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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 28.

THURSDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1947.

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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1947, Nos. 15, 16.  
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth office accommodation purposes—  
 Sydney, New South Wales.
3. INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS BILL 1947.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve of Australia becoming a Member of the International Monetary Fund and of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and to make such provisions as are necessary or expedient by reason of the Membership of Australia of the Fund and of the Bank.  
 Debate ensued.  
 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. Fadden, by leave, made a Statement in connexion with the Bill.  
 Mr. Chifley, by leave, also made a Statement.  
 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.
4. ALIENS BILL 1947.—Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Aliens.  
 Question—put and passed.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS MOVED.—Mr. Fadden moved, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent Notice of Motion No. 2, General Business, being considered forthwith.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Closure.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.  
 Question—That the question be now put—put.

13th March, 1947.

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

## Ayes, 36.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. James
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Sheehan

## Noes, 25.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Lang
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beale	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

## Ayes, 24.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Beale	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. White
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald

## Noes, 37.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

6. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1947.—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.

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

## Ayes, 37.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clark	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

## Noes, 26.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

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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. Clark reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR—STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1947.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :

W. DUGAN,

Administrator.

Message No. 14.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Prevention or Settlement by Conciliation or Arbitration of Industrial Disputes in connexion with Stevedoring Operations, to regulate Industrial Matters in connexion with Stevedoring Operations in the course of Trade and Commerce with other Countries or among the States, to regulate and control the Performance of Stevedoring Operations, to provide for the Establishment of a Stevedoring Industry Commission, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 27th February, 1947.

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. Evatt (Attorney-General) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Prevention or Settlement by Conciliation or Arbitration of Industrial Disputes in connexion with Stevedoring Operations, to regulate Industrial Matters in connexion with Stevedoring Operations in the course of Trade and Commerce with other Countries or among the States, to regulate and control the Performance of Stevedoring Operations, to provide for the Establishment of a Stevedoring Industry Commission, and for other purposes.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Scully
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Hadley	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Lang	Mr. Sheehan

Tellers:

Noes, 26.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Francis	Mr. White
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald

Tellers:

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.  
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Clark reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Evatt, by leave, was adopted by the House.

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8. STEVEDORING INDUSTRY BILL 1947.—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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. Harrison moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (a) of sub-clause (2.) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Evatt (Attorney-General), the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause :—

“(3.) The *Transport Workers Act* 1928 and the *Transport Workers Act* 1929 are repealed.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to

Clause 4—

On the motion of Mr. Evatt, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 3, omit the definition of “stevedoring operations”, insert the following definition :—

“‘stevedoring operations’ means—

- (a) the loading or unloading of cargo into or from ships ;
  - (b) the loading or unloading, into or from ships, of ships’ stores, coal or fuel oil (whether for bunkers or not), passengers’ luggage or mails ;
  - (c) the handling or storage of cargo or other goods at or adjacent to a wharf ;
  - (d) the driving or operation of mechanical appliances used in connexion with the loading or unloading of ships or with the handling or storage of cargo or other goods at or adjacent to the wharf ; and
  - (e) haulage or trucking from ship to shed or shed to ship,
- and includes the work specified in paragraphs (e), (f), (g) and (h) of the definition of ‘waterside worker’ when performed by a member of the Federation or a person registered as a waterside worker under Part V. of the National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations immediately prior to the commencement of this Act ;”.

On the motion of Mr. Evatt, the following further amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 3, omit the definition of “waterside worker”, insert the following definition :—

“‘waterside worker’ means a person who accepts, or offers to accept, employment for work in the loading or unloading of cargo into or from ships, and includes a member of the Federation or a person registered as a waterside worker under Part V. of the National Security (Shipping Co-ordination) Regulations immediately prior to the commencement of this Act who accepts, or offers to accept, employment for work in—

- (a) the loading or unloading, into or from ships, of ships’ stores, coal or fuel oil (whether for bunkers or not), passengers’ luggage or mails ;
- (b) the handling or storage of cargo or other goods at or adjacent to a wharf ;
- (c) the driving or operation of mechanical appliances used in connexion with the loading or unloading of ships or with the handling or storage of cargo or other goods at or adjacent to a wharf ;
- (d) haulage or trucking from ship to shed or shed to ship ;
- (e) the removal or replacing of beams or hatches ;
- (f) the handling of dunnage or ballast ;
- (g) the preparing or cleaning of holds ; or
- (h) the preparation of gear for use in connexion with the loading or unloading of ships,

but does not include—

- (i) persons working in or alongside a ship in connexion with the direction or checking of the work of waterside workers ;
- (j) members of the crew of a ship on the ship’s articles ;
- (k) members of the crew of a lighter ; or
- (l) members of the Sydney Coal Lumpers Union while loading or unloading coal in the port of Sydney ;”.

