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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 11.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1932.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS-IN-REPLY.—Mr. Speaker reported that, accompanied by honorable Members, he had waited that day upon His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House, and had presented to him the Address-in-Reply to His Excellency's Speech on the Opening of Parliament, agreed to by the House on the 18th ultimo, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen—

I receive with much pleasure the Address which has been adopted by the House of Representatives in reply to the Speech which I delivered on the occasion of the Opening of the First Session of the Thirteenth Parliament of the Commonwealth; and I thank you for your expression of loyalty to His Majesty the King.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 16.
Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances of 1932—
No. 6—Church Lands Leases.
No. 7—Leases (Special Purposes).
No. 8—Industrial Board.
4. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION BILL.—Mr. Fenton (Postmaster-General) moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to Broadcasting.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Fenton 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. Fenton moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Albert Green 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.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS (COMMONWEALTH LIABILITY) BILL.—
Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

Message No. 2.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to resolve doubts which have arisen as to the liability of the Commonwealth to bondholders in certain debts of the States taken over by the Commonwealth, and for other purposes,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
Canberra, 9th March, 1932.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

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

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6. INSURANCE BILL (1932).—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.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Mackay, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 57.		Noes, 5.
Mr. Baker	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Makin	Mr. Gander
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr	
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McBride	- Tellers:
Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland	Mr. James
Mr. Dein	Mr. McNicoll	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Forde	Mr. Nock	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page	
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parkhill	
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thomas Paterson	
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Perkins	
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Price	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. E. C. Riley	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Guy	Mr. Scholfield	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey	
Mr. Hill	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. Holman	Mr. Watkins	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. White	
Mr. Hutchinson		
Mr. Jennings	Tellers:	
Mr. Lane		
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Hunter	

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 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. Beasley moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the clause:—"which shall not be earlier than the first day of February, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three".

Debate ensued.

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

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 5.		Noes, 51.	
Mr. Beasley		Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin
Mr. Gander		Mr. Blacklow	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Rosevear		Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Marr
		Mr. Bruce	Mr. McBride
Tellers:		Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland
Mr. James		Mr. Dein	Mr. McNicoll
Mr. Ward		Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn
		Mr. Forde	Mr. Nock
		Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
		Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thomas Paterson
		Mr. Gibson	Mr. Perkins
		Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Price
		Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
		Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. E. C. Riley
		Mr. Guy	Mr. Scholfield
		Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scullin
		Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
		Mr. Hill	Mr. Frederick Stewart
		Mr. Holman	Mr. Thorby
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Watkins
		Mr. Hutchin	Mr. William Watson
		Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
		Mr. Jennings	
		Mr. Lane	Tellers:
		Mr. George Lawson	
		Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner
		Mr. Lyons	Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

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Clause agreed to.

Clause 3—

On the motion of Mr. Holman, the following amendment was made :—

Page 2, line 15, omit “ prescribed securities ”, insert “ securities specified by regulation as approved securities ”.

Mr. Bruce (Assistant Treasurer) moved, as a further amendment, That the words “ the undertaking of liability to make any payment, or ” (page 2, lines 18-19) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words “ life insurance business and includes the business of undertaking liability ” in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 49.		Noes, 5.
Mr. Baker	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Marr	Mr. Gander
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McBride	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bruce	Mr. McClelland	
Mr. Casey	Mr. McNicoll	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn	Mr. James
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nock	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. Earle Page	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill	
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thomas Paterson	
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Perkins	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. E. C. Riley	
Mr. Guy	Mr. Scholfield	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Mr. Hill	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. Holman	Mr. Watkins	
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White	
Mr. Jennings		
Mr. Lane	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Makin		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6—

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the following amendments were made :—

Page 3, line 35, omit “ exclusively ”.

Page 3, lines 36-37, omit “ society of insurers ”, insert “ on account of a group of insurers (no member of which is a company or is acting on behalf of a company) ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7—

Mr. Beasley moved, as an amendment, That the word “ thirty-two ” (page 4, line 7) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the word “ thirty-three ” in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

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The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 45.		Noes, 5.
Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin	Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Gander
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McBride	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bruce	Mr. McNicoll	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dein	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. James
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. Thomas Paterson	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins	
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Price	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. E. C. Riley	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Scholfield	
Mr. Guy	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. Holman	Mr. Watkins	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. White	
Mr. Hutchinson		
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Lyons		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Beasley moved, as an amendment, That sub-clauses (2.) and (3.) be omitted from the clause. Debate ensued.

Question—That the sub-clauses proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The Committee divided (The Temporary Chairman, Mr. Malcolm Cameron, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 43.		Noes, 5.
Mr. Baker	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. McBride	Mr. Gander
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. McNicoll	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nock	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Dein	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. James
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Ward
Mr. Forde	Mr. Perkins	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Price	
Mr. Gabb	Mr. E. C. Riley	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Scholfield	
Mr. Guy	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. Holman	Mr. Watkins	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. Jennings	Mr. White	
Mr. Lane		
Mr. George Lawson	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Lyons	Mr. Hunter	
Mr. Makin		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 8 and 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 11 to 15 agreed to.

Clause 16—

On the motion of Mr. Holman, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 7, line 5, after " Treasurer " (first occurring) insert " or within such further time as is specified in the notice ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 17 agreed to.

Clause 18—

On the motion of Mr. Holman, the following amendment was made, after debate :—

Page 7, line 28, omit " prescribed securities ", insert " securities prescribed for the purposes of this section ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 19 to 27 agreed to.

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Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Malcolm Cameron reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, by leave, the House adopted the Report.

Mr. Bruce moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Mackay, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 45.		Noes, 5.
Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin	Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Gander
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Marr	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Bruce	Mr. McBride	
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McNicoll	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Nairn	Mr. James
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Noek	Mr. Ward
Mr. Dein	Mr. Parkhill	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas Paterson	
Mr. Forde	Mr. Perkins	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Price	
Mr. Gabb	Mr. E. C. Riley	
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Scholfield	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Scullin	
Mr. Guy	Mr. Stacey	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. Holman	Mr. White	
Mr. Hutchinson		
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Lane		
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Hunter	

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

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bruce (Assistant Treasurer) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past 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. Anstey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Thomas Collins, and Mr. Latham.

E. W. PARKES,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.