

1932.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 27.

FRIDAY, 13TH MAY, 1932.

1. **The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.**—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 the peace, order and good government of the Commonwealth with respect to Taxation, Insurance, Banking, Foreign Corporations and Trading or Financial Corporations formed within the limits of the Commonwealth, and other matters, to be introduced and passed through all its stages without delay.

Debate ensued.

Closure.—Mr. Marr (Minister for Health) moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 44.

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

Noes, 8.

Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Forde
Mr. Gander
Mr. Holloway
Mr. James
Mr. Scullin

Tellers:

Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Ward

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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And the question—That the motion be agreed to—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 44.		Noes, 9.
Mr. Bell	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Jennings	Mr. Forde
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lane	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. James
Mr. Casey	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Martens
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Marr	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Ward
Mr. Dein	Mr. McBride	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Gander
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Perkins	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Price	
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stacey	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Guy	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. White	
Mr. Hawker		
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. McNicoll	

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

3. FINANCIAL EMERGENCY (STATE LEGISLATION) BILL.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) thereupon moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act for the peace, order and good government of the Commonwealth with respect to Taxation, Insurance, Banking, Foreign Corporations and Trading or Financial Corporations formed within the limits of the Commonwealth, and other matters.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 44.		Noes, 9.
Mr. Bell	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Jennings	Mr. Forde
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lane	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. James
Mr. Casey	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Martens
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Marr	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Ward
Mr. Dein	Mr. McBride	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. Gander
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Perkins	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Price	
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stacey	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Guy	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. White	
Mr. Hawker		
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. McNicoll	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Lyons then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put.

13th May, 1932.

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

Ayes, 44.		Noes, 10.
Mr. Bell	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Jennings	Mr. Forde
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lane	Mr. Gander
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Casey	Mr. Lyons	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Marr	Mr. Martens
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Dein	Mr. McBride	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Perkins	Mr. James
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Price	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stacey	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Guy	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. White	
Mr. Hawker		
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. McNicoll	

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

Declaration of Bill as Urgent Bill.—Mr. Lyons having declared that the Bill was an Urgent Bill—
Question—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill—put.

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

Ayes, 44.		Noes, 10.
Mr. Bell	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Jennings	Mr. Forde
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lane	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. James
Mr. Casey	Mr. Lyons	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Marr	Mr. Martens
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Dein	Mr. McBride	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Gander
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Price	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stacey	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Guy	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. White	
Mr. Hawker		
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. McNicoll	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Allotment of Time.—Mr. Lyons then moved, That the time allotted in connexion with the Bill be as follows:—

- (a) For the second reading, until 1 p.m. this day ;
- (b) For the Committee stage, until 2 p.m. this day ;
- (c) For the remaining stages, until 2.15 p.m. this day.

Debate ensued.

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Question—put.

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

Ayes, 43.		Noes, 10.
Mr. Bell	Mr. Jennings	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Lane	Mr. Forde
Mr. Bruce	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gander
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Casey	Mr. Marr	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Martens
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McBride	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parkhill	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Price	Mr. James
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Stacey	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Guy	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. White	
Mr. Hawker		
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. McNicoll	
Mr. Hutchinson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—At one o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted had expired—

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

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

Ayes, 45.		Noes, 10.
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Bell	Mr. Jennings	Mr. Forde
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Lane	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Bruce	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. James
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lyons	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Casey	Mr. Marr	Mr. Martens
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McBride	Mr. Ward
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parkhill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Gander
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Price	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse	
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Stacey	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. Guy	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. White	
Mr. E. J. Harrison		
Mr. Hawker	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Hill	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McNicoll	
Mr. Hutchin		

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—

Question—That the clause be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 40.

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

Noes, 10.

Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Forde
Mr. Holloway
Mr. James
Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Martens
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Ward

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 3 debated—

Mr. Lyons moved, as an amendment, That the words "or based on or measured by the principal amount secured by any mortgage," (page 2, lines 18-19) be omitted.

Debate continued.

Limitation of Debate.--At two o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the consideration of the Committee stage of the Bill had expired--

Question--That the words proposed to be omitted be so omitted--put.

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

Ayes, 39.

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

Noes, 9.

Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Forde
Mr. James
Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Ward

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. Holloway

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Further question--That clause 3, as amended, the remainder of the Bill, and the circulated amendments of the Government be agreed to, and that the Bill be reported with amendments--put.

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

Ayes, 41.		Noes, 10.
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Hutchin	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Forde
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Jennings	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lane	Mr. James
Mr. Casey	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Martens
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Marr	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Dein	Mr. McBride	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parkhill	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Price	Mr. Gander
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Stacey	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. Guy	Mr. White	
Mr. E. F. Harrison		
Mr. E. J. Harrison	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Hawker		
Mr. Hill	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McNicoll	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The circulated amendments of the Government were accordingly made in the Bill, and are as follows:—

Page 2, clause 3, line 20, before "to" (first occurring) insert "based on or measured by the principal amount secured by any mortgage, if the tax or impost is".

Page 2, clause 3, line 26, after "any" insert "such".

