

1923-24.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 15TH 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. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 66.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the Commonwealth Bank Act 1911-1920 and for other purposes*", and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate has agreed to the amendment of the House of Representatives upon Amendment No. 25 of the Senate, and that the Senate does not insist upon its Amendment No. 28 disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

JOHN NEWLAND,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 14th August, 1924.

3. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
4. LOAN BILL (NO. 2) (1924) [£6,450,000].—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 2—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. McGrath, That the words "Defence expenditure shall not be paid from the above-mentioned loan moneys" be added to the clause.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins.
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Yates

Noes, 24.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mann
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Manning
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Sir Austin Chapman	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Corser	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Lister	Mr. Marr.

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

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Schedule—

Appropriation "Under control of Prime Minister's Department, £251,500"—

Mr. McGrath moved, That the amount of the Appropriation be reduced by £250,000.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mann
Mr. Forde	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Manning
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Watkins	Sir Austin Chapman	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Lambert	Mr. West	Mr. Corser	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Prose
Mr. Makin		Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Roland Green	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Coleman	Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Lister	Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

Appropriation agreed to.

Question—That the remainder of the Schedule be agreed to—put and passed.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 350 *ante*) the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Bayley, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, 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 Ryrie, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

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