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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 43.

THURSDAY, 7TH JUNE, 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. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the Right Honorable Member for Fremantle (Mr. Curtin), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
3. SUB-MACHINE GUNS—ALLEGED ILLICIT TRAFFIC—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Makin (Minister for Munitions), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to allegations of illicit traffic in sub-machine guns made at the Lithgow Small Arms Factory from rejected parts.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
National Security Act—
National Security (General) Regulations—Order—Fly and insect sprays—Revocation.
National Security (Land Transport) Regulations—Order—South Australia (No. 13).
National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Orders—Nos. 84, 85.
5. COMMONWEALTH BANK 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—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Fadden, viz :—*That all words after “That” be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—“the Bill be withdrawn as a direction to the Government that it be redrafted, to provide, inter alia :—
 - (1) That the Commonwealth Bank Board be maintained in accordance with the decision and recommendation of the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the Monetary and Banking Systems in Australia.
 - (2) That the Note Issue should be limited by statute.
 - (3) That the Commonwealth Bank be so constituted that each of its constituent parts shall be provided with separate management, and with whatever liaison as is necessary to ensure a co-ordinated policy.
 - (4) That the Commonwealth General Trading Bank and Industrial Finance Bank be treated, insofar as their relationship to the Central Bank is concerned, in exactly the same way as other Trading Banks”—

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Breen	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bryson	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Muleahy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Gaba	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Martens
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 20.

Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Anthony	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender
Mr. Coles	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy

And so it was resolved in the affirmative,

7th June, 1945.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

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

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Coles	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. James	Mr. Martens
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 19.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Corser
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Guy

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.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated—

Sir Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That after " Act " (page 2, line 16) the words " other than the Commonwealth Housing Act 1927 and the Commonwealth Housing Act 1928 " be inserted.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

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

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Anthony	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Cameron	Mr. White
Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy

Noes, 34.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Breen	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Martens
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Coles	Mr. Russell
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That after " Government " (page 3, line 22) the words " that it is in a position to take " be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment temporarily withdrawn, by leave.

Mr. Spender moved, as an amendment, That after " Bank " (page 3, line 20) the words " in-writing " be inserted.

Debate continued.

7th June, 1945.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Riordan, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Breen	Mr. Martens
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Bryson	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Coles	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White	Mr. Clark	Mr. Russell
Mr. Francis		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Guy	Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Wilson
		Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Daly
		Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Lemmon	

And so it was negatived.

Amendment previously moved by Mr. Fadden and temporarily withdrawn, viz.:—That after "Government" (page 3, line 22) the words "that it is in a position to take" be inserted, was again moved.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Riordan, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Breen	Mr. Makin
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Bryson	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Coles	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White	Mr. Clark	Mr. Russell
Mr. Francis		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Guy	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilson
		Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Martens
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Lazzarini	

And so it was negatived.

Sir Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That after sub-clause (3.) the following sub-clause be inserted:—

"(3A.) The Treasurer shall then submit the amended policy for approval of Parliament together with the reasons of the Treasurer and of the Bank for their respective views."

Question—That the sub-clause proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Riordan, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Breen	Mr. Makin
Mr. Anthony	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Martens
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Francis		Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Coles	Mr. Russell
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Guy	Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hutchinson		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Wilson
		Mr. Fuller	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Johnson	
		Mr. Lazzarini	

And so it was negatived.

7th June, 1945.

Sir Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That after " policy " (page 3, line 25) the words " if approved by Parliament " be added.

Question— That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 34.	
Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Breen	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Anthony	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Martens
Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Francis		Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Harrison		Mr. Coles	Mr. Russell
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser	Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilson
		Mr. Gaha	
		Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. James	Mr. Mountjoy
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

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

" (5.) The Treasurer shall report any action taken by him under sub-section (3.) of this section to Parliament at its next meeting or within seven days thereof."

Debate continued.

Question— That the sub-clause proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Beasley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Breen	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Anthony	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Martens
Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart	Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Coles	Mr. White	Mr. Chifley	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Francis		Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Daly	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Holt		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy	Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Gaha	
		Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. James	Mr. Russell
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clause 12 agreed to.

Clause 13 debated and agreed to.

Clause 14 agreed to.

Clause 15 debated and agreed to.

Clause 16 debated and agreed to.

Clause 17 debated and agreed to.

Clause 18 agreed to.

Clause 19 debated and agreed to.

Clause 20 agreed to.

Clause 21—

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :— " and the funds comprised in such special or other accounts shall not be used by the Bank directly or indirectly so as to compete with the business of the banks establishing such accounts."

Debate ensued.

7th June, 1945.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.
The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Riordan, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Holt
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Anthony	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Spender
Mr. Coles	
Mr. Fadden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Francis	Mr. Corser
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Guy

Noes, 31.

Mr. Breen	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Martens
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Ward
Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Johnson	
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Gaha
Mr. Lenmon	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 22—

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at ten 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. Barnard, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Burke, Mr. Curtin*, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde*, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McEwen*, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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