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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 38.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH MAY, 1930.

1. **The House** met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.**—Mr. Lacey, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee :—
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed erection of Cottages at Canberra.
Ordered, after debate, to be printed.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Development and Migration Bill (1930)—Copies of Agreements specified in the Schedule of the Bill.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1929-30—Dated 2nd May, 1930.
Judiciary Act and High Court Procedure Act—Rules of Court—Rule *re* Sittings—Dated 28th April, 1930.
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, Nos. 41, 42.
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1930, No. 44.
4. **ERECTION OF PUBLIC BATHS AT CANBERRA—APPROVAL OF WORK.**—Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act* 1913-1921, the following proposed work, which was referred to and reported upon by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be proceeded with, viz. :—The proposed erection of public baths at Canberra.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
5. **PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1930).**—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Public Service Act* 1922-1928.
Question—put and passed.
6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.
7. **GERMAN NATIONALS—PROPERTY RIGHTS AND INTERESTS—AGREEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister), That the Paper [*presented on the 30th April last*], viz. :—Agreement between the Commonwealth Government and the Government of the German Reich regarding the release of property rights and interests of German nationals subject to the charge created in pursuance of the Treaty of Versailles—be printed—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.
8. **DEVELOPMENT AND MIGRATION BILL (1930).**—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Earle Page moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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9. NATIONALITY BILL (1930).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Blakeley (Minister for Home Affairs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Latham moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
10. COTTON INDUSTRIES BOUNTY 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 2—

Debate resumed on the following proposed amendment of Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs), viz.:—That the clause be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following clause in place thereof:—

2.—(1.) The *Cotton Bounty Act 1926* is, subject to this section, repealed.

(2.) The provisions of the *Cotton Bounty Act 1926* shall remain in force to the extent necessary to authorize payment of bounty on—

(a) seed cotton grown in Australia, delivered to a place appointed under that Act, and graded as prescribed by that Act, prior to the commencement of this Act; and

(b) cotton yarn manufactured in Australia prior to the commencement of this Act and in the manufacture of which not less than fifty per centum of Australian-grown cotton has been used,

and upon which bounty has not been paid prior to such commencement.

(3.) All the provisions of the *Cotton Bounty Act 1926* shall remain in force in respect of the payment of bounty under the last preceding sub-section, and shall, so far as applicable, extend to, and be deemed to authorize, the payment of bounty upon cotton yarn manufactured in Australia the materials used in the manufacture of which consist, to the extent of at least ninety per centum, of Australian-grown cotton, and, in the remainder, of cotton imported by the manufacturer prior to the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and thirty.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That after “accordingly,” (page 1, line 16) the words “one-half of the amount of” be inserted.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and postponed.

Clause 6 postponed.

Clauses 7 and 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

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

Page 3, lines 18–20, omit “if more than fifty per centum of Australian-grown cotton is used, authorize the use of Australian-grown cotton at any percentage under ninety and over fifty”; insert “subject to the next succeeding proviso, authorize the use of less than ninety per centum of Australian-grown cotton”.

Page 3, after the second proviso insert the following proviso:—

“Provided further that bounty shall not be payable on cotton yarn in the manufacture of which less than fifty per centum of Australian-grown cotton has been used, unless the Minister is satisfied—

(a) that there are insufficient supplies of Australian-grown cotton available to enable the manufacturer of cotton yarn so to use at least fifty per centum of Australian-grown cotton; and

(b) that the manufacturer has used, in the manufacture of the cotton yarn, all the Australian-grown cotton that is available.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 12 agreed to.

Clause 13—

Mr. Forde moved, as an amendment, That the following sub-clauses be added to the clause:—

(7.) The Minister may appoint an authority or authorities for determining, for the purposes of this section, wages and conditions of employment which are fair and reasonable for labour employed in the production of seed cotton or lint, or the manufacture of cotton yarn.

(8.) An authority appointed by the Minister under the last preceding sub-section shall consist of a representative of the Commonwealth, a representative of employers engaged in the production of seed cotton or lint, or the manufacture of cotton yarn, and a representative of employees engaged in such production or manufacture.

(9.) An authority appointed under sub-section (7.) of this section shall have such powers in relation to the summoning of witnesses, the production of books and documents and the taking of evidence, as are prescribed.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Mr. Forde moved, as an amendment, That the following sub-clauses be added to the clause :—

(7.) The Minister may appoint an authority or authorities for determining, for the purposes of this section, wages and conditions of employment which are fair and reasonable for labour employed in the production of seed cotton or lint, or the manufacture of cotton yarn, and any authority so appointed shall be deemed to be a Commonwealth authority within the meaning of sub-section (1.) of this section.

(8.) An authority appointed by the Minister under the last preceding sub-section shall consist of a representative of the Commonwealth, a representative of employers engaged in the production of seed cotton or lint, or the manufacture of cotton yarn, and a representative of employees engaged in such production or manufacture.

Debate continued.

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

The House resumed : Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Coleman, Mr. Fenton*, Mr. Frost, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hawker, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Morgan, and Mr. Stewart.

* On leave.

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