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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 18.

FRIDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1945.

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. STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER—QUESTIONS ON NOTICE.—Mr. Speaker made a statement with reference to the right of an honorable Member to ask a Question of a Minister containing reflections upon a private individual.
3. WOOL USE PROMOTION BILL 1945.—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.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WOOL USE PROMOTION BILL 1945.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 1.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six 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 a Bill for an Act to make provision for Improving the Production and Increasing the Use of Wool.

Canberra, 16th March, 1945.

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. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for Improving the Production and Increasing the Use of Wool.

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. Dedman, by leave, was adopted by the House.

20th April, 1945.

5. WOOL USE PROMOTION BILL 1945.—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 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That after " Minister " (page 2, line 8) the words " , on the recommendation of the Wool Board," be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That the word " six " (page 2, line 18) be omitted with a view to inserting the word " ten " in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—

Economic Conditions in United Kingdom, United States of America and Canada—Report by Professor D. B. Copland, Economic Consultant to the Prime Minister.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

7. COMPENSATION FOR PROPERTY IMPRESSED BY THE ALLIED WORKS COUNCIL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the procedure in respect to claims for compensation for property impressed by the Allied Works Council, and details of cases dealt with by Compensation Boards.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain*, Mr. Clark, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Holloway, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Scully, Mr. Spender, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Williams.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.