

1932.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 22.

THURSDAY, 5TH MAY, 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. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILL.—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. 8.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Financial Agreements Enforcement Act (No. 3) 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 Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 5th May, 1932.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SPIRITS BILL (1932).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 12.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Spirits Act 1906-1923'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th May, 1932.

Mr. Gullett (Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL (1932).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 13.

The Senate has passed a Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Acts Interpretation Act 1901-1930' and the 'Acts Interpretation Act 1904-1930'*," and transmits the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

The Senate,
Canberra, 5th May, 1932.

Mr. Bruce (Assistant Treasurer) moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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.

5th May, 1932.

5. QUEENSLAND MEAT INSPECTION AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Hawker (Minister for Commerce) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to approve an Agreement entered into between the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland with respect to the inspection of meat at the Abattoir of the Queensland Meat Industry Board.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Hawker 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.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Prime Minister to move a Motion, without notice, under section six of the *Financial Agreements Enforcement Acts* 1932, and also to allow the debate on the Motion to be continued after two hours, without interruption under Standing Order No. 119.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Jennings
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lane
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Casey	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Price
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Guy	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thompson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hawker	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hill	Mr. White
Mr. Holman	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McNicoll

Noes, 14.

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

Tellers:

Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Rosevear

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

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—LOAN (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF WORKS) BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 9.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 56 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States in the provision of Relief to persons out of Employment.

3rd May, 1932.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of moneys be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain Sum of Money for the purposes of Financial Assistance to the States in the provision of Relief to persons out of Employment.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

5th May, 1932.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Lyons and Mr. Fenton do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

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.

Mr. Gullett 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.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the Orders of the Day be postponed until a later hour this day.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lane
Mr. Bell	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Blacklow	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
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Price
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Scholfield
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Guy	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

Noes, 13.

Mr. Baker
Mr. Forde
Mr. Albert Green
Mr. James
Mr. George Lawson
Mr. Makin
Mr. Martens
Mr. Riordan
Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Watkins

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS ENFORCEMENT ACTS—APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS TO THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That, a resolution having been passed on the 16th March, 1932, by each House of the Parliament under section six of the *Financial Agreements Enforcement Act 1932* resolving *inter alia* that the provisions of sections seven to thirteen (inclusive) of Part II. of that Act should have effect with respect to eight classes of revenue of the State of New South Wales specified in the resolution to the extent of the amount set forth in the certificate of the Auditor-General embodied in the resolution, this House resolve, in pursuance of section thirteen A of the *Financial Agreements Enforcement Acts 1932*, that sections seven to thirteen (inclusive) of Part II. of the *Financial Agreements Enforcement Acts 1932* should have effect with respect to the following other classes of revenue and portions of classes of revenue of the State of New South Wales, namely :—

- (ix) Revenue from interest payable to the Colonial Treasurer of New South Wales by any statutory body constituted by or under any law of that State but not including revenue from interest payable by the Transport Commissioners of New South Wales ;
- (x) One-sixth of all revenue from earnings, receipts, rents, tolls and other moneys in respect of the Government Railways of New South Wales or of any service or work in connexion therewith undertaken by the Transport Commissioners of New South Wales, or by any other body or authority, or any Department, which is, on or after the date of this resolution, substituted in whole or in part for the Transport Commissioners of New South Wales, or which exercises at any time any power or function which, at the date of this resolution, is exercisable in whole or in part by the Transport Commissioners of New South Wales ;

5th May, 1932.

- (xi) Any portion of the revenue from earnings, receipts, rents, tolls and other moneys in respect of the Government Railways of New South Wales or of any service or work in connexion therewith undertaken by the Transport Commissioners of New South Wales, or by any other body or authority, or any Department, which is, on or after the date of this resolution, substituted in whole or in part for the Transport Commissioners of New South Wales, or which exercises at any time any power or function which, at the date of this resolution, is exercisable in whole or in part by the Transport Commissioners of New South Wales, (other than the one-sixth portion specified in paragraph (x) of this resolution) which is attributable to an increase in rates imposed on or after the date of the passing of this resolution ;
- (xii) Revenue from death duties ;
- (xiii) Revenue from stamp duties other than death duties ;
- (xiv) Revenue from fees payable in respect of the issue, renewal or transfer of licences for the brewing, manufacturing, sale or disposal of fermented or spirituous liquors ;
- (xv) Revenue from the sale, lease, disposal or alienation, under any tenure whatsoever, of Crown Lands or of any lands which have been acquired by the State, and revenue from licences to occupy any such lands ;
- (xvi) Revenue from fees payable in respect of the registration of motor vehicles and the issue of drivers' licences, from the renewal of such registration and licences, and from any payments required to be made in pursuance of any condition imposed in any licence or permit issued in relation to motor vehicles.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Gander moved, as an amendment, That paragraph (x) be omitted.

Debate continued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be omitted stand part of the motion—put.

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

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McBride
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Nock
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Price
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Hill	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Holman	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hughes	Mr. White
Mr. Hutchin	
Mr. Hutchinson	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Gardner
Mr. John Lawson	Mr. McNicoll

Noes, 15.

Mr. Baker
Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Forde
Mr. Gander
Mr. Albert Green
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.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McBride
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn
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Mr. Watkins

Tellers:

Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Rosevear

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5th May, 1932.

10. LOAN (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF WORKS) 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. E. J. Harrison 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT.— Mr. Marr (Minister for Health) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question— put and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Hunter*, Mr. Latham*, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Earle Page, and Mr. Ward.

* On leave.

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