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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 73.

FRIDAY, 18TH JULY, 1930.

1. The House met, at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Norman J. O. Makin) took the Chair, and offered Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Scullin (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SUPERANNUATION BILL (1930).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

SOMERS,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 37.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of amendments to be moved by the Honorary Minister, the Honorable J. A. Beasley, in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1924*.

Melbourne, 16th July, 1930.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the Whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Beasley (Honorary Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of amendments to be moved by the Honorary Minister, the Honorable J. A. Beasley, in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Superannuation Act 1922-1924*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Beasley, by leave, was adopted by the House.

4. SUPERANNUATION BILL (1930).—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 agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Beasley (Honorary Minister), the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 1, line 14, omit "adopted children", insert "children adopted by a contributor or by a pensioner who has been a contributor and dependent on him at the time of his death".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

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Clause 6—

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

Page 2, lines 28-44, omit paragraph (a), insert the following paragraph :—

(a) by omitting sub-section (2.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-sections :—

“ (2) In respect of units of pension the initial contributions in respect of which have been made prior to the commencement of this sub-section the following provisions shall apply :—

(a) the contributions of a contributor shall, subject to the next succeeding paragraph, cease to be paid when he ceases to be employed in the Service, or immediately after the last fortnightly payment before the anniversary of his initial contribution next preceding the attainment by him of the maximum age for retirement, whichever first happens; and

(b) in the case of a contributor whose initial payment is made within twelve months before he attains the maximum age for retirement, twenty-six contributions at the fortnightly rates applicable to the contributor shall be made before pension in respect of superannuation shall become payable.

“ (2A.) In respect of units of pension the initial contributions in respect of which are made after the commencement of this sub-section the following provisions shall apply :—

(a) the contributions of a contributor shall, subject to the next succeeding paragraph, cease to be paid when he ceases to be employed in the Service, or, in respect of each unit or part thereof, immediately after the last fortnightly payment before the anniversary of his initial contribution in respect thereof next preceding the attainment by him of the maximum age for retirement, whichever first happens; and

(b) in the case of a contributor whose initial payment in respect of any unit or part thereof is made within twelve months before he attains the maximum age for retirement, twenty-six contributions at the fortnightly rates applicable to the contributor in respect of that unit or part thereof shall be made before pension in respect of superannuation as regards that unit or part shall become payable.

“ (2B.) For the purposes of the last two preceding sub-sections the initial contribution of an employee in respect of any additional unit or part thereof for which he has elected to contribute shall be deemed to have been made on the date as from which the contribution became payable.

“ (2c.) A contributor—

(a) who elects, or is called upon, to retire on or after attaining the age of sixty years, or

(b) whose maximum age for retirement is fixed at an earlier age than sixty-five years, but not less than sixty years, and who retires on attaining the age so fixed,

may, notwithstanding anything contained in this section contribute, in a lump sum, or in such smaller sums and at such periods as the Board approves, the actuarial equivalent of the amount necessary to complete his payments to the fund up to a later age (not exceeding the age of sixty-five years). ”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 16 agreed to.

Clause 17 debated and agreed to.

Clause 18 debated and agreed to.

Clause 19—

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

Page 6, lines 33-35, omit paragraph (a).

Page 6, line 44, omit “ suitable duties as an employee ”, insert “ his duties ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 20—

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

Page 7, line 21, after “ Commonwealth ” insert “ and his employment or re-employment commences after the commencement of this section. ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 21 to 25 agreed to.

Clause 26 debated and agreed to.

Clause 27 agreed to.

Clause 28—

Mr. White moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—“ Nothing in this section shall prevent the payment of a pension to persons injured on duty and who are compensated on that account ”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 29—

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

Page 9, line 43, after “ shall ” insert “, as from such date as is specified by the Board. ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Clause 30 -

Mr. White moved, as an amendment, That after " employee " (page 10, line 3) the words " or Citizen Force, Air Force Officer or Airman " be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 31 to 34 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

5. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SEWING MACHINE BOUNTY BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STONEHAVEN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 38.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of amendments to be moved by the Honorary Minister, the Honorable F. M. Forde, in a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of a Bounty on the manufacture of Sewing Machine Heads.

Melbourne, 12th July, 1930.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Forde (Honorary Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of amendments to be moved by the Honorary Minister, the Honorable F. M. Forde, in a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of a Bounty on the manufacture of Sewing Machine Heads.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Forde, by leave, was adopted by the House.

6. SEWING MACHINE 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 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr. Gullett moved, as an amendment, That the word " Twenty " (page 1, line 19) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word " Ten " in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 31:

Noes, 17.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Crouch	Mr. Long
Mr. Culley	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Martens
Mr. Curtin	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Cusack	Mr. McTiernan
Mr. Eldridge	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Forde	Mr. Rowe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Tully
Mr. Gibbons	
Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Jones	Mr. Price
Mr. Keane	Mr. E. C. Riley

Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Mackay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Maxwell	
Mr. Morgan	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Nairn	Mr. Hunter

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Clause agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 7 and 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clause 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clause 12 debated—

Mr. Gregory moved, as an amendment, That the word "ten" (page 2, line 40) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "five" in place thereof.

Amendment negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Forde (Honorary Minister), the following amendments were made:—

Page 3, line 10, after "is" insert "or has been".

Page 3, line 11, after "is" insert "or has been".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 13 to 16 agreed to.

Clause 17—

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

Page 5, line 26, after "Regulations" insert "; and the proportion in which bounty shall be payable to claimants who have complied with the prescribed conditions, in cases where there is not sufficient money available to pay the full bounty in respect of all the claims".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title—

On the motion of Mr. Forde, the Title was amended by omitting "Manufacture of Sewing Machine Heads" and inserting "Production of Sewing Machine Heads manufactured in Australia".

Title, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments, and with an amended Title.

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

7. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL (1930).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

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

The House resumed; Mr. McGrath reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House at twelve minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Monday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bayley, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Chifley, Mr. Coleman*, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hughes, Mr. James, Mr. Killen*, Mr. Latham, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks, Mr. Mathews*, Mr. Edward Riley, Mr. Theodore, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. West.

* On leave.

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