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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST MAY, 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. PETITION.—Sir Elliot Johnson presented a Petition from Annie B. Hine and E. Campbell, president and secretary respectively of the Women's League to Reduce the Cost of Living, praying that relief from the heavy burdens which afflict them may be afforded during the current year by the abolition of the taxes on food, clothing, household necessities, building materials, and on any machinery or materials required in the local production of such commodities.
Petition received and read.
3. 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. 33.*
A Bill intituled "Customs Tariff 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, 19th May, 1924.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Inscribed Stock Act—Dealings and Transactions during year ended 30th June, 1923.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at Julia Creek, Queensland—For Postal purposes.
War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at Peakhurst, New South Wales.
5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.—Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plans, relating to the proposed construction of a Railway to connect Canberra with Yass.
Mr. Gregory moved, That the Report be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—EXTERMINATION OF RINDERPEST IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement regarding the success of the steps recently taken to exterminate rinderpest in Western Australia.
7. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Coleman rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The failure of the Commonwealth Government to take steps to deal with a serious menace to public health caused by the unrestricted and unregulated use of white lead in industry in Australia, and other matters relating thereto".
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—
Mr. Coleman moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.

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8. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LANDS ACQUISITION BILL (1924).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 50.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Lands Acquisition Act 1906-1916'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 21st May, 1924.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

Mr. Atkinson (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

9. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) 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 6—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Charlton, viz. :—That the word "three" (line 21) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word "one" in place thereof.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 31.

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| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Killen |
| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Lister |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Mann |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Manning |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Marks |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Austin Chapman | Mr. Earle Page |
| Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Duncan-Hughes | Sir Granville Ryrie |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Seabrook |
| Mr. Roland Green | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Gregory. | Mr. Whitsitt |
| Sir Littleton Groom | |
| Mr. Hill | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Sir Neville Howse | |
| Mr. Hurry | Mr. Jackson |
| Sir Elliot Johnson | Mr. Prowse |

Noes, 24.

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| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Mathews |
| Mr. Brennan | Mr. Frederick McDonald |
| Mr. Charlton | Mr. McNeill |
| Mr. Coleman | Mr. O'Keefe |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. E. C. Riley |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Gabb | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. William Watson |
| Mr. Lacey | Mr. West |
| Mr. Lambert | |
| Mr. Mahony | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Makin | Mr. Edward Riley |
| Mr. W. Maloney | Mr. Yates |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways), the following amendment was made :—Lines 25-6, omit "and any member of the Commission remunerated solely by way of salary."

Question—That the clause, as amended, be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 32.

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| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Killen |
| Mr. Bayley | Mr. Lister |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Mann |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Manning |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Marks |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Austin Chapman | Mr. Earle Page |
| Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
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| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Seabrook |
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| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. E. C. Riley |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Gabb | Mr. West |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Yates |
| Mr. Lacey | |
| Mr. Lambert | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Mahony | Mr. Edward Riley |
| Mr. Makin | Mr. Watkins |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Clause 7—

