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(SECOND SESSION.)

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1923.

- 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.
- LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1923).—Mr. Groom (Attorney-General), for Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend Section Twenty-nine of the *Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1916*.
Mr. Scullin 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after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"the motion be withdrawn and immediate action taken to collect the land tax due on Crown leaseholds."
Debate ensued.
Mr. Charlton addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that the honorable Member have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.
- DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that Count Yoshii, Dr. Joji Sakurai, and Dr. Kanasugi, Members of the House of Peers of Japan, were within the precincts. These distinguished visitors thereupon, with the concurrence of honorable Members, were provided with seats on the floor of the House.
- LAND TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (1923).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr. Groom (Attorney-General), That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend Section Twenty-nine of the *Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1916*—and on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Scullin, viz.:—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"the motion be withdrawn and immediate action taken to collect the land tax due on Crown leaseholds"—
Debate resumed.
Closure.—Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Manning
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Marks
Mr. Corser	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Gardner	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Gibson	
Mr. Gregory	
Mr. Groom	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hunter	

Tellers :

Mr. Marr
Mr. Prowse

Noes, 21.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Yates
Mr. Albert Green	
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Frederick McDonald	
Mr. McGrath	

Tellers :

Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Makin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question being accordingly put—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—

The House divided—

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Manning
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Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Makin
Mr. McGrath	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the main question being accordingly put—That he [Mr. Groom] have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend Section Twenty-nine of the *Land Tax Assessment Act 1910-1916*—

The House divided—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marks
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart
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Mr. Lazzarini	
Mr. Makin	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Fenton
Mr. McGrath	Mr. Lacey

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groom brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marks
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell
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Mr. Gabb	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Scullin

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Groom moved, That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

Question—put.

13th August, 1923.

The House divided—

Ayes 31.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Latham	Mr. Anstey	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Lister	Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Brennan	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mann	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Austin Chapman	Mr. Marks	Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Lacey	
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Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook	Mr. W. Maloney	
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart	Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Gibson	Mr. William Watson	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Gregory			
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Mr. Hill			
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Marr		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Prowse		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. WAR PRECAUTIONS ACT REPEAL BILL (1923).—Mr. Groom (Attorney-General), for Mr. Earle Page (Treasurer), moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend Section Seven of the *War Precautions Act Repeal Act 1920-1922*.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Groom brought up the Bill accordingly, 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 the next sitting.
6. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1923).—Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Service Homes Act 1918-1920*.
Question—put and passed.
7. CUSTOMS BILL (1923).—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Senate, which are as follow :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 3, clause 14, line 27, after “ aircraft ” insert “ arriving from parts beyond the seas ”.

No. 2.—Page 7, clause 35, sub-clause (4.), line 42, leave out the words “ Sub-section (1.) ”, insert “ The foregoing provisions ”.

Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That Amendment No. 1 be agreed to. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Mr. Austin Chapman, Amendment No. 2 agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Austin Chapman, the House adopted the Report.

8. ADVANCES TO SETTLERS BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of Message No. 18 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. Austin Chapman (Minister for Trade and Customs)—That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Supply of Wire-Netting to Settlers.
Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Watkins reported accordingly.

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Mr. Austin Chapman 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. Austin Chapman, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Austin Chapman and Mr. Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Austin Chapman 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.

Mr. Austin Chapman moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Brennan 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 a later hour this day.

9. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL (1923).—Mr. Stewart (Minister for Works and Railways), pursuant to leave given this day, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘War Service Homes Act 1918-1920’*” 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 the next sitting.

10. ADVANCES TO SETTLERS 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.

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—

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

The House resumed; Mr. Bayley reported accordingly.

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

11. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past two o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was received, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 19.

Bills intituled—

“*Meat-Export Bounties Act 1923*”

“*National Debt Sinking Fund Act 1923*”

“*Spirits Act 1923*”

“*Beer Excise Act 1923*”

“*Excise Act 1923*”

“*Distillation Act 1923*”

“*Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1923-24*”

“*Northern Territory Railway Extension Act 1923*”,

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 Acts.

Government House,

Melbourne, 11th August, 1923.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SULPHUR BOUNTY BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 20.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on Sulphur.

Government House,

Melbourne, 13th August, 1923.

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

13th August, 1923.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—SHALE OIL BOUNTY BILL (1923).—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

Message No. 21.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to amend the *Shale Oil Bounty Act 1917-1922*.

Melbourne, 13th August, 1923.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Bamford, Mr. Donald Cameron*, Mr. Coleman, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Roland Green, Sir Neville Howse*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Earle Page, Sir Granville Ryrie, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Whitsitt.

*On leave.

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