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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 107.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 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 MEMBERS.—(MR. CHARLES McDONALD AND MR. YATES).—Mr. Anstey, Acting Leader of the Opposition, moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Kennedy (Mr. Charles McDonald) on the ground of ill-health, and to the honorable Member for Adelaide (Mr. Yates) on the ground of urgent public business.  
Question—put and passed.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS.—(MR. GIBSON AND MR. PROWSE).—MR. Bruce, Prime Minister, moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Corangamite (Mr. Gibson), and to the honorable Member for Forrest (Mr. Prowse), on the ground of urgent public business.  
Question—put and passed.
4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—REPORT.—Mr. Mackay, for the Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, brought up the following Report from the Committee—  
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, in regard to the Construction of Southern Intercepting Sewer, Canberra.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1924—No. 17—Licensing.
6. TARIFF BOARD BILL (1924).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Pratten (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Mann 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.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Order of the Day, No. 2, be postponed until after Order of the Day, No. 3, Government Business.
8. WIRELESS AGREEMENT 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. Brennan, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257A—  
*Suspension of Standing Orders.*—Mr. Mahony moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the honorable Member to continue his speech. —  
Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.  
Mr. Brennan continued and concluded his speech.  
Debate continued.

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Mr. Anstey moved, as an amendment, That after the word "That" the following words be inserted:—  
"in view of the fact that many experts are of opinion that the beam station would be inadequate for Australia's requirements, and the British Government having recommended the erection of high power stations, the Bill be referred to a Select Committee of this House for investigation and report."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided—

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. Edward Riley	Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Brennan	Mr. E. C. Riley	Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister
Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin	Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay
Mr. Forde	Mr. West	Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mann
Mr. Gabb		Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning
Mr. Albert Green		Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Lazzarini	<i>Tellers :</i>	Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Mahony	Mr. Fenton	Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Pratten
Mr. McGrath	Mr. O'Keefe	Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. William Watson
		Mr. Gardner	
		Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers :</i>
		Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter
		Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Anstey	Mr. Edward Riley
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Lister	Mr. Brennan	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Donald Cameron	Mr. Mann	Mr. Forde	Mr. West
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Manning	Mr. Gabb	
Mr. Robert Cook	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Albert Green	<i>Tellers :</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Mahony	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Frederick Francis	Mr. Pratten	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Lazzarini
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. William Watson	Mr. O'Keefe	
Mr. Gardner			
Mr. Roland Green	<i>Tellers :</i>		
Sir Neville Howse	Mr. Hunter		
Mr. Hurry	Mr. Marr		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—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 I—

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

The House resumed; Sir Neville Howse reported accordingly.

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

9. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Excise Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1924, No. 117.

10. 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 past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—  
Mr. Bayley\*, Sir Austin Chapman, Mr. Charlton\*, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Duncan-Hughes, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Gibson\*, Mr. Gregory, Sir Littleton Groom\*, Mr. Hill\*, Mr. Hughes, Sir Elliot Johnson, Mr. Killen, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Latham\*, Mr. W. Maloney\*, Mr. Marks\*, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Charles McDonald\*, Mr. Frederick McDonald, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Prowse\*, Sir Granville Ryrie\*, Mr. Seabrook, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Whitsitt, and Mr. Yates\*.

\* On leave.

FRANK L. CLAPIN,  
Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives.