

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 13TH JUNE, 1924.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Right Honorable W. A. Watt) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. 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 Plan, relating to the proposed provision of Telegraph Cable between Sydney and Newcastle, and Newcastle and West Maitland.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
International Labour Conference of the League of Nations held at Geneva—
Draft Conventions and Recommendations, Third Session, October to November, 1921.
Recommendation (Protection of Workers), Fifth Session, October, 1923.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1924—No. 6—City Leases.
4. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1924).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of Message No. 37 from His Excellency the Governor-General's Deputy—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer)—That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Bank Act* 1911-1920 and for other purposes.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) 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. Earle Page, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Earle Page and Mr. Bruce do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Earle Page 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.

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

Mr. Charlton 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.

5. “*HANSARD*”—INSERTION OF MATTER NOT READ TO HOUSE—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker made a statement to the House as to the conditions under which permission should, in his opinion, be given for the insertion in *Hansard* of matter not read to the House, whether referred to by Ministers in answering questions or by any honorable Members in the course of their speeches.
6. NORTHERN TERRITORY CROWN LANDS 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.*)

Schedule (put by clauses).—

Clause 41 agreed to

Clause 42—

Mr. Nelson moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word “shall” (line 23) to the end of line 26 be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—“submit the land in question to a ballot of applicants”.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. MINISTRY—ALTERATION IN.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) announced to the House that Mr. Pratten had been appointed Minister for Trade and Customs, and Health, in the place of Sir Austin Chapman, resigned.
8. NORTHERN TERRITORY CROWN LANDS 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 again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Schedule (put by clauses).—

Clause 42—

Debate resumed on the amendment moved by Mr. Nelson, viz. :—That all the words after the word “shall” (line 23) to the end of line 26, be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—“submit the land in question to a ballot of applicants”.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 43 to 49 agreed to.

Clause 50 debated and agreed to.

Clause 51 agreed to.

Clause 52 debated—

Mr. Nelson moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (a) of sub-clause (1.) be omitted, with a view to the insertion in paragraph (b) after “1918” (line 34), of the words “or leases granted in exchange for a lease granted under an Act of the State of South Australia.”

Debate ensued.

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.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—OIL AGREEMENT BILL (1924).—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. 38.

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 moneys be made for the purposes of a 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.

Melbourne, 13th June, 1924.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, at the next sitting.

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10. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—

Derrinallum, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Enfield, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

Lower Sandy Bay, Tasmania—For Postal purposes.

Maroubra Junction, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—

Mr. Bamford, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hunter*, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Marks, Mr. Charles McDonald*, and Mr. Thompson.

* On leave.

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