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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1926.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir Littleton Groom) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Quilpie, Queensland—For Postal purposes.
Railways Act—By-law No. 37.
3. CRIMES BILL (1926).—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 17—

Proposed section 30L to end of clause debated.

Question—That the proposed sections be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lister
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mann
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marks
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Nott
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Parsons
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Pratten
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hill	Mr. Watt
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hurry	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers :</i>
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Gregory
Mr. Latham	Mr. Hunter

Noes, 9.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. Yates
Mr. Fenton	
Mr. Forde	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Lambert	Mr. Lacey
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Makin
Mr. Scullin	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 18 debated and agreed to.

Clause 19 agreed to.

Clause 20 debated and agreed to.

Clause 21 agreed to.

Clause 22 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 23 and 24 agreed to.

Postponed clause 4 further debated and agreed to.

Postponed clause 10—

On the motion of Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), the following amendments were made :—

Page 2, line 50, after "Any" insert "proceeding in respect of an".

Page 2, lines 33–38, omit proposed sub-section (2.) and insert the following sub-section in place thereof :—

"(2.) A Court of Summary Jurisdiction may, if it thinks fit, upon the request of the prosecutor, hear and determine any proceeding in respect of an offence against this Act, although declared to be indictable, if the offence relates to property the value of which does not exceed Fifty pounds."

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Clause, as amended, agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Latham, the House, by leave, adopted the Report.
 Mr. Latham moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put.
 The House divided—

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 11.	
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Latham	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Bell	Mr. Mann	Mr. Lambert	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr	Mr. Makin	
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Nott	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Yates
Mr. Corser	Mr. Darle Page		
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Parsons		
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson		
Mr. Grosvenor Francis	Mr. Pratten		
Sir John Gellibrand	Mr. Prowse		
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Rodgers		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Thompson		
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Hill			
Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Hurry			
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Donald Cameron		
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Hunter		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

4. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT (BONUS SHARES) BILL.—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.
 Mr. Scullin addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A, the honorable Member was given leave to continue his speech.
 Debate continued.
 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.
 Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.
 Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
 Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Ley, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Manning, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Edward Riley, Mr. E. C. Riley, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. West.

* On leave.

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