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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 64.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH JULY, 1945.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable J. S. Rosevear) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Chifley (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
3. PEA SEED—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Dedman (Minister for Post-war Reconstruction), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the pea seed position in Australia.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 - Commonwealth purposes—Rocklea, Queensland.
 - Postal purposes—Sydney, New South Wales.
 - National Security Act—
 - National Security (General) Regulations—Orders—
 - Taking possession of land, &c. (8).
 - Use of land.
 - National Security (War-time Banking Control) Regulations—Order—Exemption.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.
6. DARWIN LANDS ACQUISITION BILL 1945.—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.
Ordered—That Mr. Cameron be granted an extension of time.
Mr. Cameron moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"the second reading of the Bill be deferred until the Minister for the Interior and the Minister for Post-war Reconstruction have accepted the invitation of the Northern Territory Development League to visit Darwin and hear the views of residents of the Northern Territory on this Bill".
Debate continued.

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Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Rosevear, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Barnard	Mr. James	Mr. Abbott	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Beasley	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Adermann	Sir Earle Page
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Anthony	Mr. Rankin
Mr. Burke	Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Spender
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Cameron	Sir Frederick Stewart
Mr. Chambers	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Francis	
Mr. Chifley	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Holt	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clark	Mr. Mountjoy	Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Conelan	Mr. Riordan	Dame Enid Lyons	Mr. Corser
Mr. Dedman	Mr. Russell	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Guy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Sheehy		
Mr. Forde	Mr. Smith		
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Ward		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Williams		
Mr. Fuller			
Mr. Gaha	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Hadley			
Mr. Haylen	Mr. Daly		
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Sheehan		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—DARWIN LANDS ACQUISITION BILL 1945.—The following Message from His Royal Highness the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

HENRY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 17.

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 authorize the acquisition by the Commonwealth, for certain purposes, of land in the Northern Territory of Australia comprised in the Town of Darwin and its environs, and for other purposes.

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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. Johnson (Minister for the Interior) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the acquisition by the Commonwealth, for certain purposes, of land in the Northern Territory of Australia comprised in the Town of Darwin and its environs, and for other purposes.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

The said Resolution was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Johnson, by leave, was adopted by the House.

8. DARWIN LANDS ACQUISITION BILL 1945.—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 again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Clause 1—

Mr. Francis moved, That the clause be postponed.

Question—put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

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Clause 2—

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

“(2.) The date at which land is to be valued means the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and forty-two.”.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Cameron moved, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added to the clause :—

“ Provided that, in the event of the Commonwealth and the freeholder being unable to agree upon compensation, there shall be an appeal to a committee competent to make a valuation of Darwin lands.”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Debate continued.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Riordan reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Johnson (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—BANKING BILL 1945.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 15.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to regulate Banking, to make provision for the Protection of the Currency and of the Public Credit of the Commonwealth, and for other purposes* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th July, 1945.

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

10. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES BILL 1945.—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.

Ordered—That Mr. Menzies (Leader of the Opposition) be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr. Spender 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.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPERANNUATION BILL 1945.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 16.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Superannuation Act 1922–1943 ’* ”, and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

GORDON BROWN,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 25th July, 1945.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at five minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Blain*, Mr. Breen, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Langtry, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Scully, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. White.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.