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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 19TH JUNE, 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. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—TAXATION OF CROWN LEASEHOLDS.—Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the Taxation of Crown Leaseholds.
Mr. Charlton (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, also made a statement with reference to the matter.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Defence—Australian Military Forces—Report, for the Inspector-General, by Lieut.-General Sir H. G. Chauvel, G.C.M.G., K.C.B. (Chief of the General Staff), Part I., 31st May, 1924.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—LOAN BILL (1924) [£850,000].—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—
MR. SPEAKER, Message No. 52.
The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of certain Sums of Money*," and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.
The Senate, THOS. GIVENS,
Melbourne, 19th June, 1924. President.
5. AIRCRAFT DÉPÔT, LAVERTON—APPROVAL OF WORK.—Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-21*, it is expedient to carry out the following work:—The establishment of an Aircraft Dépôt, with accessory services, at Laverton, Victoria, which work was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, and on which the Committee has duly reported to this House the result of its investigations.
Question—put and passed.
6. OIL AGREEMENT 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 by Mr. Blakeley, who moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"the Bill be withdrawn and that a Royal Commission be appointed to inquire into and report upon the operations of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company in New Guinea and the Commonwealth Oil Agreement".
Debate continued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Manning
Mr. Corser	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. William Watson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Whitsitt
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hurry	
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Marr
Sir Elliot Johnson	Mr. Prowse

Tellers :

Noes, 20.

Mr. Blakeley	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. Watkins
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. West
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. Mathews	
Mr. Frederick McDonald	

Tellers :

Mr. Lacey
Mr. Lazzarini

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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 and agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having been suspended, *see* page 272 *ante*), the Bill was read a third time.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, No. 2, be postponed until after Order of the Day, No. 3, Government Business.
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 resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Schedule (put by clauses)—

Clause 58—

Consideration resumed of the clause (as amended)—

Mr. Nelson moved, as a further amendment, That sub-clause (1.), as amended, be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

The House resumed ; Mr. Robert Cook reported accordingly.

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

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

And then the House, at ten 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. Anstey, Sir Austin Chapman*, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Marks,
Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McNeill, Sir Granville Ryrie, and Mr. Seabrook.

* On leave.

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