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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 19TH JULY, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. GLYNN).—Sir Langdon Bonython moved, pursuant to notice, That leave of absence for a further period of a fortnight be granted to the honorable Member for South Australia (Mr. Glynn), on the ground of continued ill-health.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 3. COINAGE COMMITTEE.—Mr. G. B. Edwards moved, pursuant to notice, That the number of Members appointed to serve on the Select Committee on Coinage be increased to nine, and that Mr. Hume Cook and Mr. Fowler be additional Members of such Committee, and that the Committee have leave to report the minutes of evidence from time to time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 4. FEDERAL TERRITORY—AREA AND TENURE OF.—Mr. O'Malley moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House, it is desirable, in the interest of human progress, that the Government secure as Federal territory an area of not less than 1,000 square miles of land in a good, healthy, and fertile situation, the freehold of which shall for ever remain the property of the Commonwealth: the ground only to be let on building or other leases to utilizers, all buildings to be erected under strict Government regulations, with due regard to public health and architectural beauty.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Barton moved, as an amendment, That the words "not less than 1,000 square miles of land in a good, healthy, and fertile situation, the freehold of which shall for ever remain," in lines 3 and 4, be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "land well watered, healthily situated, and large enough to fully meet all probable requirements, and secure to the Commonwealth the benefits to accrue from the position of the capital, such area, when secured, to remain for ever."
Debate continued.
Mr. A. McLean moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Friday, 23rd August next.
 5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at six minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT. — All Members were present except — The Attorney-General (The Honorable Alfred Deakin), The Minister of Home Affairs (The Honorable Sir William Lyne, K.C.M.G.), The Minister of Defence (The Right Honorable Sir John Forrest, P.C., G.C.M.G.), Mr. Bamford, The Right Honorable Sir Edward Braddon, P.C., Messrs. Brown, Cruickshank, Fowler, Glynn, Harper, Higgins, Hughes, Isaacs, Kennedy, Macdonald-Paterson, McCay, McDonald, F. E. McLean, Sir William McMillan, Mr. Paterson, The Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C., Messrs. Ronald, Bruce Smith, Thomson, and Watkins.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.