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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 39.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Norfolk Island—Report for year 1946-47.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Railways Act—Report on Commonwealth Railways Operations for year 1947-48.
National Fitness Act—Commonwealth Council for National Fitness—Report of Tenth Session, November, 1947.
3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. McEwen rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The very serious reduction in the quantity of meat which will be available to the Government to fill the terms of the contract of sale to the United Kingdom; the very serious financial losses which have already been incurred and which will further fall upon primary producers through the lengthy strike of export slaughtermen in Victoria, and the negligence of the Commonwealth Government in failing, as an interested party and in the public interest, to act and endeavour to bring about resumption of slaughtering and end the chaos prevailing during the height of the Victorian meat export season".
Mr. Deputy Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. McEwen moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Ordered—That Mr. McEwen be granted an extension of time.
Debate ensued.
Closure.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lawson
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Scully
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Williams
Mr. Edmonds	
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. Johnson	
Mr. Langtry	

Tellers:

Mr. Fuller
Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 26.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Lang
Mr. Adermann	Dame Enid Lyons
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McBride
Mr. Beale	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bowden	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Spender
Mr. Francis	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Gullett	Mr. White
Mr. Hamilton	
Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchinson	

Tellers:

Mr. Corser
Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and negatived.

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4. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL 1948.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 5 further debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7—

Mr. Hamilton moved, as an amendment, That the words "one wheat grower" (page 3, line 28) be omitted with a view to inserting the words "two wheat growers" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lang
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Chambers	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Clark	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Daly	Mr. Russell
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Scully
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Williams
Mr. Fraser	
Mr. Haylen	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

Noes, 25.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 8 and 9 agreed to.

Clause 10—

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added to sub-clause (1.):—
"Provided that a direction by the Minister shall be given only when the funds of the Wheat Prices Stabilization Fund subscribed by wheat growers have been exhausted (such exhaustion of funds having been certified by the Auditor-General) and the Government is meeting the requirements of this Act from Consolidated Revenue."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the proviso proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

Ayes, 25.

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

Noes, 32.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Williams
Mr. Haylen	
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Lang	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 11 agreed to.

Clause 12—

Mr. Abbott moved, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added to the clause:—"Provided that the approval of the Minister shall only be necessary when the funds of the Wheat Prices Stabilization Fund subscribed by wheat growers have been exhausted (such exhaustion of funds having been certified by the Auditor-General) and the Government is meeting the requirements of this Act from Consolidated Revenue."

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

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Clause 13 debated—

Mr. Hamilton moved, That the clause be postponed.

Debate continued.

Question—That the clause be postponed—put.

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

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McBride	Mrs. Blackburn	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Beale	Sir Earle Page	Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Davidson	Mr. Spender	Mr. Clark	Mr. O'Connor
Mr. Fadden	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Conelan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Falkinder		Mr. Daly	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell
Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Corser	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Scully
Mr. Harrison	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Duthie	Mr. Thompson
		Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Fraser	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Haylen	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Lang	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 14 to 18 agreed to.

Clause 19 debated and agreed to.

Clause 20 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 21 to 36 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

5. WAYS AND MEANS—WHEAT EXPORT CHARGE.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Consideration resumed of the motion moved by Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) on the 26th October, 1948 (*see* pages 100-1).

Motion agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

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

Mr. Pollard moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Pollard, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Pollard and Mr. Lemmon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

6. WHEAT EXPORT CHARGE BILL 1948.—Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to impose a Charge on Wheat and Wheat Products exported from the Commonwealth*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Pollard moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy 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. Burke reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pollard, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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7. WHEAT TAX (REPEAL AND REFUND) BILL 1948.—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. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole

(*In the Committee.*)

Clauses 1 to 7 agreed to.
Clause 8 debated and agreed to.
Clause 9 agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Pollard (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL 1948.—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. Deputy 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. Lazzarini reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Chifley (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. WAYS AND MEANS—SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION.—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

Debate resumed on the motion moved by Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) on the 8th September, 1948 (*see pages 26-7*).
Motion agreed to.
Resolution to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Lazzarini reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Mr. Dedman moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.
Question—put and passed.
The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Dedman, was adopted by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Dedman and Mr. Lemmon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

10. SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION BILL 1948.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Social Services Contribution Act 1945-1947’*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Dedman moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Deputy 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. Lazzarini reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Dedman, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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11. WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT (WATER SUPPLY) BILL 1948.—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. Deputy 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, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. WAR GRATUITY APPROPRIATION BILL 1948.—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. Deputy 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, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Dedman (Minister for Defence), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

And then the House, at seven minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beazley, Mr. Evatt*, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Gaha, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Holt*, Mr. Howse*, Mr. James*, Mr. Menzies*, Mr. Mulcahy*, Mr. Rosevear*, Mr. Scullin*, Mr. Sheehy* and Mr. Ward.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.