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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 79.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY 3RD JULY, 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. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Quarantine Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 85.
3. TASMANIA—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO.—Mr. Jackson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in view of the serious financial position of the State of Tasmania, this House is of opinion—
 - (a) That the Government should consider the advisability of providing for an annual payment to be made to that State, in accordance with section 96 of the Constitution ;
 - (b) That this annual payment should continue for a period of ten years and thereafter until Parliament otherwise provides ;
 - (c) That it should commence at an amount of not less than £200,000, and be reduced by £10,000 annually.

Debate ensued.
Mr. Lister 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, 24th instant.
4. ARCHITECTURAL PLANS, ETC., FOR GOVERNMENT AND COMMONWEALTH BANK WORKS—PUBLIC COMPETITION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. W. Maloney :—That in view of the pronounced favoritism of those who possess the gift of distribution of public works—
 - (1) This House declares that all architectural plans, designs, specifications, &c., of all works for the Commonwealth Government and the Commonwealth Bank, the estimated cost of which amounts to £3,000 and upwards, shall be thrown open to the public competition of the architects of Australia.
 - (2) Contingent upon this motion being carried, it be an instruction to the Government of the day to bring in amending legislation so as to control the policy of the Governor of the Commonwealth Bank in allotting architectural work and the like to one firm consisting of his relations and others—

Debate resumed.

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, 24th instant.

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5. CANBERRA—RAILWAY CONNEXION WITH SOUTHERN LINE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Manning :—

- (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 resumed by Mr. Mahony, who moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (2) be omitted.

Mr. Lister moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Josiah Francis	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Stewart
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

Noes, 26.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 24th instant.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. Marr moved, That Order of the Day No. 3, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 24th instant.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart
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

Noes, 27.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 56.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "An Act to approve the further Agreement made between His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company Limited," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 3rd July, 1924.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

3rd July, 1924.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. Jackson moved, That Order of the Day No. 4, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 24th instant.

Question- put.

The House divided--

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliott Johnson
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. William Watson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Prowse

Noes, 25.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That Order of the Day No. 5, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 14th August next.

Debate ensued.

Question- put.

The House divided--

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. William Watson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Prowse

Noes, 27.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. DESTITUTE ALLOWANCE.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. W. Maloney:—

- (1) That this House is of opinion that the Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act should be amended in order to provide for a destitute allowance to be made to all inhabitants who are destitute, so that any person making a statutory declaration (to a postmaster, Customs officer, or other appointed Commonwealth official, a schoolmaster, a union secretary, a magistrate, or other appointed individual) that he or she is insufficiently fed, clothed, or sheltered, shall be paid as soon as possible the sum of 15s. per week, and for each child 10s. per week, until relieved.

- (2) That the passing of the foregoing resolution be an instruction to the Government of the Commonwealth to bring in the necessary amending Act—

and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Marr, viz. :—That after the first word "That" the following words be inserted:—

"in the opinion of this House, the question of amending the Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act, to provide for the payment of a destitute allowance, be referred to the Royal Commission that is inquiring into National Insurance for report"—

Debate resumed.

Closure.—Mr. Mahony moved, That the question be now put.

Question.—That the question be now put—put and passed.

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And the question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—

The House divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Robert Cook	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Corser	Mr. Stewart
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Roland Green	
Sir Littleton Groom	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse

Noes, 27.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question being accordingly put—That the motion, as amended, be agreed to—

The question was resolved in the affirmative.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That Order of the Day No. 7, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 14th August next. Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Edward Riley moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question being accordingly put—That Order of the Day No. 7, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 14th August next—

The House divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bamford	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Roland Green	
Sir Littleton Groom	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers :</i>
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse

Noes, 27.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, That Order of the Day No. 8, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 24th instant. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

13. 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.

Mr. Forde 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 the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission comprised of three Members of the House of Representatives and two Members of the Senate, should be forthwith appointed to investigate and report upon the Administration of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, embracing the management of the Expropriation Board, and particularly inquiring into the disclosures recently made by Mr. John Ambrose Begley, late Senior Medical Assistant to the New Guinea Administration.”

Debate ensued.

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

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The House divided--

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Bayley	Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Coleman	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Roland Green	Mr. West
Mr. Corser	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Whitsitt	Mr. Makin	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Gregory		Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. E. C. Riley
Sir Littleton Groom	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question--put and negatived.!

Resolved--That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Public Service Act--Regulations Amended--Statutory Rules 1924, Nos. 95, 96.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.--HOP POOL AGREEMENT BILL.--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. 45.

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 authorize the Execution by the Commonwealth of an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Tasmanian Hop-Growers' Pool Limited, and for other purposes.

Melbourne, 27th June, 1924.

Ordered--That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

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

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Execution by the Commonwealth of an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Tasmanian Hop-Growers' Pool Limited, and for other purposes.

Question--put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Mr. Pratten 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.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Pratten, was adopted by the House.

Ordered--That Mr. Pratten and Sir Littleton Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Pratten 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.

Mr. Pratten moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question--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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Pratten, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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

And then the House, at eighteen minutes to eleven 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—
Sir Austin Chapman*, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Killen,
Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Marks, Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. Seabrook, and
Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

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