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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1920.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.**—The Clerk, at the Table, having informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, and read Prayers.
3. **PETITION.**—Mr. Maxwell presented a Petition purporting to be from more than 32,000 electors of the House of Representatives, resident in Victoria, praying for the repeal of the Parliamentary Allowances Act by which the allowances of Members of both Houses were increased by £400 a year, until the electors have had an opportunity of expressing an opinion at a General Election.
Mr. Maxwell moved, That the Petition be received.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Maxwell moved, That the Petition be read.
Question—put and passed.
Petition read.
4. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.**—Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plans, &c., relating to the proposed Alterations and Additions to the General Post Office, Adelaide.
Ordered—That the Paper be printed.
5. **WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.**—Ordered—That the Notice of Motion, General Business, standing in the name of Mr. Bamford, with reference to the tropical allowance paid to Commonwealth servants in Queensland be withdrawn.
6. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—COAL SUPPLY.**—Mr. Hughes, by leave, made a Ministerial statement with reference to the coal supply.
7. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 128.
War Service Homes Act—Land acquired under, at—
Lewisham West, New South Wales.
Lismore, New South Wales.
8. **INDUSTRIAL PEACE BILL.**—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 4—

Debate resumed on the following amendment of Mr. Charlton :—

That the following definition be inserted after line 34 :—

“Organization of employees” means the *bonâ fide* Trades Union organization representing the industry as recognised by the Trades or Industrial Council in that district or State.

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

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bamford	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Bell	Mr. Lister
Mr. Considine	Mr. West	Mr. Blundell	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Cunningham		Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Fenton		Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>	Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Makin	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Riley	Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Wise
		Mr. Francis	
		Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Burchell
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Story
		Mr. Hill	

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Hughes moved, as a further amendment, That the following definition be inserted after line 34 :—

“Organization”, in reference to employees, means an association of not less than one hundred employees engaged in any industrial pursuit or pursuits whatever, together with such other persons, whether employees engaged in any industrial pursuit or pursuits or not, as have been appointed officers of the association and admitted as members thereof;

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 14.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marr	Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Cunningham	
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Makin
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Riley
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. Fleming	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stewart		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Gregory			
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story		
Mr. Lister			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the clause, as amended, be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Blundell	Mr. Marks	Mr. Considine	Mr. West
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr	Mr. Cunningham	
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Joseph Cook	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Prowse	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Makin
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fleming	Sir Granville Ryrie		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Stewart		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Burchell		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Clause 5—

Mr. Blakeley moved, as an amendment, That the words "Governor-General" (line 44) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "President of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Debate on clause continued.

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the words "nor more than eight" be inserted after the word "six" (line 2 of page 3).

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Charlton moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be inserted after the words "shall be" (line 3 of page 3):—

"chosen by agreement between the representatives of employers and employees or, in default of agreement, shall be".

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Atkinson moved, as a further amendment, That the words "one-half" (line 4 of page 3) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "one-third" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Hughes moved, as a further amendment, That the words "recognised organizations of" be inserted before the word "employees" (line 6 of page 3).

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Charlton moved, as a further amendment, That all the words of sub-clause (5.) after the word "of" (second occurring in line 7 of page 3) to the end of the sub-clause be omitted, and that the following words be inserted in place thereof:—

"recognised organizations of employees respectively shall be recommended for appointment in the prescribed manner by the respective employers and organizations of employees."

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr. Hughes moved, as an amendment, That the words "the prescribed number" (line 20) be omitted, and that the words "a majority" be inserted in place thereof.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 7 and 8 agreed to.

Clause 9—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the words "(not less than six nor more than eight)" be inserted after the word "number" (line 46).

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Charlton moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be inserted before the word "appointed" (line 1 of page 4):—

"chosen by agreement between the representatives of employers and employees or, in default of agreement, shall be".

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Hughes moved, as a further amendment, That the words "recognised organizations of" be inserted before the word "employees" (line 4 of page 4).

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Hughes moved, as an amendment, That the words "employees respectively shall be appointed or elected in the prescribed manner" (lines 5 and 6) be omitted, with a view to the insertion in place thereof of the words "recognised organizations of employees respectively shall be recommended for appointment in the prescribed manner by the respective employers and organizations of employees."

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 10—

Mr. Hughes moved, as an amendment, That the words "the prescribed number" (lines 16 and 17) be omitted, and that the words "a majority" be inserted in place thereof.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 11—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the words "recognised organization of" be inserted before the word "employees" (line 23).

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Charlton moved, as a further amendment, That the words "or associations" (line 24) be omitted, and that the words "employer or recognised organization of employees" be inserted in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 12 agreed to.

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Clause 13—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Blakeley moved, as an amendment, That the words "Governor-General" (line 37) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "President of the Court of Conciliation and Arbitration" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Maxwell moved, as an amendment, That the words "prevention of or" be inserted before the word "settlement" (line 38), and that all the words after the word "disputes" (line 39) to the end of the clause be omitted.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 14 agreed to.

Clause 15—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Fleming reported accordingly.

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

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ARBITRATION (PUBLIC SERVICE) BILL (1920).—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 38.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act relating to the Settlement of Matters arising out of Employment in the Public Service,*" and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 12th August, 1920.

Mr. Hughes 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 Wednesday next.

10. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Promotion of J. J. Jepsen, Postmaster-General's Department.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past ten 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. Anstey*, Mr. Bowden, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Gabb, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Jowett, Mr. Lamond, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. James Page*, Mr. Tudor, Mr. Watt*, and Mr. Wienholt.

* On leave.

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