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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 44.

FRIDAY, 8TH 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. THE WAR—SURRENDER OF GERMANY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Makin (Acting Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that the Declaration of the Surrender of Germany had been signed on the 5th June at Berlin.
3. CASE OF MRS. M. E. PEDVIN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Beasley (Vice-President of the Executive Council), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the case of Mrs. M. E. Pedvin, of Griffith, Australian Capital Territory.
4. PAPERS.—The following Paper were presented, pursuant to Statute—
National Security Act—National Security (Man Power) Regulations—Orders—Protected undertakings (88).
5. COMMONWEALTH BANK 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 resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 22—

Mr. Spender moved, as an amendment, That after " years " (page 5, line 36) the words " and not being less than three years " be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Sir Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That after " Governor " (page 5, line 41) the words " shall be paid a salary of Four thousand pounds per annum which shall not be diminished during his period of office " be inserted.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 23 debated and agreed to.

Clause 24—

Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That the words " the Governor " (page 6, line 10) be omitted with a view to inserting the words " a Board of Directors composed of the Governor and seven other Directors. Subject to this Act, the seven other Directors shall consist of (a) the Secretary to the Treasury ; and (b) six other persons who are or have been actively engaged in agriculture, commerce, finance or industry " in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Beasley	Mr. Makin
Mr. Breen	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. Scullin
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Williams
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Johnson	
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Bryson
Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 16.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr. Anthony moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—" who shall be free from political interference ".

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 25 agreed to.

Clause 26—

Mr. Hutchinson moved, as an amendment, That after " shall " (first occurring) (page 6, line 14) the words " pending the appointment of a Governor " be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Hutchinson moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—

" In the absence from duty of the Governor, the Deputy Governor shall perform the duties of the Governor and shall have and may exercise the powers and functions of the Governor."

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 27 agreed to.

Clause 28—

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That paragraphs (c) and (d) of sub-clause (2.) be omitted with a view to inserting the following paragraph in place thereof :—

" (c) five other persons who are or have been actively engaged in agriculture, commerce, finance or industry ".

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ayes, 28.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Beasley

Mr. Martens

Mr. Abbott

Mr. Hutchinson

Mr. Breen

Mr. McLeod

Mr. Adermann

Dame Enid Lyons

Mr. Bryson

Mr. Mountjoy

Mr. Anthony

Mr. McDonald

Mr. Chambers

Mr. Mulcahy

Mr. Cameron

Sir Earle Page

Mr. Chifley

Mr. Russell

Mr. Fadden

Tellers:

Mr. Clark

Mr. Scullin

Mr. Francis

Mr. Conelan

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Mr. Harrison

Mr. Bowden

Mr. Daly

Mr. Ward

Mr. Holt

Mr. Guy

Mr. Dedman

Mr. Williams

Mr. Hughes

Mr. Drakeford

Mr. Wilson

Mr. Frost

Mr. Fuller

Tellers:

Mr. Gaha

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Lemmon

Mr. Lazzarini

Mr. Makin

Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 29—

Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That the word " shall " (page 7, line 4) be omitted with a view to inserting the word " may " in place thereof.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 30 to 33 agreed to.

Clause 34 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 35 to 37 agreed to.

Clause 38 —

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 nine minutes past 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. Barnard, Mr. Blain*, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Burke, Mr. Curtin*, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde*, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Haylen, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McEwen*, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Smith, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.