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the word "three" (line 2) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the word "two" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 28. | | Noes, 25. | |
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| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Jackson | Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Frederick McDonald |
| Mr. Bayley | Sir Elliot Johnson | Mr. Brennan | Mr. McNeill |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Killen | Mr. Charlton | Mr. O'Keefe |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Lister | Mr. Coleman | Mr. E. C. Riley |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Mann | Mr. Cunningham | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Marks | Mr. Forde | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Austin Chapman | Mr. Maxwell | Mr. Gabb | Mr. William Watson |
| Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. Earle Page | Mr. Albert Green | Mr. West |
| Mr. Duncan-Hughes | Mr. Thomas Paterson | Mr. Gregory | Mr. Yates |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Sir Granville Ryrie | Mr. Lacey | |
| Mr. Roland Green | Mr. Stewart | Mr. Lambert | |
| Sir Littleton Groom | | Mr. Makin | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Hill | <i>Tellers :</i> | Mr. W. Maloney | Mr. Mahony |
| Sir Neville Howse | Mr. Manning | Mr. Mathews | Mr. Edward Riley |
| Mr. Hurry | Mr. Prowse | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Charlton moved, as an amendment, That the words "of each" (line 3), be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 28. | | Noes, 26. | |
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| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Killen | Mr. Blakeley | Mr. McNeill |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Latham | Mr. Brennan | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Mann | Mr. Charlton | Mr. O'Keefe |
| Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Marks | Mr. Forde | Mr. Edward Riley |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Maxwell | Mr. Gabb | Mr. E. C. Riley |
| Mr. Austin Chapman | Mr. Earle Page | Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. Thomas Paterson | Mr. Roland Green | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Duncan-Hughes | Sir Granville Ryrie | Mr. Lacey | Mr. William Watson |
| Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Seabrook | Mr. Lambert | Mr. West |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Stewart | Mr. Lister | Mr. Yates |
| Sir Littleton Groom | Mr. Whitsitt | Mr. Mahony | |
| Mr. Hill | <i>Tellers :</i> | Mr. Makin | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Sir Neville Howse | Mr. Manning | Mr. W. Maloney | Mr. Coleman |
| Mr. Hurry | Mr. Prowse | Mr. Frederick McDonald | Mr. Cunningham |
| Mr. Jackson | | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. R. W. Foster moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "members" (line 3) to the end of sub-clause (1.) be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "shall be by way of fees as prescribed" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 24. | | Noes, 27. | |
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| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Parker Moloney | Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Jackson |
| Mr. Charlton | Mr. O'Keefe | Mr. Bowden | Mr. Killen |
| Mr. Coleman | Mr. Edward Riley | Mr. Bruce | Mr. Latham |
| Mr. Cunningham | Mr. E. C. Riley | Mr. Donald Cameron | Mr. Mann |
| Mr. Gabb | Mr. Scullin | Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Marks |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Watkins | Mr. Austin Chapman | Mr. Earle Page |
| Mr. Roland Green | Mr. William Watson | Mr. Robert Cook | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Lacey | Mr. West | Mr. Duncan-Hughes | Sir Granville Ryrie |
| Mr. Lambert | Mr. Yates | Mr. R. W. Foster | Mr. Seabrook |
| Mr. Lister | | Mr. Frederick Francis | Mr. Stewart |
| Mr. Mahony | <i>Tellers :</i> | Sir Littleton Groom | Mr. Whitsitt |
| Mr. Frederick McDonald | Mr. Forde | Mr. Hill | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. McNeill | Mr. Makin | Sir Neville Howse | Mr. Manning |
| | | Mr. Hurry | Mr. Prowse |

And so it was negatived.

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Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 27. | | Noes, 24. | |
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| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Killen | Mr. Blakeley | Mr. O'Keefe |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Latham | Mr. Charlton | Mr. Edward Riley |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Mann | Mr. Coleman | Mr. E. C. Riley |
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| Mr. Robert Cook | Sir Granville Ryrie | Mr. Roland Green | Mr. West |
| Mr. Duncan-Hughes | Mr. Seabrook | Mr. Lacey | Mr. Yates |
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| Mr. Jackson | | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Stewart, the following further amendment was made :—Sub-clause (2).—omit the sub-clause.

Question—That the clause, as amended, be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

| Ayes, 28. | | Noes, 22. | |
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| Mr. Atkinson | Mr. Jackson | Mr. Blakeley | Mr. O'Keefe |
| Mr. Bowden | Mr. Killen | Mr. Charlton | Mr. Edward Riley |
| Mr. Bruce | Mr. Latham | Mr. Coleman | Mr. E. C. Riley |
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| Mr. Frederick Francis | Mr. Stewart | Mr. Makin | <i>Tellers :</i> |
| Mr. Roland Green | Mr. Whitsitt | Mr. Frederick McDonald | Mr. Cunningham |
| Sir Littleton Groom | | Mr. McNeill | Mr. Parker Moloney |
| Mr. Hill | <i>Tellers :</i> | | |
| Sir Neville Howse | Mr. Manning | | |
| Mr. Hurry | Mr. Prowse | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 8—

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirty-two minutes past eleven 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—
Mr. Corser, Mr. Josiah Francis, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Hunter*, Mr. Lazzarini,
Mr. Marr, Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Pratten, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives