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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

No. 30.

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1944.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MASTER BAKERS' STRIKE, TOWNSVILLE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Forde (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the action taken by the Government in connexion with a strike of master bakers at Townsville, Queensland.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement on international affairs. Objection being raised, leave not granted.
4. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT.—Mr. Conelan, Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate). The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

## REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other Papers, motions for the printing of which lapsed with the close of the Session in July last, recommend that the following be printed :—

Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act—Nineteenth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

International Labour Organization—Twenty-sixth Session (Philadelphia, April-May, 1944)—Report by the Australian Government Delegates.

Monetary and Financial Conference of the United Nations, held at Bretton Woods, U.S.A., July, 1944—Documents.

Postmaster-General's Department—Thirty-third Report, for year 1942-43.

Science and Industry Research Act—Eighteenth Annual Report of Council for year 1943-44.

Tariff Board Act—Tariff Board—Annual Report for year 1943-44.

W. P. CONELAN,  
Chairman.

29th November, 1944.

Mr. Conelan moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.  
Question—put and passed.

5. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS—STATEMENT, DATED 29TH NOVEMBER, 1944, BY THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Evatt (Minister for External Affairs), by command of His Excellency the Administrator, laid upon the Table the following Paper :—

International Affairs—Statement, dated 29th November, 1944, by the Minister for External Affairs—

and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Makin (Minister for the Navy) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

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30th November, 1944.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 35.

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|--------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Barnard  | Mr. Lazzarini   |
| Mr. Breen    | Mr. Lemmon      |
| Mr. Bryson   | Mr. Makin       |
| Mr. Burke    | Mr. McLeod      |
| Mr. Calwell  | Mr. Morgan      |
| Mr. Chambers | Mr. Mulcahy     |
| Mr. Chifley  | Mr. Riordan     |
| Mr. Conelan  | Mr. Russell     |
| Mr. Daly     | Mr. Scullin     |
| Mr. Dedman   | Mr. Scully      |
| Mr. Evatt    | Mr. Sheehy      |
| Mr. Forde    | Mr. Smith       |
| Mr. Fraser   | Mr. Ward        |
| Mr. Frost    | Mr. Williams    |
| Mr. Fuller   |                 |
| Mr. Hadley   | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Haylen   |                 |
| Mr. Holloway | Mr. Martens     |
| Mr. Johnson  | Mr. Sheehan     |

Noes, 22.

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Abbott     | Dame Enid Lyons |
| Mr. Adermann   | Mr. McDonald    |
| Mr. Anthony    | Mr. McEwen      |
| Mr. Bowden     | Mr. Menzies     |
| Mr. Cameron    | Mr. Rankin      |
| Mr. Coles      | Mr. Ryan        |
| Mr. Fadden     | Mr. Spender     |
| Mr. Francis    | Mr. White       |
| Mr. Harrison   |                 |
| Mr. Holt       | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Hughes     | Mr. Corser      |
| Mr. Hutchinson | Mr. Guy         |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

6. WAR EXPENDITURE—JOINT COMMITTEE—SEVENTH PROGRESS REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Johnson (Chairman) brought up the Seventh Progress Report from the Joint Committee on War Expenditure, and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Lazzarini (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) 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.

7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determination by the Arbitrator, &c.—1944—No. 28—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).

Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Nineteenth Annual Report of the Australian Dairy Produce Board, for year 1943–44, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth purposes—Lake Bolac, Victoria.  
Singleton, New South Wales.

Meat Export Control Act—Ninth Annual Report of the Australian Meat Board, for year 1943–44, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

8. SUPPLY [“GRIEVANCE DAY”].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 21.

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Abbott      | Mr. McDonald    |
| Mr. Adermann    | Mr. McEwen      |
| Mr. Anthony     | Mr. Menzies     |
| Mr. Bowden      | Mr. Rankin      |
| Mr. Cameron     | Mr. Ryan        |
| Mr. Fadden      | Mr. Spender     |
| Mr. Francis     | Mr. White       |
| Mr. Harrison    |                 |
| Mr. Holt        | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Hughes      |                 |
| Mr. Hutchinson  | Mr. Corser      |
| Dame Enid Lyons | Mr. Guy         |

Noes, 36.

