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# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, CANBERRA.

No. 19.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1929.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Gregory rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The necessity for immediate inquiry as to the best means and methods that may be adopted for the purpose of ensuring ample and cheaper supplies of fertilizers in Australia".  
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Mr. Gregory moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Business of the Day was called on.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Central Australia—Report of the Administration for the year ended 30th June, 1928.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. 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.
5. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1929).—Mr. Thomas Paterson (Minister for Markets and Transport) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Service Homes Act 1918-1927*.  
Question—put and passed.
6. WINE GRAPES CHARGES 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 3 debated.

Mr. Jones proposing to move, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added to sub-clause (1.) :—"provided that any winery or distillery handling annually less than ten tons of grapes for use in the manufacture of wine or spirit shall be exempt from the charges imposed by this Act"—

*Chairman's Ruling.*—The Chairman ruled the proposed amendment out of order on the ground that once a Resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means has been reported to and adopted by the House, no variation of that Resolution can be made by the Committee of the Whole in the Bill founded upon such Resolution. The Chairman also pointed out that the House alone can order any variation in relation to the character or width of the Resolution, either by discharging the Bill or by fresh instructions to be issued to the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. TARIFF BOARD BILL (1929).—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.

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(In the Committee.)

Postponed clause 2—

Mr. Gullett (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, as an amendment, That all the words from and including the word "amended" to the end of the clause inclusive be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following:—"repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

' 8.—(1.) The Chairman shall receive a salary of sixteen hundred pounds a year, inclusive of such salary (if any) as is payable to him as an officer of the Public Service.

' (2.) Each of the other members shall receive an allowance of six guineas per sitting, with a maximum in any one year of fifteen hundred pounds:

Provided that if, in any year, the amount received by way of salary by a member, who is an officer of the Commonwealth Public Service, is less than the amount which would be payable to him at the rate of six guineas per sitting, with a maximum of fifteen hundred pounds a year, the amount of the difference shall be paid to him as an allowance.

' (3.) There shall be paid to each member, on account of his expenses in travelling to discharge the duties of his office, such sums as are considered reasonable by the Governor-General.

' (4.) The Minister may grant to each member of the Board, not being an officer of the Commonwealth Public Service, fifteen days' leave of absence in each year, and, for each day of absence on leave, each such member shall, if remunerated by way of sitting fees, be entitled to receive allowance as if he had attended a sitting of the Board on that day.

' (5.) In this section "year" means a period of twelve months commencing from the date of appointment of the member concerned, or from any anniversary of that date.' "

Mr. Curtin moved, as an amendment upon the proposed amendment, That all the words from and including the words "shall receive" (proposed sub-section (2.)) to the end of proposed sub-section (2.) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "who shall give his exclusive and disinterested service, shall receive an allowance of fifteen hundred pounds a year" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Beasley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Price
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Culley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hughes	Mr. West
Mr. James	Mr. Yates
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Long	
Mr. Mann	
Mr. Martens	

Tellers:

Mr. Fenton  
Mr. Makin

Noes, 34.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bell	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Collins	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Graham Pratten
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	

Tellers:

Mr. Hunter  
Mr. Perkins

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Fenton moved, as an amendment upon the proposed amendment, That the word "six" (wherever occurring) be omitted from proposed sub-section (2.) of the proposed amendment, with a view to the insertion of the word "five" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Martens
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Price
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Collins	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Culley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
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Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Graham Pratten
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hughes	

Tellers:

Mr. Hunter  
Mr. Perkins

And so it was negatived.

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Amendment [by Mr. Gullett] agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed clause 6—

On the motion of Mr. Gullett, the following amendments were made, after debate :—

Page 3, line 26, omit " Minister may direct the Board to ", insert " Board may ".

Page 3, lines 28–29, omit " and, when so directed, the Board shall so confer accordingly ".

Question—That the clause, as amended, be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Collins	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parsons
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Graham Pratten
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Perkins

Noes, 30.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Beasley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Price
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Culley	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Curtin	Mr. Theodore
Mr. Forde	Mr. Tully
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. James	Mr. West
Mr. Jones	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Long	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Martens	Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

*New clauses—*

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

1A. Section five of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the words :—  
" , one of whom shall be a woman ".

Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause negatived.

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

1A. Section seven of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (1.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section :—

" (1.) The Governor-General shall appoint a member of the Board as Chairman, and may appoint as Chairman a member who holds an administrative office in the Department of Trade and Customs. ".

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Killen
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Collins	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Earle Page
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Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Perkins

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Price
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Chifley	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Culley	Mr. Theodore
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Mr. Lacey	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Long	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Martens	Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

6A. Section sixteen of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section :—

" (3.) All reports received by the Minister from the Board relating to matters dealt with under paragraphs (d), (e), and (f) of sub-section (1.) of section fifteen of this Act shall be laid on the table of each House of the Parliament within four months after the receipt of such report if the Parliament is then sitting, and, if the Parliament is not then sitting, then within one month of the next meeting of the Parliament. ".

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Debate ensued.

Proposed new clause negatived.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Gullett, the House, by leave, adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TRANSPORT WORKERS BILL (1929).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

*Message No. 7.*

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Transport Workers Act 1928'*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 13th March, 1929.

JOHN NEWLANDS,  
President.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

THURSDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1929.

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

And then the House, at one minute past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Jackson, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watt.

E. W. PARKES,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*