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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH JUNE, 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. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (SIR AUSTIN CHAPMAN).—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Eden-Monaro (Sir Austin Chapman), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT —STRANDING OF S.S. "PORT LYTTLETON."—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the stranding of the s.s. *Port Lyttleton*.
Mr. Mahony, by leave, also made a statement in regard to the matter.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—
 - No. 19 of 1924—General Division Officers' Union, Trade and Customs Department.
 - No. 21 of 1924—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
 - No. 23 of 1924—Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
 - Audit Act—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1923-24—Dated 11th June, 1924.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired at—
 - Port Noarlunga, South Australia—For Postal purposes.
 - Stockton, New South Wales—For Postal purposes.
 - Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1924—No. 14—Dingo Destruction.
5. PECUNIARY INTEREST—QUESTION OF DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS.—Mr. West moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the honorable Member for Macquarie and the honorable Member for Riverina in signing cheques for the payment of money from the Government Advance to the Australian Meat Council, is a contravention of Section 44 of the Constitution, which provides that any person who has any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any agreement with the Public Service of the Commonwealth shall be incapable of sitting as a Senator or a Member of the House of Representatives.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business.
7. OIL AGREEMENT BILL (1924).—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of Message No. 38 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. Bruce (Prime Minister), after debate—That it is expedient 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.
Resolution to be reported.

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The House resumed ; Mr. Makin reported accordingly.

Mr. Bruce 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. Bruce, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Bruce and Sir Littleton Groom do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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

Mr. Blakeley 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.

8. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—PRECEDENCE TO, EXCEPT ON "GRIEVANCE DAY."—Mr. Bruce (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That, for the remainder of the Session, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall have precedence of all other Business, except on that Thursday on which, under the provisions of Standing Order No. 241, the Question is put "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair". This resolution shall take effect as from the beginning of the next day of sitting of this House.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9. 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.

10. 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 52—

Consideration resumed of the amendment moved by Mr. Nelson, viz. :—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."

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 53 and 54 agreed to.

Clause 55—

On the motion of Mr. Atkinson (Minister representing the Minister for Home and Territories) the following amendment was made :—Page 17, line 14, after "in" insert "or under".

Clause, as amended, debated.

Mr. Gabb moved, as a further amendment, That the words "or the principal watering place upon the land" (page 17, lines 18-19) be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 37.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Latham
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Lister
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann
Mr. Corser	Mr. Manning
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. William Watson
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Whitsitt
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hurry	
Mr. Jackson	

Tellers :

Mr. Marr
Mr. Prowse

Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Fenton	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Forde	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Lacey	Mr. West
Mr. Lazzarini	Mr. Yates
Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Makin	
Mr. William Maloney	
Mr. Frederick McDonald	

Tellers :

Mr. Coleman
Mr. Albert Green

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr. Yates moved, as a further amendment, That after " (a) " (page 17, line 24) "(d)" be inserted.
Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

The Committee divided--

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Atkinson	Sir Elliot Johnson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Killen
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Latham
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Lister
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Mann
Mr. Corser	Mr. Manning
Mr. Duncan-Hughes	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. Gardner	Mr. Seabrook
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Stewart
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hill	
Sir Neville Howse	
Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Prowse

Tellers :

Noes, 21.

Mr. Brennan	Mr. McNeill
Mr. Charlton	Mr. O'Keefe
Mr. Coleman	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Forde	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. West
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Yates
Mr. Lacey	
Mr. Mahony	Tellers :
Mr. Makin	
Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Frederick McDonald	Mr. Lazzarini

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 56 agreed to.

Clause 57--

Mr. Nelson moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word " may " (line 33) to and inclusive of the word " Board," (line 36) be omitted.

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 58--

On the motion of Mr. Atkinson the following amendment was made :--Line 39, after " lessee " insert " of a lease granted under this Division in exchange for a lease existing at the commencement of this Ordinance ".

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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question--put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes to 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. Bamford, Sir Austin Chapman*, Mr. Gibson*, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Marks, Mr. Charles McDonald*, Mr. McGrath, and Sir Granville Ryrie.

* On leave.

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