

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 136

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH JULY, 1919.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Wool—Report relating to the Activities of the Central Wool Committee for the Wool Season 1918-19, together with various documents in connexion therewith.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and that the Report be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Boyd 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 entering into contracts for the purchase of ships in England by the Government, without Parliamentary authority".

Mr. 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. Boyd moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The time having arrived for the interruption (in accordance with Standing Order No. 119) of the debate—

Sir Robert Best moved, That the debate be continued for one hour.

Mr. McDonald moved, as an amendment, That the words "and a half" be added to the motion.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Boyd	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Charlton	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Riley
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gibson	Mr. West
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Yates
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Mackay	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Anstey
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Page

Noes, 28.

Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Poynton
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Corser	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Spence
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story
Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the debate be continued for one hour—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 46.		Noes, 8.	
Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Bamford	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Fleming	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bayley	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Anstey
Sir Robert Best	Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Page
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Pigott		
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Poynton		
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Riley		
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Considine	Mr. Sampson		
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair		
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Spence		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Tudor		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wallace		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Watkins		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. West		
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Yates		
Mr. Jowett			
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Story		
Mr. Livingston	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate on motion for adjournment continued.

At six o'clock the debate was interrupted by the Business of the Day being called on.

4. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
War Service Homes Scheme—Agreement made between the War Service Homes Commissioner and the Commonwealth Bank.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PEACE LOAN.—Mr. Poynton, by leave, made a Ministerial statement with reference to the Peace Loan.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—TRADE MARKS BILL (1919).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 99.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Trade Marks Act 1905-1912'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 30th July, 1919.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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 to-morrow.

7. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
League of Nations—Draft Agreement for—Presented to the Plenary Inter-Allied Conference of, 14th February, 1919. (Paper presented to the British Parliament.)

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—

Proclamation prohibiting the Exportation of Preventives of Conception, &c. (dated 16th July, 1919).

Proclamation (dated 16th July, 1919) revoking Proclamation (dated 4th September, 1918) prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of Broom Millet.

Public Service Act—

Appointment of W. J. Penfold, Department of Trade and Customs.
Promotion of H. A. Peterson, Prime Minister's Department.

8. **COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES BILL.**—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 resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 6—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

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

9. **DECLARATION OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES BILL AS URGENT BILL—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.**—Mr. Groom having declared that the Commercial Activities Bill was an Urgent Bill—
Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put and passed.
Mr. Groom then moved—

That the time allotted for the further consideration of the Bill in Committee (other than the Schedules, Preamble, and Title) be until 10 o'clock this evening.

That the time allotted for the consideration of the Schedules, Preamble, and Title be until 8.30 p.m. to-morrow.

That the time allotted for the consideration of the remaining stages of the Bill be until 10.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Mr. Tudor moved, as an amendment, That the words "ten o'clock this evening," be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words "four o'clock on Friday afternoon" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jensen	
Mr. Lamond	
Mr. Leckie	
Mr. Livingston	

Tellers:

Mr. Story
Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 15.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Yates.
Mr. Finlayson	
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Mathews	
Mr. Riley	

Tellers:

Mr. Page
Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

10. **COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES BILL.**—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 6 further considered.

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

"(4.) The Government of the Commonwealth shall pay to the employees of the Colonial Combing, Spinning, and Weaving Company Limited, and Whiddon Brothers Limited, twenty per cent. of the net earnings received from the said companies under agreements between the Government and the companies, the said twenty per cent. to be distributed amongst the employees in such sums and in such manner as a committee of ten persons appointed by the employees may decide."

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At six o'clock p.m. the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage (other than the Schedules, Preamble, and Title) of the Bill had expired—

Question—That the proposed new sub-clause be added to the clause—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 16.	
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Riley
Mr. Considine	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Yates.
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Page
Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 28.	
Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Story
Mr. Livingston	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Question—That clause 6 and the other remaining clauses of the Bill be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.	
Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bamford	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Spence
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Webster
Mr. Groom	Mr. Wise
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Lamond	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Leckie	
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Story
Mr. Lynch	Mr. John Thomson

Noes, 15.	
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Considine	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Yates.
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Page
Mr. Riley	Mr. Watkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House resumed; Mr. Atkinson reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Groom moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., 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. Blakeley, Mr. Bruce, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Greene, Mr. Heitmann^(a), Mr. Hughes, Mr. Nicholls*, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Palmer, Major-General Ryrie^(a), Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watt.

* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.