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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1910.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL (1910).—Mr. Thomas, pursuant to leave given on the 11th instant, brought in a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Post and Telegraph Act 1901'*", and moved, That it 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 to-morrow.
3. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE 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. Fenton 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 to-morrow.
4. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor-General's Message No. 28—
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. Hughes—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue and moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the Imposition, Assessment, and Collection of a Land Tax upon Unimproved Values.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Report be considered at once.

And the said Resolution was adopted by the House.

5. LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading—
Sir John Forrest moved, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 11.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 21.

Sir Robert Best	Sir William Lyne
Mr. Deakin	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Palmer
Sir John Forrest	Sir John Quick
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wise
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Hedges	
Mr. Hans Irvine	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Atkinson
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Thomson

Noes, 24.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Beard	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Catts	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Bamford
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

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Mr. Hughes moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Archibald	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Page
Mr. Beard	Mr. Poynton
Mr. Catts	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Mathews
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Watkins

Noes, 19.

Sir Robert Best	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sinclair
Sir John Forrést	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Wise
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Glynn	
Mr. Harper	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hedges	Mr. Atkinson
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Livingston	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

6. LAND TAX 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 again read, and agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 5 agreed to.

First Schedule read.

Sir Robert Best moved the following amendment:—

After the heading

“RATE OF TAX WHEN OWNER IS NOT AN ABSENTEE.”

insert the following—

“For so much of the taxable value as does not exceed one pound per acre of the land owned by the taxpayer, the rate of tax per pound sterling shall be one penny.”

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.

Sir Robert Best	Mr. Livingston
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Fairbairn	Sir John Quick
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Harper	
Mr. Hedges	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hans Irvine	Mr. Atkinson
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. McWilliams

Noes, 22.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Beard	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Catts	Mr. Page
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Frazer	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Scullin
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Sir John Quick moved the following amendment:—

After “exceed” omit “£75,001” and insert “£45,001” in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—That “£75,001” proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Archibald	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Beard	Mr. Page
Mr. Catts	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Frazer	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Scullin

Noes, 17.

Mr. Deakin	Sir John Quick
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Wise
Mr. Harper	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Hedges	
Mr. Hans Irvine	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. H. Irvine	Mr. Atkinson
Mr. Livingston	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Palmer	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Schedule agreed to.
Second Schedule agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.
On the motion of Mr. Hughes, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Brown, Mr. Cann, Mr. Carr, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Cook, Mr. G. B. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Frank J. Foster, Mr. Greene, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hall, Mr. Howe, Mr. W. Elliot Johnson, Mr. W. J. Johnson, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Mahon, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Riley, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Spence, Mr. Webster, and Mr. West.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.