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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 46.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1922.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORTS.—Mr. Mathews, for the Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Reports from the Committee—
  - Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed establishment of Automatic Telephone Exchanges at East Sydney, Randwick, Waverley, and Gordon, New South Wales.
 Ordered to be printed.
  - Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed establishment of an Automatic Telephone Exchange at South Melbourne, Victoria.
 Ordered, after debate, to be printed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Administrative Offices (Provisional) at Canberra—Plans in connexion with.
  - Ordered to lie on the Table
4. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL (1922).—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. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 agreed to.  
 Clause 4 debated and agreed to.  
 Clause 5—

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

After sub-clause (4.) add the following new sub-clauses:—

“(5.) Any reference in any Act except this Act to the *Commonwealth Public Service Act* 1902, or to that Act as amended by any subsequent Act, shall be read as a reference to this Act.

“(6.) Upon the commencement of this Act, the following offices, and the persons occupying those offices, not being offices or persons which or whom are affected by or under section fourteen of the *Defence (Civil Employment) Act* 1918, shall become and be deemed to be offices and officers of the Commonwealth Service with classifications, subject to the classification effected by the Board under section twenty-six of this Act, corresponding to their respective classifications at the commencement of this Act—

- (a) clerical offices occupied by persons employed under paragraph (db) of sub-section (1.) of section sixty-three of the *Defence Act* 1903-1918 who were appointed to those positions by the Governor-General;
- (b) offices occupied by persons who were, by virtue of section fifteen of the *Defence (Civil Employment) Act* 1918, deemed to be employed in a civil capacity in connexion with the Defence Force; and
- (c) clerical offices occupied by persons, employed under paragraph (c) of sub-section (1.) of section forty-one of the *Naval Defence Act* 1910-1918, who were appointed to those positions by the Governor-General.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the following amendments were made :—

Page 3, lines 5-6, omit “ (whether before or after the commencement of this Act) ”.

Page 3, line 18, after “ employed ” insert “ as a radio-telegraphist ”.

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 7—

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

Sub-clause (2.), omit this sub-clause.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8—

On the motion of Mr. Groom, the following amendments were made :—

Page 5, line 31, after “ officers ” insert “ and offices ”.

Page 5, line 36, after “ officers ” insert “ and offices ”.

Page 5, line 37, after “ officers ” insert “ and offices ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 9 debated and agreed to.

Clause 10—

Mr. Fenton moved, as an amendment, That the word “ three ” (line 19) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word “ one ” in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Considine	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Corser	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. Foley	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Greene	Mr. Watt
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hay	
Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story

Noes, 16.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Bell	Mr. Earle Page
Sir Robert Best	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. West
Mr. Francis	
Mr. Gabb	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hill	Mr. Makin
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Makin moved, as an amendment, That after the word “ persons ” (line 19) the following words be inserted :—“ one of whom shall be selected from persons nominated by Commonwealth Public Service Organizations ”.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Francis	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	
Mr. McGrath	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Makin

Noes, 24.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lamond
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bell	Mr. Marks
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Foley	Mr. Rodgers
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Higgs	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Story

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Anstey moved, as an amendment, That after the word “ persons ” (line 19) the following words be inserted :—“ from within the Commonwealth Public Service ”.

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

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 9.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Watkins	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Marks
Mr. Brennan		Mr. Bayley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Fenton		Mr. Bell	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Francis	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Makin	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Poynton
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Pratten
		Mr. Corser	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Foley	Mr. Rodgers
		Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
		Mr. Greene	Mr. Laird Smith
		Mr. Groom	
		Mr. Higgs	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Mackay
		Mr. Lamond	Mr. Story
		Mr. Lister	

And so it was negatived.

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

Line 24, omit "or sailors".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved -That the House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Greene moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Officers' Hostel at Canberra—Plans in connexion with.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Electoral Act and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1922, No. 136.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Greene moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question - put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to 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. Blundell, Mr. J. H. Catts, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lavelle\*, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Marr, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Wienholt.

\* On leave.

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