

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1923.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers held at Melbourne, May–June, 1923—
Memoranda, Report of Debates, and Decisions arrived at.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—SUGAR—ROYAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE CERTAIN PURCHASES.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Commissioner (Sir Edward Mitchell, K.C.M.G., K.C.), to be appointed to inquire into certain purchases of sugar. (See p. 117 *ante*).
By leave Mr. Edward Riley asked a question in connexion with the matter, and was replied to by Mr. Bruce.
4. RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL (1923).—Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to ratify an Agreement for the Variation of the Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other Waters, and for other purposes.
Question—put and passed.
5. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL (1923).—Mr. Gibson (Postmaster-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1920*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Gibson then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it 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 the next sitting.
6. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1923).—Mr. Gibson (Postmaster-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901-1916*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Gibson then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it 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 the next sitting.
7. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1923).—Mr. Groom (Attorney-General) for Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1922*.
Question—put and passed.
8. DECLARATION OF ADVANCES TO SETTLERS BILL AS URGENT BILL—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) having declared that the Advances to Settlers Bill was an Urgent Bill—
Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.

14th August, 1923.

The House divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Fenton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marks	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Gibson	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Makin	
Mr. Gregory		Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Groom		Mr. Mathews	
Mr. Hunter			<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr		Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Prowse		Mr. Mahony

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bruce then moved, That the time allotted for the completion of the Committee stage and the consideration of the remaining stages of the Bill be until five o'clock p.m. this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann	Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marks	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Lambert	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Makin	
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart	Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Gibson	Mr. William Watson		<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Gregory			Mr. Fenton
Mr. Groom			Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Hunter			
Mr. Hurry			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. ADVANCES TO SETTLERS 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 1 debated and agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the word "June" (line 7) be omitted, with the view to the insertion of the word "August" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marks	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Gibson	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Makin	
Mr. Groom		Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Hurry			<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr		Mr. Fenton
Mr. Latham	Mr. Prowse		Mr. Frederick McDonald

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14th August, 1923.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 debated—

Mr. Maxwell moved, as an amendment, That after the words "Advances to" (line 10) the words "the States for the benefit of" be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mann
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Charlton	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Forde	Mr. McNeill
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lacey	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Lambert	Mr. West
Mr. Latham	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Lister	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	

Tellers :

Mr. Fenton
Mr. E. C. Riley

Noes, 23.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Manning
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Robert Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Corser	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Josiah Francis	
Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hurry	

Tellers :

Mr. Marr
Mr. Prowse

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5—

Mr. Groom (Attorney-General) moved, as an amendment, That after the word "Account" (line 22) the following words be inserted:—"make advances to the States and the Administrator of the Northern Territory for the".

Limitation of Debate.—At five o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted had expired—

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and passed.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

The further question—That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marks
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gibson	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hurry	
Mr. Jackson	
Sir Elliot Johnson	
Mr. Latham	

Tellers :

Mr. Marr
Mr. Prowse

Noes, 24.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Mathews	

Tellers :

Mr. Fenton
Mr. McNeill

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs) the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

14th August, 1923.

10. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1923).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.—
11. DECLARATION OF WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1923) AS URGENT BILL—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) having declared that the War Service Homes Bill (1923) was an Urgent Bill—
Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bayley	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mann
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Manning
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gibson	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Prowse

Tellers :

Noes, 19.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Brennan	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Mahony
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Frederick McDonald

Tellers :

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bruce then moved, That the time allotted in connexion with the Bill be as follows :—

- (a) For the second reading stage of the Bill, until 11 p.m. this day.
(b) For the Committee stage of the Bill, until 4.15 p.m. to-morrow.
(c) For the consideration of the remaining stages of the Bill, until 4.45 p.m. to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by Standing Order No. 262A for the discussion of the motion having expired—

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marks
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gregory	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Marr
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Prowse

Tellers :

Noes, 20.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lacey	Mr. West
Mr. Lambert	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Makin

Tellers :

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1923).—Debate (interrupted as above) ensued on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Limitation of Debate.—At eleven o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted had expired—

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. Watkins reported accordingly.

Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Question—put.

14th August, 1923.

The House divided—

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Latham	Mr. Charlton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lister	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Mann	Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Manning	Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Lambert	
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Makin
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Gardner	Mr. William Watson		
Mr. Gibson			
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Groom			
Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Prowse		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Entertainments Tax Assessment Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1923, No. 105.
14. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Bamford, Mr. Donald Cameron*, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Neville Howse*,
Mr. Hughes, Mr. Killen, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Whitsitt.

* On leave.

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