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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 96.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 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. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Royal Australian Naval College, Jervis Bay, and Royal Military College, Duntroon—Report by Professor Sir T. W. Edgeworth David, Major-General Sir C. B. B. White and Captain G. F. Hyde.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Advances to Settlers Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 114.

Customs Tariff (Industries Preservation) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 99.

Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement for 1923-24.

3. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1924).—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further 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 further consider the Amendments (*See pages 341-2 ante*)—

Amendments Nos. 7 to 10 agreed to.

Amendment No. 11 debated and agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 12 to 14 agreed to.

Amendment No. 15—

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the Amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mann
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Manning
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Austin Chapman	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Corser	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Roland Green	
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hurry	
Sir Elliot Johnson	
Mr. Lister	

*Tellers :*Mr. Hunter
Mr. Marr

Noes, 22.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Mathews	

*Tellers :*Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Parker Moloney

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Amendments Nos. 16 to 24 agreed to.

Amendment No. 25—

Mr. Makin moved, That the Amendment be amended by the omission of the words "the Board" in line 3 of proposed sub-section (3.), and the insertion of the words "mutual agreement, or failing agreement by the Governor-General in Council" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

The honorable Member for Parkes (Mr. Marr) addressing the Committee—

Chairman's Ruling—A Point of Order having been raised by Mr. Makin, that certain words used by the honorable Member for Parkes were unparliamentary and should be withdrawn, the Chairman ruled that the honorable Member for Parkes was not out of order.

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

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Forde	Mr. West	Sir Austin Chapman	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Yates	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Lacey		Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Gardner	Mr. William Watson
		Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Whitsitt
		Sir Neville Howse	
		Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter
		Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

Amendment proposed by Mr. Makin temporarily withdrawn, by leave.

Mr. Roland Green moved, That the Amendment be amended by the omission of the words "appointed by the Board" in line 3 of the proposed sub-section (3.), and the insertion of the words "mutually agreed upon by the other members of the Appeal Board, and failing such agreement the Chairman shall be appointed by the Governor-General in Council" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the proposed amendment to the Senate's Amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister
Mr. Coleman	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. William Watson	Sir Austin Chapman	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Lacey	Mr. West	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Lambert	Mr. Yates	Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Frederick McDonald	Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr
		Sir Elliot Johnson	

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page the following amendment to the Senate's Amendment was agreed to :—

After the word "Chairman" in the proposed sub-section (3.), insert "chosen by mutual agreement between the other two members or, if those members fail to agree,".

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 26 and 27 agreed to.

Amendment No. 28 debated.

Mr. Anstey moved, That the Amendment be amended by the omission of the word "the" before "Bank", and the insertion of the word "any" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment proposed by Mr. Anstey withdrawn, by leave.

Question—That the Amendment be agreed to—put and negatived.

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Amendment No. 29 debated.

Mr. Whitsitt moved, That the Amendment be amended by the omission of the words " money or securities", and the insertion of the word " gold " in place thereof.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at seventeen 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—
Mr. Bayley, Mr. Charlton, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Gregory, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Killen, Mr. Latham, Mr. Mahony, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Edward Riley, Sir Granville Rylie, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

FRANK L. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.