

1923-24.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 10TH 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 46.*

A Bill intituled "*Oil Agreement 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 Act.

Sydney, 7th July, 1924.

3. STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to make a statement with reference to the conduct of the Business of the House. Objection being raised, leave not granted.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS (MR. HUGHES, MR. MARKS, MR. KILLEN, AND MR. SEABROOK).—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for three months be given to the honorable Member for North Sydney (Mr. Hughes), and to the honorable Member for Wentworth (Mr. Marks), on the ground of urgent private business; and for one month to the honorable Member for Riverina (Mr. Killen), and to the honorable Member for Franklin (Mr. Seabrook), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Audit Act—Transfer of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1923-24—Dated 1st July, 1924.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—
Drysdale, Victoria—For Postal purposes.
Penong, South Australia—For Postal purposes.
St. Helens, Tasmania—For Postal purposes.
6. DECLARATION OF COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1924) AS URGENT BILL—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) having declared that the Commonwealth Bank Bill (1924) was an Urgent Bill—
Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.

10th July, 1924.

The House divided—

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Manning	Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Lacey	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. William Watson	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Whitsitt	Mr. Makin	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Roland Green		Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Prowse		
Sir Neville Howse			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bruce then moved, That the time allotted in connexion with the Bill be as follows:—

- (a) For the Committee stage of the Bill, to the end of clause 6, until 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, 10th July.
- (b) For the Committee stage of the Bill, to the end of clause 9, until 11 p.m. on Thursday, 10th July.
- (c) For the Committee stage of the Bill, to the end of clause 15, until 12.50 p.m. on Friday, 11th July.
- (d) For the remainder of the Committee stage of the Bill, until 3.15 p.m. on Friday, 11th July.
- (e) For the remaining stages of the Bill, until 3.50 p.m. on Friday, 11th July.

Debate ensued.

The time allowed by Standing Order No. 262A for the discussion of the motion having expired—

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Atkinson	Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Hurry	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister	Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie	Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Makin	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Whitsitt	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Gardner		Mr. Frederick McDonald	
Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Prowse		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. COMMONWEALTH BANK 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 4—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the words "Directors appointed in pursuance of this Act" (lines 10-11) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "Management composed of the Governor and two other officers, all of whom shall be permanently employed in the Bank" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

10th July, 1924.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Gregory	
Sir Littleton Groom	
Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Prowse

Tellers :

Noes, 26.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Frederick McDonald
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Coleman	Mr. O'Keefe
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	Tellers :
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Edward Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past six o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill, up to and inclusive of clause 6, had expired—

Question—That clauses 4, 5, and 6 of the Bill, as amended by the printed and circulated amendment of the Government, be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Hurry
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten
Mr. R. W. Foster	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Gregory	
Sir Littleton Groom	
Mr. Hill	Mr. Marr
Sir Neville Howse	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. Albert Green	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	Tellers :
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. West

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The printed and circulated amendment of the Government was accordingly made in the Bill, and is as follows :—

Page 2, clause 5, line 14, omit " Ten " insert " Twenty ".

Clause 7—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That all the words of the clause from line 15 inclusive up to and inclusive of line 48 be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At eleven o'clock p.m., the Temporary Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill, up to and inclusive of clause 9, had expired—

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Manning
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Sir Granville Ryrie
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Josiah Francis	
Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Roland Green	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Marr
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Prowse

Tellers :

Noes, 24.

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. West
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	Tellers :
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Albert Green

And so it was resolved in the affirmative:

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The further question—That clauses 7, 8, and 9 of the Bill, as amended by the printed and circulated amendment of the Government, be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Manning
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Sir Granville Ryrie
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Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
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Mr. Coleman	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Lacey	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Albert Green

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The printed and circulated amendment of the Government was accordingly made in the Bill, and is as follows :—

Page 4, clause 7, line 36, after " Act," insert " the Governor, the Deputy Governor,".

Clause 10—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past 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. Gibson*, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Hunter, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Killen*, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham*, Mr. Mann, Mr. Marks*, Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. Seabrook*, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

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