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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 128.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY, 1946.

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 (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—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—
 Appointments—Department of External Affairs—L. H. E. Bury, T. A. Pyman.
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1946, No. 120.
Land Tax Assessment Act—Applications for relief dealt with during the year 1945-46.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 Commonwealth purposes—Wyndham, Western Australia.
 Postal purposes—Brisbane, Queensland.
4. COMMONWEALTH INSCRIBED STOCK BILL 1946.—Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act* 1911-1945.
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.
Debate ensued.
Question—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.*)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Guy reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Chifley, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.
5. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
6. COAL INDUSTRY BILL 1946.—Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Supply and Shipping) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide means for Securing and Maintaining adequate Supplies of Coal throughout Australia and for providing for the Regulation and Improvement of the Coal Industry in the State of New South Wales, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.

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7. MEAT EXPORT CONTROL 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.
Mr. Barnard 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 a later hour this day.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 3, Government Business.
9. FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), That the Paper [presented on the 12th July], viz. :—
Financial Statement by the Right Honorable J. B. Chifley, M.P., Treasurer—
be printed—
Debate resumed.
Ordered—That Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.
Ordered—That Mr. Scullin be granted an extension of time.
Mr. Spender 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.
10. COAL INDUSTRY BILL 1946. —Mr. Dedman (Minister representing the Minister for Supply and Shipping), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intitled “ *A Bill for an Act to provide means for Securing and Maintaining adequate Supplies of Coal throughout Australia and for providing for the Regulation and Improvement of the Coal Industry in the State of New South Wales, and for other purposes* ”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.— Bill read a first time.
Mr. Dedman 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.
11. MEAT EXPORT CONTROL 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.
Question—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.)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Guy moved, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added to proposed sub-section (2.) :—
“ Provided that on the said Board each State shall be represented.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Abbott proposing to move, as an amendment, That after “ member ” (page 2, line 34) the words “ who shall be a producer ” be inserted—

Temporary Chairman's Ruling.—The Temporary Chairman (Mr. Barnard) ruled that such an amendment would not be in order as the Committee had considered an amendment to a later part of the clause.

Debate continued.

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That after “ Government ” (page 2, line 34) the words “ and such member shall be a producer ” be inserted.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Hutchinson	
Dame Enid Lyons	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Corser
Mr. McEwen	Mr. Guy

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Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. James
Mr. Breen	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Makin
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Russell
Mr. Daly	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Smith
Mr. Forde	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hadley	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

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Debate continued.

Mr. McDonald moved, as an amendment, That after " Federation " (page 2, line 42) the words " or the Australian Primary Producers' Union " be inserted.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That after " body " (page 2, line 42) the words " of producers Federally constituted " be inserted.

Amendment negatived.

Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

Mr. Hutchinson moved, as an amendment, That after " Board " (page 5, line 3) the words " (other than a decision with respect to the application of moneys forming part of the fund) " be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That after sub-section (2.) the following sub-section be inserted :—

" (2A.) A majority of the members of each such committee shall be producers, and each member shall be appointed from persons nominated by a State organization of lamb, mutton, beef or pig producers affiliated with a body specified in sub-section (4.) of section five of this Act."

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 13 agreed to.

Clause 14—

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

" (2.) Section sixteen of the Principal Act is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section :—

' (2.) The powers conferred on the Board by paragraph (e) of the last preceding sub-section shall not be exercised after the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine.' "

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 15 to 18 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, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—COMMONWEALTH INSCRIBED STOCK BILL 1946.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 88.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act to amend the Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911-1945* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Canberra, 24th July, 1946.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at nine minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day 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. Brennan, Mr. Clark, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Riordan, and Mr. Watkins.

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