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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH JULY, 1923.

1. The House met, at half-past two 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—Northern Territory Election, 1922—Alleged Irregularities—Report by Chief Electoral Officer. Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADMINISTRATION IN NEW GUINEA.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Administration of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
4. COMMONWEALTH SHIPPING 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.)

Clauses 2, 3, and 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "be" (line 13) to the end of the clause be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"situated in Australia, and the chairman of the Board reside in Australia during the period of his appointment."

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), the following amendment was made:—

Line 13. after "place" insert "in the Commonwealth".

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 6—

Mr. Scullin moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to sub-clause (1.):—"and shall include a representative of the industrial unions whose members are engaged in the industry under the control of the Board."

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Killen
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Latham
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McKay
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mann
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Manning
Mr. Gabb	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West	Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Lazzarini		Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Gardner	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Whitsitt
		Mr. Gregory	
		Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr
		Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

Mr. Gabb moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to sub-clause (1.) :—" and shall include a direct representative of the primary producers of the Commonwealth."

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hill
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Bowden	Sir Neville Howse
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Killen
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates	Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Lacey		Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. McNeill	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Josiah Francis	
		Mr. Gardner	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Marr
		Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Groom	

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 7, 8, and 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Clause 11—

Mr. Blakeley moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause :—"Preference shall be given to members of Industrial Unions."

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Twelve o'clock midnight—

THURSDAY, 12TH JULY, 1923.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hill
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Bowden	Sir Neville Howse
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. West	Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Killen
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Yates	Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Lacey		Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Frederick McDonald	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Frederick Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. McNeill	Mr. Makin	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook
		Mr. Gardner	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Marr
		Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse
		Mr. Groom	

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the following new sub-clause be added to the clause :—
(2.) All ships held or acquired by the Board shall, where practicable, be manned by Australians or persons permanently domiciled in Australia, signed on under Australian articles, and the Board shall pay its employees a rate of wages not less than the rate prescribed by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for the class of work upon which they are engaged.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Fenton
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Yates

Tellers :

Noes, 26.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hill
Mr. Bowden	Sir Neville Howse
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Killen
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Frederick Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Groom	

Tellers :

Mr. Marr
Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 12—

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

(2.) Whenever practicable, the Board shall cause to be purchased in Australia, all necessary stores, provisions, gear, and equipment for the upkeep, running, and maintenance of the ships held or acquired by it, and the Board shall cause, whenever possible, all repair and overhaul work to be carried out in Australia.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. West
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Yates
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Fenton
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Parker Moloney

Tellers :

Noes, 26.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hill
Mr. Bowden	Sir Neville Howse
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Killen
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Frederick Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Groom	

Tellers :

Mr. Marr
Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 13 agreed to.

Clause 14—

Mr. Scullin moved, as an amendment, That after the word "and" (line 41) the following words be inserted :—"at Williamstown Shipbuilding Yards in the State of Victoria; and".

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fenton	Mr. West
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Yates
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Frederick McDonald	
Mr. McGrath	
Mr. McNeill	

Tellers :

Mr. Lacey
Mr. Makin

Noes, 24.

Mr. Bowden	Mr. Hill
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Killen
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann
Mr. Corser	Mr. Marks
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Frederick Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Groom	

Tellers :

Mr. Marr
Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

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Clauses 15, 16, and 17 agreed to.

Clause 18 debated—

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the following amendment was made :—Line 4, omit “ The Treasurer ”, insert “ Parliament ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 19—

Mr. Gabb moved, as an amendment, that the words “ Consolidated Revenue ” (line 21) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words “ National Debt Sinking ” in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Fenton moved, as an amendment, that the word “ a ” (second occurring) (line 26), be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words “ the Commonwealth ” in place thereof.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Yates

Noes, 25.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hill
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Killen
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marks
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Josiah Francis	
Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Gibson	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Marr
Mr. Groom	Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 20, 21, and 22 agreed to.

New Clause—

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the following clause, to follow clause 20, was added to the Bill :—

20A.—(1.) The accounts of the Board shall be subject to inspection and audit by the Audit.
Auditor-General for the Commonwealth.

(2.) The inspection and audit shall be conducted not less often than yearly, and the Auditor-General shall report to the Treasurer the result of each inspection and audit.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended—see p. 59 *ante*), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Bayley, Mr. Donald Cameron, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lister,
Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. Pratten, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Watkins.

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