

1932.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 17.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH APRIL, 1932.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., according to the terms of the Resolution of the 17th March last.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to enable a Bill for an Act to amend the *Financial Agreements Enforcement Act 1932* to be introduced and passed through all its stages without delay.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 50.		Noes, 12.
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lane	Mr. Anstey
Mr. Bell	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Forde
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr	Mr. Gander
Mr. Casey	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McBride	Mr. Makin
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Martens
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Nock	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill	
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thomas Paterson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Perkins	Mr. James
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Price	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Scholfield	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Stacey	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. Hill	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. Holman	Mr. White	
Mr. Hughes		
Mr. Hutchin	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Jennings	Mr. McNicoll	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

3. FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS ENFORCEMENT BILL (No. 2) (1932).—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) thereupon moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Financial Agreements Enforcement Act 1932*.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

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Question—put.

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

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Casey	Mr. McBride
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nock
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Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hawker	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hill	Mr. White
Mr. Holman	
Mr. Hutchin	
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Lane	Mr. McNicoll

Noes, 14.

Mr. Baker
Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Forde
Mr. Gander
Mr. Holloway
Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Makin
Mr. Martens
Mr. Riordan
Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Watkins

Tellers:

Mr. James
Mr. E. C. Riley

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 debated—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided (The Chairman, Mr. Bell, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Baker	Mr. Makin
Mr. Blakeley	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McBride
Mr. Casey	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Nairn
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Mr. Hill	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Holloway	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Holman	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. White
Mr. Jennings	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Lane	Mr. Gardner
Mr. George Lawson	Mr. McNicoll
Mr. John Lawson	

Noes, 3.

Mr. Gander

Tellers:

Mr. James
Mr. Rosevear

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

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New clause—

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the following new clause was inserted in the Bill :—

1A. Section four of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in Definition sub-section (2.), after the word “ (inclusive),”, the word and letter “ thirteen A.”.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons, the House adopted the Report.

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

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Bell	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Casey	Mr. McBride
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Nock
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Mr. Scullin
Mr. Watkins

Tellers:

Mr. James
Mr. E. C. Riley

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

4. 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 :—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 5.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Lands Acquisition Act 1932,*”
“ *War Service Homes Act 1932,*”

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 Laws.

Sydney, 26th March, 1932.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank and Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Note Issue Department, at 31st December, 1931 ; together with Auditor-General's Reports thereon.

The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Elections and Referendums—Statistical Returns in relation to the Senate Elections, 1931 ; the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1931 ; together with Summaries of Elections and Referendums, 1903–1931.

Elections, 1931—

Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Senate Elections and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1931, viz. :—

New South Wales.
Queensland.
South Australia.
Tasmania.
Victoria.
Western Australia.

Statistical Returns showing the voting within each Subdivision in relation to the General Election for the House of Representatives, 1931, for the Northern Territory.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—

No. 4 of 1932—Australian Postal Electricians' Union.

No. 5 of 1932—Common Rule *re* Sick Leave.

Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1931.

Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 37.

Immigration Act—Return for 1931.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, Nos. 32, 33.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 26.

Public Service Act—Regulations Amended (Parliamentary Officers)—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 31.

Railways Act—By-laws Nos. 57, 58.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances of 1932—

No. 9—Liquor.

No. 10—Trustee.

No. 11—Weights and Measures.

Meat Ordinance—Regulations Amended.

Public Health Ordinance—Regulations Amended.

Wheat Bounty Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, Nos. 25, 38.

Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 39.

6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CHANGES IN MINISTRY.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that, consequent upon the re-organization and amalgamation of the activities of certain Commonwealth Departments, the following Ministerial changes had been made :—

The Honorable R. A. Parkhill, formerly Minister of State for Home Affairs and Minister of State for Transport, to be Minister of State for the Interior.

The Honorable C. A. S. Hawker, formerly Minister of State for Markets and Minister of State for Repatriation, to be Minister of State for Commerce.

The Honorable C. W. C. Marr, D.S.O., M.C., V.D., Minister of State for Health, and formerly Minister of State for Works and Railways, to be also Minister of State for Repatriation.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—IMPERIAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE AT OTTAWA.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing that the Australian Delegation to the forthcoming Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa would consist of the Right Honorable S. M. Bruce, C.H., P.C., M.C., Assistant Treasurer, and the Honorable H. S. Gullett, Minister for Trade and Customs. Mr. Lyons also informed the House of the names of the officers, representatives of industry and commerce, and others accompanying the Delegation.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty 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. Beasley, Mr. Blacklow, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Guy, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Latham, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McGrath, and Mr. Ward.

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