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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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 THURSDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 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. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—FEDERAL CAPITAL—NORTHERN MAIN SEWER.—Mr. Atkinson (for 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 proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, viz.:—Federal Capital: Northern Main Sewer—Extension of sewer from Main Intercepting Sewer on Commonwealth-avenue, across Molonglo River, to serve the northern portion of the city.  
Mr. Atkinson having laid on the Table plan, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—  
Question—put and passed.
3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—FEDERAL CAPITAL—SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.—Mr. Atkinson (for 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 proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, viz.:—Federal Capital: Sewage Treatment Works—The construction of Treatment Works at the termination of the Main Outfall Sewer at Western Creek.  
Mr. Atkinson having laid on the Table plan, &c., in connexion with the proposed work—  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.
4. WAYS AND MEANS [“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 Ways and Means—  
Question proposed—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Question—put and negatived.  
Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CONTROL 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.

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 (In the Committee.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4—

Mr. Gabb moved, as an amendment, That the word “producers” (line 7) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word “growers” in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

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Mr. Gregory moved, as a further amendment, That the words "in the States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia and one representative elected by the growers of the State of Western Australia" be inserted after the word "growers" (inserted in line 7).

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Stewart moved, as a further amendment, That the words "one of whom shall be nominated by the growers and one" be inserted after the word "experience" (line 8).

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Gabb, the word "producers" (line 12) was omitted, and the word "growers" inserted.

Mr. Latham moved, as a further amendment, That the words "Provided that an elected member may be removed from office by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Board" (lines 24-5) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

Clause 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 debated.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), the following new sub-clause was added to the clause:—

"(6.) The Board shall keep a record of its proceedings."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 11 and 12 agreed to.

Clause 13 debated.

Mr. Roland Green moved, as an amendment, That the word "Minister" (line 7) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word "Board" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Latham, the following amendment was made:—Line 8, omit "the Board approves", insert "recommended by the Board and prescribed by the regulations".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 14 and 15 agreed to.

Clause 16 debated.

Mr. Gabb moved, as an amendment, That all words after the word "Board" (line 28) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "is hereby given power to take control of any dried fruits for the purposes of this Act" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Latham	Mr. Anstey	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mann	Mr. Gabb	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Corser	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Mathews	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. McNeill	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Pratten	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. William Watson		
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Whitsitt		
Mr. Roland Green			
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Sir Neville Howse			
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 17 agreed to.

Clause 18 debated and agreed to.

Clause 19—

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the following amendments were made:—

Lines 18 and 19, omit "Without limiting any authority specifically conferred on the Board with respect to any dried fruits placed under its control,".

Line 20, after "shall" insert "with respect to any dried fruits placed under its control".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 20 and 21 agreed to.

Clause 22 debated.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the following amendments were made:—

Line 15, omit "either", insert "in an account".

Line 15, after "partly" (second occurring), insert "in an account".

Mr. West moved, as a further amendment, That the words " or with any other prescribed bank " (lines 16-17) be omitted.

Amendment negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 23 agreed to.

Clause 24—

Mr. Gabb moved, as an amendment, That the words " at a bank to be approved by the Minister " (lines 23-24) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words " in the Commonwealth Bank " in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 25 to 29 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

Mr. West moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 22.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Lacey	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Mathews	Mr. Cunningham
Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Fenton

Noes, 29.

Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Gregory	<i>Tellers :</i>
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, see page 414 *ante*) the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

- GRAFTON TO SOUTH BRISBANE RAILWAY BILL.—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. Latham 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.
- POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, No. 4, be postponed until after Order of the Day, No. 7, Government Business.
- INCOME TAX COLLECTION 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.  
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.*)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, lines 6-11, omit sub-paragraph (ii), and insert the following new sub-paragraph :—

" (ii) were in the employ of the Taxation Branch on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and have been or are retired after that date ; and "

Debate continued.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page (the Standing Orders having been previously suspended, see page 426 *ante*) the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

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9. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, No. 6, be postponed until after Order of the Day, No. 7, Government Business.
10. ENTERTAINMENTS TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1924).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) 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.)*

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated.

Mr. Albert Green moved, as an amendment, That the words "funeral, sickness, or accident fund of any association", be inserted after the word "public" (line 20).

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

*New clause—*

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, the following new clause was added to the Bill:—

3. Section thirteen of the Principal Act is amended by inserting therein, after the words "climatic conditions" the words "or unforeseen circumstances".

Refund of tax in certain cases.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Earle Page, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

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

And then the House, at six 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—  
Mr. Bayley\*, Mr. Blakeley\*, Mr. Charlton\*, Sir Littleton Groom\*, Mr. Hill\*, Mr. Killen\*,  
Mr. Lambert, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Makin, Mr. W. Maloney\*, Mr. Marks\*,  
Mr. Charles McDonald\*, Mr. Frederick McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Prowse\*,  
Mr. E. C. Riley, Sir Granville Ryrie\*, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Yates\*.

\* On leave.

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