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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 125.

THURSDAY, 18TH JULY, 1946.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor-General—

Tariff Board—Report—Raw Cotton—Questions of assisting production in Australia.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Corser 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 necessity for the setting up of an expert Commonwealth authority, to report to this Parliament and the States on extensive and minor water conservation and hydro-electric schemes, in order to insure against recurring devastating droughts such as that in Queensland at the present time".

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. Corser moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Ordered—That Mr. Corser be granted an extension of time.

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Breen	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Martens
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Daly	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Russell
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scully
Mr. Frost	Mr. Sheehy
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Smith
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Ward
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Williams
Mr. Holloway	
Mr. James	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Langtry	Mr. Sheehan

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Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bowden	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and negatived.

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4. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—RAW COTTON BOUNTY BILL 1946.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 56.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Raw Cotton Bounty Act 1940-1941*.

Government House,
Canberra, 10th July, 1946.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Forde (Minister representing the Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Raw Cotton Bounty Act 1940-1941*.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Mr. Forde moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Forde, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Forde and Mr. Scully do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Forde then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Forde moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Adermann 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 the next sitting.

5. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL 1946.—Mr. Frost (Minister for Repatriation), pursuant to leave given on the 17th July, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend sections eighty-nine and ninety of the 'Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920-1945'*", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Frost moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Harrison 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 the next sitting.

6. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL 1946.—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 2—

Consideration resumed of the following new clause proposed by Mr. Scully (Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) :—

" 2. The several sections of this Act shall commence on such dates as are Commencement respectively fixed by Proclamation."—

*And of the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Cameron, viz. :—*That the following words be added to the proposed new clause :—" , but not earlier than the first day of October, One thousand nine hundred and forty-six "

Amendment negatived.

New clause agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated—

Mr. McEwen moved, as an amendment, That after " Australia " (page 2, line 15) the words " who shall hold office for three years from the dates of their appointments " be inserted.

Debate continued.

Amendment temporarily withdrawn, by leave.

Mr. Cameron moved, as an amendment, That the word " two " (page 2, line 8) be omitted and the word " three " be inserted in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Cameron moved, as an amendment, That the word " one " (page 2, line 12) be omitted and the word " two " be inserted in place thereof.

Amendment negatived.

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Mr. Cameron moved, as an amendment, That the word "one" (page 2, line 14) be omitted and the word "two" be inserted in place thereof.

Debate continued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Riordan, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 37.	
Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Anthony	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Breen	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bowden	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Bryson	Mr. Martens
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Rankin	Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Fadden		Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>	Mr. Clark	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser	Mr. Daly	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Holt	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Pollard
		Mr. Falstein	Mr. Russell
		Mr. Forde	Mr. Scully
		Mr. Fraser	Mr. Sheehy
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Smith
		Mr. Gaha	Mr. Ward
		Mr. Hadley	Mr. Williams
		Mr. Haylen	
		Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>
		Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
		Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan
		Mr. Langtry	

And so it was negatived.

Amendment previously moved by Mr. McEwen and temporarily withdrawn, viz.:—That after "Australia" (page 2, line 15) the words "who shall hold office for three years from the dates of their appointments" be inserted—was again moved.

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

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

"(6.) The representatives of the wheat growers shall be entitled to make reasonable reports to wheat growers relative to the progress of marketing operations."

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 8 and 9 agreed to.

Clause 10—

Mr. Scully moved, as an amendment, That after "may" (page 3, line 26) the words "subject to any directions of the Minister" be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Several Members rising to address the Committee—

Closure.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 38.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Langtry	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hughes
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Adermann	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Anthony	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Makin	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Burke	Mr. Martens	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Fadden	
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Gullett	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Daly	Mr. Mulcahy	Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Pollard		
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Riordan		
Mr. Falstein	Mr. Russell		
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scully		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Gaha	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Hadley	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Haylen			
Mr. Holloway	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. James	Mr. Fuller		
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the amendment be agreed to—being accordingly put—
The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Clark, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Barnard	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Breen	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Martens
Mr. Burke	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Daly	Mr. Mulcahy
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Pollard
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Mr. Harrison	
Mr. Holt	Mr. Corser
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Mr. McEwen moved, as a further amendment, That after " Board " (page 4, line 8) the following words be inserted :—" , but the value of such assets shall be accounted for and the value paid to the pools operated under the National Security (Wheat Acquisition) Regulations ".

Debate continued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 11 to 17 agreed to.

Clause 18—

Mr. McEwen moved, as an amendment, That the word " any " (page 5, line 44) be omitted and the word and figures " the 1946-47 " be inserted in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. McEwen moved, as an amendment, That the words " free on rail at the port from which it is normally exported " (page 6, lines 3 and 4) be omitted and the words " bagged at growers' sidings " be inserted in place thereof.

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman (Mr. Riordan) ruled that the amendment could not be accepted as its effect would be to increase the amount of the appropriation required.

Debate on clause continued.

Mr. McEwen moved, as an amendment, That paragraphs (c) and (d) of sub-clause (3.) be omitted.

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman ruled that the amendment, if agreed to, would increase the amount of the appropriation required and, therefore, could not be accepted.

Mr. McEwen moved, That the clause be postponed.

Debate continued.

Question—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Barnard, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Adermann	Mr. McEwen
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Cameron	
Mr. Fadden	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gullett	
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Corser
Mr. Holt	Mr. McDonald

Noes, 36.

Mr. K. E. Beazley	Mr. Langtry
Mr. Breen	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Burke	Mr. Makin
Mr. Calwell	Mr. McLeod
Mr. Clark	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Mountjoy
Mr. Daly	Mr. Mulcahy
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Mr. James	Mr. Fuller
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was negatived.

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

Page 6, line 24, after "price" insert "free on rail at the port from which it is normally exported".

Mr. McEwen moved, as a further amendment, That the following sub-clause be added to the clause :—

"(7.) The net return to the Board of all wheat sold in Australia by Government direction at a price less than export parity at the time of sale shall be the export parity price, and the difference (if any) shall be paid by the Government to the Board."

Chairman's Ruling.—The Chairman ruled that the amendment, if agreed to, would require an additional appropriation, and therefore it could not be accepted.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 19 agreed to.

Clause 20—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration) moved, That Mr. Morgan be granted an extension of time.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

The House continuing to sit until after midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. J. A. Beasley, Mr. Blain, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Francis, Mr. Guy, Mr. Lawson, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. Menzies, Sir Earle Page, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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