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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 22ND MAY, 1924.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honourable 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 establishment of Oil Dépôts, Darwin.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Institute of Science and Industry Act—Second Annual Report of the Director (for period 1st July, 1922, to 31st December, 1923).
New Guinea Act—Ordinances of 1924—
No. 14—Fisheries.
No. 15—Lands Registration.
No. 16—Mining.
No. 17—Transfer of Land Control.
No. 18—District Courts (No. 2.)
4. CANBERRA—RAILWAY CONNEXION WITH SOUTHERN LINE.—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice—
(1) That, in the opinion of this House, it is essential that Canberra be connected by rail with the Southern railway line in New South Wales.
(2) That the passing of this resolution be taken as an instruction to the Minister for Works and Railways to move to refer this matter to the Public Works Committee to report on the most favorable route.

Debate ensued.
Mr. Mahony 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, 12th June next.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 5th June next.
6. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. 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 and Appendix, relating to the proposed provision of Wharfage Accommodation and Shipping Facilities, including Sheds, Railway and Vehicle Approaches, at Darwin.

Ordered to be printed.

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8. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (1924).—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 8 debated and agreed to.

Clause 9 agreed to.

Clause 10—

Mr. O'Keefe moved, as an amendment, That the words "otherwise than as a member, and in common with the other members, of an incorporated company consisting of more than twenty-five persons" (page 4, lines 5-7) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bayley	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Marks
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Robert Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Whitsitt
Sir Littleton Groom	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Manning
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse

Noes, 25.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrat
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Coleman	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Fenton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Killen	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lambert	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Mathews	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 11 and 12 agreed to.

Clause 13 omitted, on the motion of Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways), after debate.

Clause 14—

On the motion of Mr. Stewart, the following amendment was made:—Line 20, after "lands" insert "(including lands acquired by the Commonwealth prior to the commencement of this Act which are contiguous to the Territory)".

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 15—

On the motion of Mr. Stewart, the following amendment was made:—Line 14, after "Territory" insert "; or acquired by the Commonwealth prior to the commencement of this Act and contiguous to the Territory,".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 16 agreed to.

Clause 17 debated and agreed to.

Clause 18 agreed to.

Clause 19 debated and agreed to.

Clause 20—

On the motion of Mr. Gregory, after debate, the following amendment was made:—Line 16, before "For" insert "Subject to Parliamentary authority and".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 21 to 25 agreed to.

Clause 26—

On the motion of Mr. Stewart, the following amendment was made:—Sub-clause (2.)—omit the clause.

Clause, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 27 agreed to.

Clause 28 debated and agreed to.

Clause 29 debated and agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Stewart, the following clause was added to the Bill (to follow clause 12):—

The appointment of all officers required for the purposes of this Act shall be made under and in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Service Act 1922.* Appointment of officers.

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Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Bamford reported accordingly.
Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to enable the remaining stages to be passed without delay.
Question—put and passed,
On the motion of Mr. Stewart the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 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. Corser, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Hunter*, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Marr, Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. Pratten, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

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