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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 20TH JUNE, 1924.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Forde, by leave, withdrew the Notice of Motion standing in his name with reference to the appointment of a Royal Commission in regard to the Administration of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
3. COMMONWEALTH BANK 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 by Mr. Charlton, who moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—" in order to preserve the Commonwealth Bank as a National Institution and to extend its operations for the purpose of controlling credit and exchange, it is desirable that financial experts, to be fully employed in the service of the Bank, should be appointed to its management, the proposal of the Government to appoint persons representing squatting and commercial interests, who are diametrically opposed to National banking, being designed more in the interests of private financial institutions than of the People's Bank."
Mr. Manning 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 the next sitting.
4. NORTHERN TERRITORY CROWN LANDS 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.)**Schedule (put by clauses)—*

Clause 58—

Debate resumed on the further amendment moved by Mr. Nelson, viz. :—That sub-clause (1.), as amended, be omitted.

Question—That sub-clause (1.), as amended, proposed to be omitted be so omitted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton

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Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bamford	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Killen
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Lister
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann
Mr. Corser	Mr. Manning
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Gregory	
Sir Littleton Groom	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Prowse

And so it was negatived.

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On the motion of Mr. Atkinson (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories), the following further amendments were made in the sub-clause—

Line 41, omit " a ", insert " the ".

Line 41, omit " lessees ", insert " lessee ".

Line 45, after " resume " insert " on that date of resumption ".

Sub-clause, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Atkinson, the following further amendment was made :—

Page 18, sub-clause (2.), omit the sub-clause and insert the following sub-clauses :—

(2.) The lessee shall, within two years after the date on which the Minister granted him permission to sub-divide, or within such further time (not exceeding twelve months) after that date, as the Minister thinks fit—

(a) sub-divide, to the satisfaction of the Minister, the area in respect of which permission is granted under the last preceding sub-section ; and

(b) transfer, to persons approved by the Minister, for the remainder of the term, and subject to the terms and conditions (other than resumption), of the original lease—

(i) the subdivisions in the area approved under paragraph (a) of the last preceding sub-section ; or

(ii) where permission to sub-divide any further area has been granted, subdivisions approved by the Board as being equivalent to the subdivisions mentioned in the last preceding sub-paragraph.

(2A.) If the lessee fails to comply with the provisions of the last preceding sub-section, the Minister may resume an area which is approved by the Board as being equivalent to the difference between the area of the subdivisions transferred and the area of the subdivisions mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (b) of the last preceding sub-section.

Sub-clauses (3.) and (4.) agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 59 agreed to.

Clause 60—

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

Lines 23-5, omit " any improvements on the remainder of the land included in the lease the value of which is lessened by reason of the resumption ", insert " , where the value of any improvements on the remainder of the land included in the lease is depreciated by reason of the resumption compensation, to the extent of the depreciation, in respect of those improvements ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 61 to 77 agreed to.

Clause 78—

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

Line 36, omit " this section ", insert " paragraph (d) of the preceding sub-section ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 79—

Mr. Gabb moved, as an amendment, That the words " or the principal watering place on the land " (lines 44-5) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Killen
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Lister
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann
Mr. Corser	Mr. Manning
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 80 to 88 agreed to.

Clause 89 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 90 to 105 agreed to.

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Schedule to the Schedule agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.
 Mr. Atkinson moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 50 of the Schedule.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

(On recommitment)—

The Schedule—

Clause 50—

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

After sub-clause (2.) insert the following sub-clauses :—

(2A.) Where two or more leases of contiguous lands granted under the laws of South Australia are surrendered under this section by the same lessee, one lease only shall be granted in exchange therefor in respect of the whole of the land included in the surrendered leases.

(2B.) Where two or more leases of contiguous lands granted under the *Crown Lands Ordinance* 1912-1918 are surrendered under this section by the same lessee, one lease only shall be granted in exchange therefor in respect of the whole of the land included in the surrendered leases.

Bill to be reported with a further amendment.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Reports be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

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

New Guinea Act—

Ordinances of 1924—

No. 19—Native Labour.

No. 20—Lands Registration (No. 2).

No. 21—Birds and Animals Protection.

No. 22—Laws Repeal and Adopting.

6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORKS—AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGES, UNLEY AND NORWOOD.—Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act* 1913-21, the following works be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for its investigation and report thereon, viz. :—Establishment of Automatic Telephone Exchanges at Unley and Norwood, South Australia.

Mr. Stewart having laid on the Table plans, &c., in connexion with the proposed works—

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

7. MOTION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Sir Littleton Groom (Attorney-General) moved, That the intervening Orders of the Day be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 8.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND BILL (1924).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

STRADBROKE,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 39.

In accordance with the requirements of section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Deputy of the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Debt Sinking Fund Act* 1923.

Melbourne, 20th June, 1924.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

9. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

New Guinea—Report on Expropriated Properties and Businesses, by Yarwood, Vane and Co., with G. Mason Allard ; together with comments thereon by Walter H. Lucas, Chairman of the Expropriation Board, and comments by F. R. Jolley, Deputy Chairman of the Expropriation Board, accompanied by a copy of a Report by H. W. Simmonds, Acting Government Entomologist for Fiji.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

And then the House, at three minutes to four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Mr. Bowden, Sir Austin Chapman*, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hurry, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Marks, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McNeill, Sir Granville Ryrie, and Mr. Seabrook.

* On leave.

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