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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 47.

THURSDAY, 14TH 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. FLOOD DAMAGE, NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES—STATEMENT BY MEMBER.—Mr. Anthony, by leave, made a Statement with reference to the damage caused by floods in the North Coast area of New South Wales.
Mr. Chifley (Acting Prime Minister), by leave, also made a Statement in respect of the matter.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
Commonwealth purposes—
Oakey, Queensland.
Toombul, Queensland.
Woolloongabba, Queensland.
Postal purposes—Moe, Victoria.
National Security Act—
National Security (Capital Issues) Regulations—Order—Exemption.
National Security (Rationing) Regulations—Order—No. 86.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.
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.)

Clauses 102 to 106 agreed to.

Clause 107 debated—

Mr. Fadden moved, as an amendment, That after sub-clause (1.) the following sub-clause be inserted :—
“(1A.) For the purposes of this Part, there shall be a Housing Loans Department of the Bank which shall be provided with separate management and with the necessary liaison to ensure a co-ordinated policy with the other departments of the Bank.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment temporarily withdrawn, by leave.

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That after “societies,” (page 19, line 28) the words “local governing authorities, or government or semi-government authorities, which administer schemes for providing or assisting in providing dwelling houses” 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, 18.

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

Noes, 32.

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. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Frost	Mr. Smith
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Williams
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

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Amendment previously moved by Mr. Fadden and temporarily withdrawn, viz. :—That after sub-clause (1.) the following sub-clause be inserted :—

“(1A.) For the purposes of this Part, there shall be a Housing Loans Department of the Bank which shall be provided with separate management and with the necessary liaison to ensure a co-ordinated policy with the other departments of the Bank.”,

was again moved.

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

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

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Breen	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Makin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White	Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Francis		Mr. Chifley	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Holt		Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy	Mr. Fraser	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Fuller	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Hadley	
		Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehy

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 108 to 114 agreed to.

Clause 115—

Sir Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That the word “ eighty-five ” (page 20, line 20) be omitted with a view to inserting the word “ ninety ” in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Adermann	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Makin	Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Francis	
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell	Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Holt	
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Scully	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser
Mr. Frost	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Haylen			
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Bryson		
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sir Earle Page moved, as an amendment, That the words “ two hundred and fifty ” (page 20, line 22) be omitted with a view to inserting the words “ eight hundred ” in place thereof.

Debate continued.

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.	
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Adermann	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin	Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell	Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Corser
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Scully	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Guy
Mr. Frost	Mr. Sheehy		
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Haylen			
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Daly		
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

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Clause 116—

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That after "quarterly" (page 20, line 25) the words "or annual" be inserted.

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 a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. DECLARATION OF COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1945 AS URGENT BILL—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) declared that the Commonwealth Bank Bill 1945 was an Urgent Bill—

Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.

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

Ayes, 30.

Noes, 14.

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. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Frost	Mr. Smith
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Ward
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Williams
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Johnson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Sheehan

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Bowden
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Allotment of Time.—Mr. Chifley then moved, That the time allotted in connexion with the Bill be as follows :—

- (a) For the remainder of the Committee stage, until 3.15 p.m. to-morrow.
- (b) For the remaining stages, until 3.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 31.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy
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Mr. Holloway	
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Mr. Abbott	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cameron	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Rankin
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.

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 again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 116—

Consideration resumed of the amendment moved by Mr. Abbott, viz. :—That after "quarterly" (page 20, line 25) the words "or annual" be inserted.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. White proposing to move as an amendment, That the following sub-clause be added to the clause :—

"(2.) In the event of default in payment of any such instalment of interest and principal a borrower shall not be evicted from his premises except on the approval of the Minister, and in no case by any method adopted at any time by the War Service Homes Commission."—

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Riordan) ruled that the proposed amendment was out of order on the ground that it was not relevant to the clause.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 117 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 118 to 125 agreed to.

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Clause 126—

Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) moved, as an amendment, That the words "the Governor" (page 21, line 38) be omitted with a view to inserting the words "a Commission composed of a Chief Commissioner and two other Commissioners" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 127 to 133 agreed to.

Clause 134—

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

"(2.) The Savings Bank Reserve Fund shall be available for the payment of any liabilities of the Savings Bank."

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 135 to 151 agreed to.

Clause 152 debated—

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

"(4.) In all appointments the principle of preference to ex-service men and women shall be observed."

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 153 and 154 agreed to.

Clause 155—

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.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen 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. Martens, Mr. McEwen*, Mr. Mountjoy, Mr. Pollard*, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Spender, Sir Frederick Stewart, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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