

1923-24.

# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## No. 55.

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 8TH MAY, 1924.

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. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS — REPORT.—Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—  
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Erection of Additional Block of Seamen's Barracks, Flinders Naval Depot.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—  
Lower Mitcham, South Australia—For Postal purposes.  
Tuggeranong, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.  
Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 49.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered, That the consideration of Notices of Motion Nos. 1 to 5, inclusive, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 29th instant.
5. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—At the request of Mr. Makin, Notice of Motion No. 6, General Business, for the disallowance of Statutory Rule No. 177 of 1923 [under the Income Tax Assessment Act], was withdrawn.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 29th instant.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That Order of the Day No. 3, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 29th instant.  
Question—put.  
The House divided—

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Manning
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. William Watson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Prowse

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Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Coleman	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lambert	Mr. West
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Yates
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Matthews	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. W. Maloney

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. CONTRACT SYSTEM FOR GOVERNMENT WORK.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Killen :—That, in the opinion of this House, all Government work should, as far as possible, be carried out by contract—  
Debate resumed.

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Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways) 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 Thursday, 29th instant.

9. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day :—

*Objection to Acting Speaker's Ruling—Motion by Mr. Parker Moloney :—That the Acting Speaker's Ruling—That it was not competent for one honorable Member to move, That the Honorable the Treasurer "be no longer heard," after another Member had previously moved a similar motion which was voted on—be disagreed with—*

was called on, and, on the motion of Mr. Parker Moloney, was discharged.

10. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1924).—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. Yates, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—CUSTOMS TARIFF [BRANDY] BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 46.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for " *An Act relating to Duties of Customs* ", and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without requests.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 8th May, 1924.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—NAURU ISLAND AGREEMENT BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 47.

The Senate has passed a Bill for " *An Act to approve an Agreement made between His Majesty's Government in London, His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, and His Majesty's Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, in relation to the Island of Nauru* ", and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

THOS. GIVENS,  
President.

The Senate,  
Melbourne, 8th May, 1924.

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) 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 the next sitting.

13. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—Proclamation (dated 18th April, 1924) prohibiting the Exportation (except under certain conditions) of Opium, &c.

Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 57.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Mr. Bayley, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hughes\*, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Mann, and Mr. Charles McDonald\*.

\* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,  
Clerk of House of Representatives.