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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 46.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH 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. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Finance—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year 1943-44, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General.
Ordered to be printed.
4. NATIONAL SECURITY (LANDLORD AND TENANT) REGULATIONS—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Holt, by leave, made a Statement with reference to certain proposals for amending the National Security (Landlord and Tenant) Regulations.
Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, also made a Statement regarding the matter.
5. INVALID AND OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL 1945.—Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908-1944*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Holloway then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Holloway moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Harrison 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.
6. CHILD ENDOWMENT BILL 1945.—Mr. Holloway (Minister representing the Minister for Social Services) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Child Endowment Act 1941-1942*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Holloway then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Holloway moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Harrison 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. 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 67 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 68 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 69 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 70 debated and agreed to.
 Clause 71 agreed to.
 Clause 72 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 73 and 74 agreed to.
 Clause 75—

Mr. Anthony moved, as an amendment, That the words " Four million pounds " (page 13, lines 7 and 8) be omitted with a view to inserting the words " Six million pounds or such greater sum " in place thereof.

Debate ensued,

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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. | | Noes, 19. | |
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| Mr. Beasley | Mr. Lazzarini | Mr. Abbott | Dame Enid Lyons |
| Mr. Breen | Mr. Lemmon | Mr. Adermann | Mr. McDonald |
| Mr. Bryson | Mr. Makin | Mr. Anthony | Sir Earle Page |
| Mr. Burke | Mr. McLeod | Mr. Bowden | Mr. Rankin |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Morgan | Mr. Cameron | Mr. Spender |
| Mr. Chambers | Mr. Mulcahy | Mr. Fadden | Mr. Wilson |
| Mr. Conelan | Mr. Russell | Mr. Francis | |
| Mr. Dedman | Mr. Scullin | Mr. Harrison | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Scully | Mr. Holt | |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Smith | Mr. Hughes | Mr. Corser |
| Mr. Fuller | Mr. Ward | Mr. Hutchinson | Mr. Guy |
| Mr. Gaha | Mr. Williams | | |
| Mr. Hadley | | | |
| Mr. Haylen | <i>Tellers:</i> | | |
| Mr. Holloway | | | |
| Mr. James | Mr. Sheehan | | |
| Mr. Johnson | Mr. Sheehy | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 76 debated and agreed to.

Clause 77 agreed to.

Clause 78 debated and agreed to.

Clause 79—

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That sub-clause (5.) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 80 to 90 agreed to.

Clause 91 debated and agreed to.

Clause 92—

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the word "Governor-General" (wherever occurring) be omitted with a view to inserting the word "Governor" 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, 32. | | Noes, 16. | |
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| Mr. Beasley | Mr. Holloway | Mr. Abbott | Mr. Hutchinson |
| Mr. Breen | Mr. Lazzarini | Mr. Adermann | Dame Enid Lyons |
| Mr. Burke | Mr. Lemmon | Mr. Bowden | Mr. McDonald |
| Mr. Calwell | Mr. Makin | Mr. Cameron | Sir Earle Page |
| Mr. Chambers | Mr. McLeod | Mr. Fadden | Mr. Spender |
| Mr. Chifley | Mr. Morgan | Mr. Francis | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Coles | Mr. Mulcahy | Mr. Harrison | |
| Mr. Conelan | Mr. Russell | Mr. Holt | Mr. Corser |
| Mr. Daly | Mr. Scully | Mr. Hughes | Mr. Guy |
| Mr. Dedman | Mr. Sheehy | | |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Smith | | |
| Mr. Fraser | Mr. Ward | | |
| Mr. Frost | Mr. Williams | | |
| Mr. Fuller | | | |
| Mr. Gaha | <i>Tellers:</i> | | |
| Mr. Hadley | Mr. Bryson | | |
| Mr. Haylen | Mr. Sheehan | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 93 agreed to.

Clause 94 debated—

Mr. Harrison moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (b) be omitted.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 95 debated—

Mr. Hutchinson moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (b) be omitted.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

“ Provided that the purchase or other acquisition of shares in any one undertaking shall not exceed the sum of Twenty-five thousand pounds or forty per centum of the total share capital issued, whichever is the smaller :

“ Provided also that shares shall be purchased or otherwise acquired only with a view to resale thereof.

“(2.) Nothing in this section shall empower the Commonwealth Bank to purchase or otherwise acquire shares or securities except for the purpose of providing finance as prescribed under paragraph (a) of the last preceding section.”

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

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

Ayes, 15.

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| Mr. Abbott | Mr. McDonald |
| Mr. Adermann | Sir Earle Page |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Rankin |
| Mr. Cameron | Mr. Spender |
| Mr. Fadden | |
| Mr. Francis | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Harrison | |
| Mr. Holt | Mr. Corser |
| Mr. Hutchinson | Mr. Guy |

Noes, 31.

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| Mr. Beasley | 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. Russell |
| Mr. Conelan | Mr. Scully |
| Mr. Daly | Mr. Sheehy |
| Mr. Dedman | Mr. Smith |
| Mr. Drakeford | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Fraser | Mr. Williams |
| Mr. Frost | |
| Mr. Fuller | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Gaha | |
| Mr. Haylen | Mr. Hadley |
| Mr. James | Mr. Sheehan |

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 96 debated and agreed to.

Clause 97 debated and agreed to.

Clause 98 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 99 to 101 agreed to.

Clause 102—

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.

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

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. Clark, Mr. Curtin*, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Forde*, Mr. Langtry, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martens, Mr. McEwen*, Mr. Mountjoy, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Ryan, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

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