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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1910.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Glynn presented a Petition from nine Taxpayers in South Australia praying that the House will reject the Land Tax Assessment Bill.
Petition received.
3. PAPER.—Mr. Frazer presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Act—Military Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended (Provisional)
Nos. 63, 77, 159A—Statutory Rules 1910, No. 84.
4. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL.—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 3 further considered.

Mr. Greene moved the following amendment :—

Page 2, clause 3, line 36, after the word "made" insert—

"including improvements made by the owner or occupier, which, though not upon the land, have been constructed for its drainage, prevention from inundation, its irrigation, or better access, or otherwise for its more beneficial use".

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Hughes moved the following further amendment :—

Page 2, clause 3, line 35, after "thereon" insert—

"or appertaining thereto and made or acquired by the owner or his predecessor in title".

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the following further amendments were made :—

Page 2, clause 3, line 35, transfer the words "(if any)" and place them after the word "improvements".

Page 2, clause 3, line 35, after "thereon" insert "or appertaining thereto and made or acquired by the owner or his predecessor in title".

On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the following further amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 2, clause 3, lines 38 and 39, omit these lines, and insert in place thereof—

"added value which the improvements give to the land at the date of valuation irrespective of the cost of the improvements".

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1910-11.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 20.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eleven for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" and acquaints the House of Representatives that the Senate no longer insists on its amendment disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agrees to the consequential amendment omitting Subdivision No. 6 of Division No. 3; the Senate also agrees to the further necessary alterations made in the totals in the Bill.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 22nd September, 1910.

H. TURLEY,
President.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 21.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to provide for the Acceptance of the Northern Territory as a Territory under the Authority of the Commonwealth and for the carrying out of the Agreement for the Surrender and Acceptance*", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 23rd September, 1910.

H. TURLEY,
President.

7. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Catts, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Deakin, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Hall, Mr. Howe, Mr. Jensen, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sinclair, and Mr. Webster.

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