank shall retain its profits to enable the Bank to meet its interest obligations ” after the word “ grants ”.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. O’Keefe
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. McNeill	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Frederick McDonald

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mann
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Manning
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Fratten
Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Roland Green	
Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hurry	
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Lister	Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

Amendment agreed to.

Amendment No. 6—

Mr. Parker Moloney moved, That the Amendment be amended by the omission of all the words in paragraph (b) with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—“ one other person who shall be permanently employed in the service of the Bank ”.

Debate ensued.

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Mr. O'Keefe addressing the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 17	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Anstey	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mann	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Manning	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates.
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Makin	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Frederick McDonald	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Roland Green			
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter		
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Marr		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That the words proposed to be omitted stand—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mann	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Manning	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Coleman
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thompson	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Roland Green			
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter		
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Marr		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Amendment [No. 6] be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Manning	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Lacey	Mr. West
Mr. Corser	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Gardner		Mr. Mann	
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Forde
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Yates
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Marr		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment No. 7—

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

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

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

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 63.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act to amend the ' Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922 ' ,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th August, 1924.

JOHN NEWLAND,
Deputy-President.

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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 the next sitting.

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4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1924-25.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 64.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 8th August, 1924.

JOHN NEWLAND,

Deputy-President.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CATTLE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL.—Mr. Speaker [announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 65.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Export of Live Cattle* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

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JOHN NEWLAND,

Deputy-President.

6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at South Launceston, Tasmania—For Postal purposes.
7. MINISTRY—ALTERATION IN.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) announced to the House that Mr. Hill had been appointed Minister for Works and Railways, in the place of Mr. Stewart, resigned.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten minutes past four 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—
Mr. Bayley, Mr. Brennan, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Fenton, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Gregory, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Killen*, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Mahony, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks*, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Edward Riley, Sir Granville Ryrie, and Mr. William Watson.

* On leave.

FRANK I. CLAPIN;

Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.