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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

No. 115.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1927.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance of 1927—No. 3—Coroners.
3. COMMONWEALTH BANK (SAVINGS BANK) BILL.—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 7—

Ordered—That the clause be considered in proposed sections.

Proposed section 35B debated and agreed to.

Proposed section 35C agreed to.

Proposed section 35D debated and agreed to.

Proposed section 35E debated—

Question—That the proposed section be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bell	Mr. Latham
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lister
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marr
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Nott
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parsons
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Hill	Mr. Seabrook
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Manning

Noes, 18.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lacey	Mr. West
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Yates
Mr. Mathews	
Mr. McGrath	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Fenton
Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Proposed section 35f debated and agreed to.

Proposed section 35g—

Question—That the proposed section be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. Corser	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Nott
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Hill	Mr. Thompson
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hunter
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Manning

Noes, 16.

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. West
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Fenton
Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Proposed section 35h—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the following amendments were made:—

Page 3, line 15, after "Commissioner" insert "and the two other Commissioners".

Page 3, line 18, omit "other Commissioners", insert "Commissioners other than the Chief Commissioner".

Proposed section, as amended, agreed to, after debate.

Proposed section 35j debated and agreed to.

Proposed section 35k omitted, after debate.

Proposed section 35l debated—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following amendment was made:—

Page 3, lines 36-38, omit "and each member of a State Board of Advice shall be entitled to such remuneration as is fixed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Commission".

Proposed section, as amended, agreed to.

Proposed section 35m—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following amendments were made:—

Page 3, line 40, after "Commissioner" (first occurring) insert "and".

Page 3, lines 40-41, omit "and each member of a Board of Advice".

Proposed section, as amended, agreed to.

Proposed section 35n debated and agreed to.

Proposed section 35p—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following amendment was made:—

Page 4, line 25, omit "and each member of a Board of Advice".

Proposed section, as amended, agreed to.

Proposed section 35q omitted.

Proposed sections 35r and 35s agreed to.

Proposed section 35t debated—

On the motion of Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), the following amendment was made:—

Page 5, line 14, add to the proposed section the words "provided that so far as practicable arrangements shall be made by the Commission with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia for the utilization of a common staff of officers".

Proposed section, as amended, agreed to.

Proposed section 35u agreed to.

Proposed section 35v debated and agreed to.

Proposed section 35w—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following amendment was made, after debate:—

Page 5, line 43, after "Australia" insert ", and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia shall act in accordance with any such appointment."

Proposed section, as amended, agreed to.

Proposed section 35x debated and agreed to.

Proposed section 35y debated and agreed to.

Proposed section 35z debated and agreed to.

Proposed section 35aa debated—

Mr. Theodore moved, as an amendment, that the following words be added to paragraph (d):—" or for factories, cleaning and drying plants, mechanical loading, apparatus for grading and processing, or transportation facilities".

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Debate continued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Theodore	Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Brennan	Mr. West	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marr
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Yates	Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Lacey		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Parsons
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. McGrath		Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Fenton	Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Scullin	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Thompson
		Sir Neville Howse	Mr. William Watson
		Mr. Hurry	
		Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Killen	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Latham	Mr. Manning
		Mr. Lister	

And so it was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following amendment was made :—

Page 6, line 40, after “ products ” add “ including the erection of plant for treatment to ensure their preservation and preparation for marketing ”.

On the motion of Mr. Charlton, the following further amendment was made :—

Page 6, line 44, omit “ or any prescribed Bank ”.

On the motion of Mr. Grosvenor Francis, the following further amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 6, line 45, after “ manner ” add “, and may also, from time to time, vary any such investment ”.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following further amendment was made :—

Page 7, line 2, omit “ produce ”, insert “ products ”.

Proposed section, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following amendment was made :—

Page 7, lines 9–10, omit “ fifty-eight (inclusive), fifty-nine, sixty ”, insert “ sixty (inclusive) ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 9—

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following amendments were made :—

Page 7, line 30, omit “ produce ”, insert “ products ”.

Page 7, line 31, omit “ thirty-four AA ”, insert “ thirty-five Y.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

*New clause—*

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

5A. After section twenty of the Principal Act the following section is inserted in Part III. :—

“ 20A.—(1.) The Treasurer shall, at least twice in each year, prepare a statement of the combined accounts of the Bank and the Savings Bank in accordance with the prescribed form. Statement of combined accounts of Bank and Savings Bank.

(2.) The Treasurer shall submit the statement to the Auditor-General for the Commonwealth for certification as to its correctness.

(3.) The statement shall, within fourteen days of its being so certified, be laid before both Houses of the Parliament if the Parliament is then sitting and, if not, then within fourteen days after the next meeting of the Parliament.”.

*Proposed new clause—*

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

8A. After section sixty-two A of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

“ 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.”.

Proposed new clause negatived.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the House, by leave, adopted the Report.

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

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lister	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mann	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr	Mr. Coleman	Mr. West
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Nott	Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Parsons	Mr. McGrath	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Pratten	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Lazzarini
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Thompson		
Sir Neville Howse			
Mr. Hurry	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Jackson			
Mr. Killen	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Latham	Mr. Manning		

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

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at one minute to ten 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. Atkinson, Mr. Bowden\*, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Forde, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Ley\*, Mr. Marks, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Parkhill, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Rodgers, and Mr. Watt.

\* On leave.

E. W. PARKES,  
Clerk- Assistant, House of Representatives.