

# THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 108.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 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. TELEPHONE CABLE—SYDNEY—NEWCASTLE—WEST MAITLAND—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Atkinson (for Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, *amended*, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1921*, it is expedient to carry out the following work :—Provision of a Telephone Cable between Sydney and Newcastle and Newcastle and West Maitland.

Question—put and passed.

3. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—PRECEDENCE TO.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That on each sitting day, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Manning
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers :</i>
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr

Noes, 17.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Roland Green	
Mr. Lambert	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Coleman
Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. WIRELESS AGREEMENT 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.)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated.

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Anstey	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Forde	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Makin	Mr. Coleman
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. William Watson		
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Whitsitt		
Mr. Josiah Francis			
Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Jackson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Schedule—

Question—That the Schedule be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Anstey	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Gabb	Mr. West.
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Mahony	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Makin	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Thompson	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Lazzarini.
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. William Watson		
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Whitsitt.		
Mr. Josiah Francis			
Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Jackson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Bruce moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Lister	Mr. Brennan	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Gabb	Mr. West.
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Fenton
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Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. William Watson		
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Whitsitt		
Mr. Roland Green			
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Jackson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

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5. **TARIFF BOARD 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.  
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 the next sitting.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

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

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**MEMBERS PRESENT.**—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Mr. Bayley\*, Mr. Blakeley, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton\*, Mr. Gibson,\* Sir Littleton Groom\*. Mr. Hill\*, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lacey, Mr. Latham\*, Mr. W. Maloney\*, Mr. Marks\*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Charles McDonald\*, Mr. Frederick McDonald, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Parker Moloney, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Prowse\*, Sir Granville Ryrie\*, Mr. Seabrook, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates\*.

\* On leave.

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FRANK L. CLAPIN,  
*Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.*