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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 128.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Railways Act—By-law No. 31.
3. PUBLIC SERVICE 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.)

Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr. Makin moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be added to the clause :—

(b) by inserting therein after the word "available" the words "within twelve months".

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Anstey
Mr. Brennan
Mr. Coleman
Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Forde
Mr. Makin
Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. O'Keefe

Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Watkins
Mr. West
Mr. Yates

Tellers :
Mr. Fenton
Mr. Albert Green

Noes, 31.

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. Corser	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Prowse
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Scabrook
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Coleman moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be added to the clause :

(b) with compensation on the basis of one month's salary for each year of completed service.

Debate ensued.

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

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Yates
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Frederick McDonald	
Mr. Parker Moloney	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Fenton

Noes, 28.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
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	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 31.	
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. Corser	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Prowse
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr

Noes, 16.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Frederick McDonald	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Fenton

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 7—

Mr. Frederick McDonald moved, as an amendment, That sub-sections (3.), (3A.), (3B.) and, (3C.) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following sub-sections in place thereof :—

- (3.) An appeal under this section shall be determined by an Appeal Board constituted as follows :—
- (a) A representative of the Permanent Head of the Department wherein the appellant is employed or the Head himself.
- (b) The appellant or his nominee who is an officer of the Public Service organization to which appellant belongs.
- (c) An independent Chairman to be mutually agreed upon by the parties in (a) and (b) or failing that to be appointed by the Governor in Council.
- (4.) The decision of this Appeal Board shall be final and acted upon by the Public Service Board.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the sub-sections proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—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
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pratten
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gibson	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Lister	Mr. Marr

Noes, 15.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Yates
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Frederick McDonald	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. McGrath	
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Coleman
Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Fenton

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr. Makin moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be added to the clause :—

(b) by omitting from sub-section (4.) thereof the words "the appeal" and inserting in their stead the words "all appeals".

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 8—

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, as an amendment, That sub-section (7.) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following sub-sections in place thereof :—

"(7.) Notwithstanding anything contained in the last preceding sub-section, where the salary allotted to an officer by the classification is less than the salary which that officer would have been entitled to receive, under a determination made under the *Arbitration (Public Service) Act 1920*, at the date of the publication of the approval of the classification of the last classified section of the Commonwealth service, that officer, so long as he occupies the office to which he is assigned by the classification and the salary to which he would be entitled under the classification continues to be less than the said salary which he would have been entitled to receive at the date of the publication of the approval of the classification, shall continue to receive the said higher salary.

"(8.) For the purposes of the last preceding sub-section, the salary which an officer would have been entitled to receive under a determination includes such emoluments as are prescribed."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Coleman moved, as an amendment upon the amendment, That the words "received by virtue of a determination of the Arbitrator or are" be inserted after the words "emoluments as are" in proposed sub-section (8.).

Debate continued.

Amendment upon amendment negatived.

Amendment (moved by Mr. Bruce) agreed to.

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

"(9.) Notwithstanding anything contained in the last preceding sub-section the Board shall not fix a lower salary in respect of any office or class of work than the salary fixed for that office or class of work by or under a determination made under the *Arbitration (Public Service) Act 1920*."

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Fenton
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Makin

Noes, 31.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mann
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Manning
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Proyse
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr
Mr. Mackay	

And so it was negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 9 and 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clause 12—

Mr. Scullin moved, as an amendment, That the words "either before or" (line 21) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Clause postponed.

Clause 13 debated and agreed to.

Clause 14—

Mr. Makin moved, as an amendment, That the words "without increased salary" (page 4, line 20) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words "with the salary and allowances attached to such office" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Makin moved, as an amendment, That the words "or transfer" be inserted after the word "promotion" (line 21).

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Mr. Makin moved, as an amendment, That sub-section (7.) be omitted and that the following sub-section be inserted in place thereof :—

“(7.) Any appeal under this section shall be determined by a conference consisting of a representative of the Board, a representative of the Permanent Head of the Department in which the vacancy occurs and a representative of the organization to which the appellant belongs or may belong, and any such appeal shall be forwarded to the representative of the Board on such conference by the Permanent Head of the Department in which the appellant officer is employed.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Manning
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Forde	Mr. West	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. William Watson
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Whitsitt
		Mr. Hill	
		Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Mackay	Mr. Marr
		Mr. Mann	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 15 to 18 agreed to.

Clause 19—

Mr. Makin moved, as an amendment, That paragraphs (e) and (f) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 20 and 21 agreed to.

Clause 22—

Mr. Makin moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (a) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Bruce moved, as an amendment, That the words “, and for defining the seniority of officers in those respective Divisions ” be inserted after the word “ thereof ” (line 30).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed Clause 12—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Scullin, That the words “ either before or ” (line 21) be omitted.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Makin moved, as an amendment, That the word “ not ” (line 22) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Bruce moved, as an amendment, That the words “, unless in any particular case the Board otherwise determines,” be inserted after the word “ not ” (line 22).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

New Clauses—

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill :—

“ 8A. Section twenty-eight of the Principal Act is amended by inserting therein, after the word ‘ shall ’ (first occurring), the words ‘, subject to sub-section (7.) of the last preceding section,’ ”

Adjustment of
salaries
following
classification.

Mr. Makin moved, That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill :—

“ 10A. Section thirty of the Principal Act is amended by adding the following proviso :—

‘ Provided that where female officers perform similar duties to those of male officers, the salaries of such female officers shall be equal to those of such male officers ’.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the proposed new clause be inserted in the Bill—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Coleman	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. West	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Forde	Mr. Whitsitt	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates	Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Makin		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Pratten
Mr. McGrath	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Gibson	
		Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr
		Mr. Hurry	

And so it was negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, by leave, after debate, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Bruce moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Anstey	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mann	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. West
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Forde	Mr. Yates
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Fenton
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Prowse	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Parker Moloney	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Gardner	Mr. William Watson		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Whitsitt		
Mr. Roland Green			
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Hunter		
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Hurry			

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

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ZOOLOGICAL MUSEUM AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 97.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia and William Colin MacKenzie and for other purposes,*” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

JOHN NEWLAND,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th October, 1924.

Mr. Atkinson (representing the Minister for Home and Territories) 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.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—STATISTICAL BUREAU (TASMANIA) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 98.

The Senate has passed a Bill for “ *An Act to approve an Agreement made between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Tasmania,*” and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

JOHN NEWLAND,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 8th October, 1924.

8th October, 1924.

Mr. Atkinson (representing the Minister for Home and Territories) 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.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—DAIRY PRODUCE EXPORT CONTROL BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 99.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act relating to the Export of Dairy Produce,*” and acquaints the House that, with regard to Amendment No. 5 of the Senate, the Senate has agreed to the consequential amendment of the House of Representatives in Clause 14, of the Bill. The Senate has agreed to the amendment of the House on Amendment No. 11 of the Senate, and does not insist upon its Amendment No. 4, disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

JOHN NEWLAND,
Deputy-President.

The Senate,

Melbourne, 8th October, 1924.

7. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Petroleum Prospects in the Kimberley District of Western Australia and in the Northern Territory
—Report by Arthur Wade, D.Sc.

Ordered—to lie on the Table.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

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

8. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Bamford, Mr. Bayley*, Mr. Blakeley*, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton*, Mr. Gabb, Sir Littleton Groom*, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lister, Mr. Mahony, Mr. W. Maloney*, Mr. Marks*, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Nelson, Mr. E. C. Riley, and Sir Granville Ryrie*.

* On leave.

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