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Barnard  | Mr. Johnson     |
| Mr. Breen    | Mr. Lazzarini   |
| Mr. Bryson   | Mr. Lemmon      |
| Mr. Burke    | Mr. Makin       |
| Mr. Calwell  | Mr. McLeod      |
| Mr. Chambers | Mr. Morgan      |
| Mr. Chifley  | Mr. Mulcahy     |
| Mr. Coles    | Mr. Riordan     |
| Mr. Conelan  | Mr. Russell     |
| Mr. Daly     | Mr. Scullin     |
| Mr. Dedman   | Mr. Scully      |
| Mr. Evatt    | Mr. Sheehy      |
| Mr. Forde    | Mr. Smith       |
| Mr. Fraser   | Mr. Ward        |
| Mr. Frost    | Mr. Williams    |
| Mr. Fuller   |                 |
| Mr. Hadley   | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Haylen   | Mr. Martens     |
| Mr. Holloway | Mr. Sheehan     |

And so it was negatived.

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9. ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY BILL 1944.—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.)

Postponed clause 9—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Dame Enid Lyons, viz. :—That the following words be added to the clause :—“ and by both Houses of the Tasmanian Parliament ”.

Amendment withdrawn, by leave.

Clause agreed to.

Postponed clause 10 debated—

Mr. Anthony moved, as an amendment, That the words “ five hundred thousand ” (page 3, line 27) be omitted with a view to inserting the words “ four hundred and ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine ” in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Mr. Cameron having called for a document quoted from by Mr. Anthony—

*Temporary Chairman's Ruling.*—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Martens) ruled that Standing Order No. 317 applied to documents quoted from by Ministers and not by private Members.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Martens reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BILL 1944.—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.

Ordered—That Mr. Fadden be granted extensions of time (2).

Debate continued.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 37.

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Mr. Barnard  | Mr. Langtry   |
| Mr. Breen    | Mr. Lazzarini |
| Mr. Bryson   | Mr. Lemmon    |
| Mr. Burke    | Mr. Makin     |
| Mr. Calwell  | Mr. McLeod    |
| Mr. Chambers | Mr. Morgan    |
| Mr. Chifley  | Mr. Mulcahy   |
| Mr. Clark    | Mr. Riordan   |
| Mr. Conelan  | Mr. Russell   |
| Mr. Daly     | Mr. Scully    |
| Mr. Dedman   | Mr. Sheehy    |
| Mr. Evatt    | Mr. Smith     |
| Mr. Forde    | Mr. Ward      |
| Mr. Fraser   | Mr. Watkins   |
| Mr. Frost    | Mr. Williams  |
| Mr. Fuller   |               |
| Mr. Hadley   |               |
| Mr. Haylen   |               |
| Mr. Holloway | Mr. Martens   |
| Mr. Johnson  | Mr. Sheehan   |

Tellers:

Noes, 16.

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|----------------|----------------|
| Mr. Adermann   | Mr. McEwen     |
| Mr. Anthony    | Sir Earle Page |
| Mr. Bowden     | Mr. Ryan       |
| Mr. Cameron    | Mr. Spender    |
| Mr. Fadden     | Mr. White      |
| Mr. Francis    |                |
| Mr. Harrison   | Tellers:       |
| Mr. Hutchinson | Mr. Corser     |
| Mr. McDonald   | Mr. Holt       |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

30th November, 1944.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BILL 1944.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

W. DUGAN,

*Administrator.*

*Message No. 16.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part, and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania of the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Parts respectively, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 17th November, 1944.

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. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part, and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania of the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Parts respectively, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

12. FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BILL 1944.—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 again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—“ subject to a favourable report being received from a Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon the financial agreement upon terms to be agreed upon by the Acting Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Country Party in consultation”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

13. WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL 1944.—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—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

30th November, 1944.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL 1944.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and was read by the Deputy Speaker (Mr. Martens) :—

W. DUGAN,

*Administrator.*

*Message No. 17.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wine Export Bounty Act 1939-1940*.

Canberra, 28th November, 1944.

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

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

*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Wine Export Bounty Act 1939-1940*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

15. WINE EXPORT BOUNTY BILL 1944.—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 again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Forde (Acting Minister for Trade and Customs), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

16. COMMONWEALTH OBSERVATORY FUND BILL 1944.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Lazzarini (Minister representing the Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.)*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

17. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beasley, Mr. Blain\*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Drakeford, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gaha, Mr. James, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mountjoy, Mr. Pollard, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. Wilson.

\* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

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