On the motion of Mr. Evatt, by leave, the following further amendment was made :—

Page 3, lines 1–4, omit paragraph (d).

On the motion of Mr. Evatt, the following further amendment was made, after debate :—

Pages 3 and 4, omit paragraphs (a) and (b) of sub-clause (2.), insert the following paragraphs :—

- “(a) a person who puts another person to work shall be deemed to engage that other person for employment ; and
- (b) a person who is put to work shall be deemed to accept employment.”.

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr. Harrison moved, as an amendment, That the words “, an officer of the Commonwealth ” (page 4, line 10) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ayes, 31.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Clark	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. James	
Mr. Lang	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Daly.  
Mr. Fuller

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Fadden	Mr. White
Mr. Falkinder	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Corser  
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Harrison moved, as an amendment, That the words “ or a Conciliation Commissioner appointed under the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904–1946* ” (page 4, lines 18–20) be omitted.

Debate continued.

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

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

Ayes, 32.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Gaha	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. James	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Fuller  
Mr. Sheehan

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Davidson	Mr. White
Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Falkinder	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	
Mr. Howse	

*Tellers:*

Mr. Corser  
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

“ (5.) A known or reputed Communist shall be ineligible for appointment under this section, proof whereof to the contrary shall lie upon him.”.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

“ (5.) A member of the Communist Party shall be ineligible for appointment under this section.”—

*Chairman's Ruling.*—The Chairman (Mr. Clark) ruled that the amendment was out of order as it was substantially of the character of an amendment negatived by the Committee.

*Dissent from Chairman's Ruling.*—Mr. Spender having handed in, in writing, an objection to the Ruling of the Chairman, moved, That the Ruling be dissented from.

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Question—That the Ruling be dissented from—put.

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

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Davidson	Mr. White	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Fadden		Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Falkinder	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Harrison		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Gaha	
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

The Committee continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Clause agreed to.

Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr. Evatt, the following amendment was made :—

Page 4, line 29, after " except " insert " as otherwise provided by this Act or ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7—

Mr. Anthony moved, as an amendment, That after " Commission " (page 5, line 2) the words " but such deputy shall not be a member of the Communist Party " be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Beale	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Cameron	Mr. White	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Davidson		Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fadden	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Falkinder		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Haylen	
		Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Lang	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 8—

Mr. Harrison moved, as an amendment, That the words " , and shall if so directed by the Minister, " (page 5, line 13) be omitted.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 9 agreed to.

Clause 10—

Mr. Francis moved, as an amendment, That after sub-clause (1.) the following sub-clause be inserted :—

" (1A.) In the appointment of all officers and employees under this section, preference shall be given to returned servicemen and servicewomen. "

Debate ensued.

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Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Beale	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Cameron	Mr. White	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Davidson		Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fadden		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Falkinder	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Fraser	
		Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Lang	

And so it was negatived.

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

“(4.) A person who is or becomes a member of the Communist Party shall be disqualified from becoming, or if already appointed from continuing to be, an officer or employee of the Commission.”.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride	Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Beale	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Burke	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Davidson	Mr. White	Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fadden		Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Falkinder	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Howse	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Fraser	
		Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. James	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Lang	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 11—

Mr. Harrison moved, as an amendment, That the words “, and to regulate and control the performance of stevedoring operations,” (page 6, lines 27 and 28) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Abbott	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Beale	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Cameron	Mr. White
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Davidson	
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell	Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully	Mr. Falkinder	
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Sheehy	Mr. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Ward	Mr. Howse	Mr. Corser
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Williams	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Fraser			
Mr. Gaha			
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. James	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Lang	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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On the motion of Mrs. Blackburn, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 6, line 34, after “speedy” insert “, safe”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 12—

On the motion of Mr. Evatt, the following amendment was made :—

Page 7, after sub-clause (2.) add the following sub-clause :—

“(3.) For the purpose of hearing the parties to the dispute, and of inquiring into and investigating the dispute, the Commission shall have the same powers as the Court or a Conciliation Commissioner has under the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1946* in relation to industrial disputes.”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 13 debated and agreed to.

Clause 14—

On the motion of Mr. Evatt, the following amendment was made :—

Page 7, line 37, after “Commission” insert “(not being awards or orders made to prevent or settle industrial disputes, or regulating industrial matters, in connexion with stevedoring operations)”.

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke 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 two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain, Mr. Conelan, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Watkins.

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F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*