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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1910.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1910-11 AND TRUST FUND ADVANCES BILL (No. 2).—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 30.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eleven,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
8th October, 1910.

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 31.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize a Temporary Advance from the Trust Fund to the Consolidated Revenue Fund,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
21st October, 1910.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented—

General Papers Index, including Presented Papers, Committee Reports, Returns to Order, &c., of both Houses, and certain printed Papers not formally presented, 1901-1909 (1st, 2nd, and 3rd Parliaments).

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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4. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE 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 5 further considered.

Question—That the clause stand part of the Bill—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 33.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Archibald	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. W. Maloney
Sir Robert Best	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Cann	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Carr	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Cook	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick
Mr. G. B. Edwards	Mr. Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wise
Mr. Greene	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Howe	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Mathews
Mr. W. J. Johnson	Mr. Roberts

Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	
Mr. McWilliams	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Palmer	Mr. Catts
Mr. Sampson	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 6 to 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 read.

Mr. Higgs moved the following amendment:—

At end of clause add—

“Provided that the Commonwealth may impose such taxes land and other as may be necessary for the peace order and good government of the Territory.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Debate on clause ensued.

Mr. Sinclair moved the following amendment:—

At end of clause add—

“Provided that the Commonwealth may in the interests of persons holding estates within the Territory grant concessions if considered advisable.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. W. Elliot Johnson moved the following amendment:—

At end of clause add—

“Provided that no limitation shall be imposed on the right of the Parliament to alter the conditions of tenure from time to time as may be deemed expedient in the interests of the Commonwealth.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 11 read.

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

Lines 41 and 42, omit “shall, by virtue of this Act,” and insert “may”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 12 read.

On the motion of Mr. Batchelor the following amendment was made:—

Line 1, omit “by” and insert “under”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 13 agreed to.

Clause 14 read.

Mr. Finlayson moved, That the clause be taken in sub-clauses.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Mr. Finlayson moved the following amendment:—

Page 5, sub-clause (b), omit all the words of the sub-clause after the word "constructed" in line 1, with the view of inserting in place thereof the words "such railway lines within the Territory as may be necessary for the development and settlement of the Territory."

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 4.
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Ozanne	Mr. Finlayson
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Page	Mr. Higgs
Mr. Cann	Mr. Riley	
Mr. Carr	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. Catts	Mr. Laird Smith	
Mr. Cook	Mr. Spence	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Tudor	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Wise	
Mr. W. J. Johnson		
Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. McDougall	Mr. Mathews	
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Roberts	
Mr. O'Malley		
		<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. W. Elliot Johnson
		Mr. McWilliams

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 15 to 19 agreed to.

Mr. McWilliams moved that the following new clause be added to the Bill:—

10A. The amount of compensation to be paid by the Commonwealth for any land to be acquired or for any leases resumed by the Commonwealth within the Northern Territory shall not exceed the unimproved value of the land or lease on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and ten, together with the value of the improvements thereon.

Debate ensued.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1910.

Question—That the clause proposed to be added, be so added—put and negatived.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Batchelor, the House adopted the Report, by leave, and the third reading was made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Batchelor moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes past twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until this day at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Beard, Mr. Brown, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Hall, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Thomson, and Mr. Watkins.

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