

1917-18-19.

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 137.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 31st JULY, 1919.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE—THIRD REPORT FROM.—Mr. McWilliams, Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).

The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

## THIRD REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommend that the following be printed:—

- Inter-State Commission Act—Index to Reports, Tariff Investigations.
- †Price Fixing—Reports relating to Jam Fruits by the Prices Commissioner for Tasmania.
- Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act—Statement for 1917-18.
- †Pastoralists—Statement showing number who have died during the last two years, Net Value of their Estates, and Commonwealth Duty payable thereon.
- Factories—Commonwealth Government Factories—Reports for year ended 30th June, 1917.
- Commonwealth Bank—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 30th June, 1918: together with Auditor-General's Report thereon.
- Commonwealth Bank—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 31st December, 1918: together with Auditor-General's Report thereon.
- †Export of Australian Products—Return giving information relating to Zinc, Zinc Concentrates, Lead, Copper, Tin, Wolfram, Scheelite and Molybdenite, Wheat, Wool, Butter, Cheese, Leather, Hides, Rabbits, and Evaporated Apples.
- Report of the Royal Commission on Navy and Defence Administration in regard to (1) the purchase of the Shaw Wireless Works at Randwick, New South Wales, in August, 1916; (2) the purchase of the following vessels for the purposes of the Navy Department, viz., the *Emerald*, in June, 1916, and the *Phillip* (late *Togo*), in August, 1916.
- Bolshevism in Russia—Collection of Reports on.
- Naturalization Act—Return of Number of Persons to whom Certificates were granted during 1918.
- Navy and Defence Administration—Royal Commission—Report on Navy Administration (dated 13th February, 1919).
- \*Merchant Tonnage and the Submarine—Statement issued by British War Cabinet for period August, 1914, to December, 1917.
- \*Boards, Committees, Pools, &c., operating under Commonwealth Government control—Names, &c., of Persons appointed since 10th May, 1918.
- \*Oil Development in Papua—Memorandum.

† Presented to House of Representatives only.  
\* Presented to Senate only.

Committee Room,  
31st July, 1919.

W. J. MCWILLIAMS,  
Chairman.

Mr. McWilliams moved, by leave, That the Report be adopted.  
Question—put and passed.

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## 3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

War Precautions Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 178.

## 4. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—

Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Groom moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 35.

Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Leckie
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lister
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Boyd	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Webster
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wise
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Story
Mr. Lamond	Mr. John Thomson

Tellers:

Noes, 18.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Considine	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Yates.
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mathews
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Page

Tellers:

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 37.

Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Leckie
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Lister
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Boyd	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Sampson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Spence
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Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mathews
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Page

Tellers:

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## 5. 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.)

Schedules—

Mr. Tudor moved the following amendment:—

Page 8, First Schedule, Regulation 3, line 7, after "Government" insert:—

"Three persons nominated by the Leader of the Opposition as representing the consumers of the Commonwealth."

Debate ensued.

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Question—That the proposed amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor	Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Considine	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Yates	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Higgs		Sir Robert Best	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Mahony		Mr. Boyd	Mr. Sampson
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Burchell	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Corser	Mr. Spence
Mr. Riley	Mr. Page	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Webster
		Mr. R. W. Foster	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Jowett	
		Mr. Lister	Mr. Story
		Mr. Livingston	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Wallace moved the following amendment:—

Page 8, First Schedule, line 7 of Regulation 3, after "Government" insert:—

"two representatives of the employees for each of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and Queensland and one representative of the employees for each of the States of Tasmania and South Australia. Such representatives of employees to be nominated by the organization covering such industry".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the proposed amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Riley	Lieut.-Col. Abbott	Mr. Lynch
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Pigott
Mr. Considine	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Finlayson		Sir Robert Best	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Boyd	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Mahony		Mr. Burchell	Mr. Spence
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Page	Mr. Corser	Mr. Webster
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Yates	Mr. Fleming	Mr. Wise
		Mr. R. W. Foster	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Jowett	
		Mr. Lister	Mr. Story
		Mr. Livingston	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Higgs moved the following amendment:—

Page 13, Second Schedule, Regulation 3, Sub-regulation (1):—

Omit "eight" with a view to the insertion of the word "eleven" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand as printed—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Yates
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sinclair	Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Riley	Mr. Mathews
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence	Mr. Tudor	Mr. Page
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Jowett	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Leckie	Mr. Story		
Mr. Lister	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

31st July, 1919.

Mr. Higgs moved the following amendment:—

Page 14, Second Schedule, Regulation 10, add the following new Sub-regulation:—

“(3.) The Central Wool Committee shall make arrangements to enable *bonâ fide* country wool buyers to purchase wool to an amount equal to the average of wool purchased by them during the three years prior to the war.”

Débate ensued.

*Limitation of Debate.*—At half-past eight o'clock p.m. the Chairman, having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the consideration of the Schedules, Preamble, and Title had expired—

Question—That the proposed amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fleming	Mr. West
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Leckie	
Mr. Lynch	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Mathews
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 28.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Page
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Rodgers
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Sampson
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Burchell	Mr. Laird Smith
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Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise
Mr. Groom	Mr. Yates
Mr. Jowett	
Mr. Lister	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Story
Mr. Mackay	Mr. John Thomson

And so it was negatived.

Schedules agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stage to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Groom moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Débate ensued.

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

6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered, That the intervening Business be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 4, Government Business.

7. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—REFERENCE OF COMMONWEALTH NOTE PRINTING OFFICES.—Mr. Groom moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1914*, the following work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for their report thereon, namely:—Erection of Commonwealth Note Printing Offices on the site recently acquired in Victoria-parade, Fitzroy, Melbourne.

Mr. Groom having laid on the Table General Statement, Set of Drawings, and Estimate of Cost in connexion with the proposed work—

Débate ensued.

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word “Offices” be omitted from the motion.

Mr. Gregory 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 to-morrow.

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

Débate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.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. Corboy, Mr. Falkiner, Mr. Greene, Mr. Heitmann<sup>(a)</sup>, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Nicholls\*, Mr. Orchard, Mr. Palmer, Major-General Ryrie<sup>(a)</sup>, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Watt.

\* On leave.

(a) Absent with Australian Imperial Force.

WALTER A. GALE,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*