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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1924.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 109.
3. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FOR SITTING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That the Sessional Order governing the order of Business be suspended, and that Government Business be given precedence over General Business for this sitting.
Question—put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, No. 1, be postponed until after Order of the Day, No. 3, Government Business.
5. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1924).—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to further consider the Amendments (*See pages 341-2 ante*)—
Amendment No. 29—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Whitsitt, That the Amendment be amended by the omission of the words "money or securities", and the insertion of the word "gold" in place thereof.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bowden	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning
Sir Austin Chapman	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers:</i>
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr

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Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Lacey	Mr. West
Mr. Lambert	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Makin	Mr. Yates
Mr. Mann	
Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Fenton
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Lazzarini

The number for the "Ayes" and the "Noes" being equal, the Chairman gave a casting vote, and voted with the "Ayes".

And so the question was resolved in the affirmative.

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Debate continued.

Question—That the Amendment [No. 29] be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 24.

Mr Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bamford	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Manning
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Sir Austin Chapman	Mr. Thomas Paterson
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendments Nos. 30 to 33 agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Earle Page moved, That Mr. Bruce, Mr. Pratten, and the Mover be appointed a Committee to draw up a Reason for the House of Representatives disagreeing to Amendment No. 28.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Earle Page, on behalf of the Committee brought up such Reason, which was read and is as follows :—

Reason of the House of Representatives for disagreeing to Amendment No. 28 of the Senate.

The public interest is sufficiently safeguarded without the requirement contained in the amendment which, if agreed to, would hamper the Bank in carrying out its functions.

Mr. Earle Page moved, That the Committee's Reason be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

6. LOAN BILL (1924) [£6,450,000].—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 53—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.*(In the Committee.)*

Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expenditure of certain Sums of Money.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.

Mr. Earle Page moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Earle Page and Mr. Bruce do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

Debate ensued.

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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated.

Mr. McGrath moved, as an amendment, That the words "Defence expenditure shall not be paid from the above-mentioned loan moneys" be added to the clause.

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Debate continued.

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

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

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

7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1924—

No. 26—Supply (No. 1) 1924-25.

No. 27—Laws Repeal and Adopting (No. 2).

No. 28—Appropriation (No. 2) 1922-23..

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight 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. Bayley, Mr. Charlton, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Gregory, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Killen, Mr. Latham, Mr. Mahony, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Marks*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Charles McDonald, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Edward Riley, Sir Granville Kyrie, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

FRANK L. CLAPIN,
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.