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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 127.

TUESDAY, 23RD JULY, 1946.

1. The House met, at three 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Customs Act—Customs Proclamations—Nos. 655, 656.
 - National Security Act—National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations—Orders—1946, Nos. 18-22.
 - Papua and New Guinea Bounties Act—Return for year 1945-46.
 - Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for 1945.
 - Sulphur Bounty Act—Return for year 1945-46.
 - Tractor Bounty Act—Return for year 1945-46.
 - Wine Export Bounty Act—Return for year 1945-46.
 - Wire Netting Bounty Act—Return for year 1945-46.
4. ALIENS DEPORTATION BILL 1946.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the Deportation of certain Aliens.
 - Question—put and passed.
 - Mr. Calwell 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.
 - Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
5. WOOL INDUSTRY FUND BILL 1946.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the application of certain Funds vested in the Australian Wool Realization Commission.
 - Question—put and passed.
 - Mr. Chifley 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. Chifley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 - Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) 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. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1946.—Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior), pursuant to leave given on the 19th July, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1940', and for other purposes*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 - Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 - Mr. Johnson moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 - Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) 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. WHEAT EXPORT CHARGE 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—
 - Debate resumed by Mr. McEwen who moved, as an amendment, That the word "now" be omitted from, and that the words "this day six months" be added to, the question.
 - Debate continued.
 - Amendment negatived.

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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 agreed to.

Clause 2—

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

“(2.) This Act shall not be submitted for the Royal Assent until it has been approved by a majority of registered wheat growers at a postal ballot.”.

Debate ensued.

Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Barnard) ruled that the amendment was not in order, for the reason that the Standing Orders require that any proposed law which has been passed by both Houses of the Parliament shall be presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, and a Committee of the Whole, by an amendment to a Bill, cannot alter the operation of the Standing Orders of the House.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Turnbull moved, That the clause be postponed.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the clause be postponed—put.

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

Ayes, 12.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Anthony	Sir Earle Page	Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. James
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender	Mr. Breen	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Francis		Mr. Calwell	Mr. Makin
Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Martens
Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Corser	Mr. Daly	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Guy	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Forde	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Gaha	
		Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Barnard reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 395), the Bill was read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to 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. Abbott, Mr. Adermann, Mr. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Bryson, Mr. Clark, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Gullett, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mountjoy, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Ryan, Sir Frederick Stewart, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.