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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 124.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY, 1946.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.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 (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. JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—SECOND REPORT.—Mr. Speaker, Chairman, presented the Second Report from the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings. The Report is as follows :—

The Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings submits its Second Report for presentation to each House of the Parliament and recommends its adoption.

The Joint Committee has further considered the general principles upon which there should be determined the days upon which, and the periods during which, the proceedings of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall be broadcast, which were specified in its First Report adopted by both Houses on 5th July, 1946. In accordance with section 12 (1.) of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*, the Joint Committee has now resolved—

- (a) That the following words be added to paragraph (2) of the general principles set out in its First Report "or at 11.30 p.m., whichever is the earlier."

(The paragraph would then read—

"(2) *Periods during which proceedings shall be broadcast.*

The broadcast shall commence on each sitting day at the time fixed for the meeting of the House whose opening proceedings are to be broadcast on that day as determined by the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings in accordance with section 12 (2.) of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*, and shall cease when the adjournment is moved in the House which is being broadcast at that time or at 11.30 p.m., whichever is the earlier.").

- (b) That the following paragraph be added to the general principles set out in its First Report :—

"(6) The general principles specified in the First Report of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings adopted by both Houses on 5th July, 1946, shall be observed generally by the Joint Committee in making determinations in accordance with the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946* but nothing in those general principles shall be taken to prevent the Joint Committee from departing from those general principles in order to meet any unusual or special circumstances."

J. S. ROSEVEAR,
Chairman.

16th July, 1946.

Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.
Question—put and passed.

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4. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL 1946.—Mr. Frost (Minister for Repatriation) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend sections eighty-nine and ninety of the *Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1945*.
Question—put and passed.
5. DAIRYING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE BILL 1946.—Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Dairying Industry Assistance Act 1943*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Scully 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. Scully moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Fadden 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. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL 1946.—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. McEwen, viz. :—That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof :—"the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for stabilization of the wheat industry for a period of not less than ten years excluding the 1945-46 harvest, and, in particular, to provide—*
- (a) a guaranteed price basis of not less than 5s. 2d. per bushel, bagged, at growers' sidings, for the next crop ;
 - (b) thereafter, an annual guaranteed minimum price related to cost of production, allowing a margin of profit ;
 - (c) the entitlement of growers to the full net realization of each annual pool less a contribution to a stabilization fund of not more than fifty per centum of realization in excess of the guaranteed price ;
 - (d) payment by the Government to the Australian Wheat Board of the difference between the prevailing export parity and the price at which any wheat is sold by Government direction for export or consumption within Australia, other than human consumption within Australia ;
 - (e) the establishment of an authority to ascertain current costs of production to enable the operation of the foregoing provisions ; and
 - (f) that, subject to the foregoing, the Australian Wheat Board shall have full authority in negotiating export sales, and shall be the authority to advise the Minister and act for the Minister in respect to any regulation of production"—

Debate resumed.

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, 41.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin
Mr. Burke	Mr. Martens
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Daly	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Russell
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Scully
Mr. Forde	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Smith
Mr. Frost	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Williams
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

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Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL, 1946.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 55.

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 relating to the Stabilization of the Wheat Industry.

Longreach, Queensland.
18th June, 1946.

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. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the Stabilization of the Wheat Industry.

Debate ensued.

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

8. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL 1946.—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 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That the clause be omitted, and the following clause be inserted in place thereof :—

“2. The several sections of this Act shall commence on such dates as are Commencement, respectively fixed by Proclamation.”.

Clause omitted.

Mr. Cameron moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the proposed new clause :—“, but not earlier than the first day of October, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six”.

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.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 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. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Lawson, Dame Enid Lyons, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

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