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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND JULY, 1924.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. THE LATE SENATOR BARKER.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from the family of the late Senator Barker a communication thanking the House for its resolution of sympathy in connexion with the death of their father.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 43.

A Bill intituled "*Supply Act (No. 1) 1924-25*" 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.

Sydney, 28th June, 1924.

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 44.

Bills intituled—

"*Main Roads Development Act 1924-1925*"
"*National Debt Sinking Fund Act 1924*"

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 Acts.

Sydney, 30th June, 1924.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Audit Act—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1923-24—Dated 25th June, 1924.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Coff's Harbour, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
5. 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—*and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Charlton, viz. :—*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*"—
 Debate resumed.

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2nd July, 1924.

Mr. Whitsitt 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.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening Business be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 16, Government Business.

7. NORTHERN TERRITORY CROWN LANDS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the Reports from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill—

Mr. Atkinson (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) moved, That the Reports be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Atkinson, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Sir Austin Chapman*, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Marks, Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Seabrook, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

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