Page 2, clause 3, lines 26-28, omit "charged upon any mortgage or imposed upon the principal amount secured by any mortgage".

~~Bill to be reported with amendments.~~

The House resumed; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

Mr. Lyons moved, That the Report be adopted.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 44.		Noes, 10.
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Hutchin	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Bell	Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Forde
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Jennings	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lane	Mr. James
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Casey	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Martens
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Marr	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McBride	Mr. Ward
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parkhill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Gander
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Price	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse	
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Stacey	
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. Guy	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. White	
Mr. E. J. Harrison		
Mr. Hawker	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Hill	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McNicoll	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Limitation of Debate.—On the conclusion of the Division, after 2.15 p.m., Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to the fact that the time allotted for the consideration of the remaining stages of the Bill had expired—

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Question—That the Bill be now read a third time—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Mackay, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 43.

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. Dein	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Price
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Guy	Mr. Thorby
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. William Watson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchin	
Mr. Hutchinson	

Tellers:

Mr. Gardner
Mr. McNicoll

Noes, 9.

Mr. Forde
Mr. Holloway
Mr. James
Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Martens
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Ward

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. E. C. Riley

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

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—QUEENSLAND MEAT INSPECTION AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 18.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the 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,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 12th May, 1932.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

5. MEMBER FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY—RIGHTS IN HOUSE—STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker made a Statement defining the rights of the honorable Member for the Northern Territory in regard to moving Motions and Amendments, and supporting Motions for the adjournment of the House to discuss matters of urgent public importance and, informed the House that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Northern Territory Representation Act 1922*, the honorable Member could not be counted for purposes of a quorum.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.
7. ACTS INTERPRETATION 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 and passed.—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 debated and agreed to.

Clause 2—

On the motion of Mr. Bruce (Assistant Treasurer), the following amendments were made :—

Page 1, line 12, omit " rules, regulations or by-laws ", insert " , grant or issue any instrument (including any rules, regulations or by-laws) ".

Page 1, lines 13–15, omit " rules, regulations or by-laws so made as if the rules, regulations or by-laws ", insert " instrument so made, granted or issued as if it ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3—

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

Page 1, line 17, omit " section is ", insert " sections are ".

Page 1, line 19, omit " rules, regulations or by-laws ", insert " , grant or issue any instrument (including any rules, regulations or by-laws) ".

Page 1, lines 21–22, omit " rules, regulations or by-laws so made as if the rules, regulations or by-laws ", insert " instrument so made, granted or issued as if it ".

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Page 2, line 1, omit " rules, regulations or by-laws so made ", insert " instrument so made, granted or issued ".

Page 2, line 2, omit " they are ", insert " it was ".

Page 2, lines 4-5, omit " rule, regulation or by-law ", insert " instrument ".

Page 2, lines 7-8, omit " rule, regulation or by-law ", insert " instrument ".

At the end of the clause insert the following section :—

" 9B. Where any resolution is or has been passed by either House of the Parliament whether before or after the commencement of this section, in purported pursuance of any Act, then, unless the contrary intention appears, the resolution shall be read and construed subject to the Constitution and to the Act under which it purports to have been passed, to the intent that where the resolution would, but for this section, have been construed as being in excess of authority, it shall nevertheless be a valid resolution to the extent to which it is not in excess of authority."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

New clause—

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the following new clause was added to the Bill :—

5. Section nineteen A of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901-1930* is amended by inserting after the word " Commonwealth " (second occurring) the words " , or where there is no longer a Minister or Department of the designation specified in the Act "

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, by leave, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

8. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION BILL.—SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Amendments made by the Senate in this Bill—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(*In the Committee.*)

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Senate, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 3, clause 13, line 29, leave out " or ".

No. 2.—Page 3, clause 13, at end of clause add —" ; or

" (f) if he, in any way, otherwise than as a member, and in common with the other members, of an incorporated company consisting of more than twenty-five persons—

(i) becomes concerned or interested in any contract or agreement made by or on behalf of the Commission ; or

(ii) participates, or claims to participate, in the profit of any such contract or agreement or in any benefit or emolument arising therefrom."

No. 3.—Page 4, leave out clause 16, insert the following new clause :—

" 16. The Commission shall provide and shall broadcast from the national broadcasting stations adequate and comprehensive programmes and shall take in the interests of the community all such measures as, in the opinion of the Commission, are conducive to the full development of suitable broadcasting programmes."

No. 4.—Page 4, leave out clause 17.

No. 5.—Page 4, clause 18, line 11, leave out " print, publish,".

No. 6.—Page 5, leave out clause 23, insert the following new clause :—

" 23. The Commission may collect in such manner as it thinks fit news and information relating to current events in any part of the world and may subscribe to news agencies."

No. 7.—Page 10, after clause 52 insert the following new clause :—

" 52A. The Commission shall have the power to determine to what extent and in what manner political speeches may be broadcast."

Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Amendment No. 3 debated and agreed to.

Amendment No. 4 debated and agreed to.

Amendment No. 5 agreed to.

Amendment No. 6 debated and agreed to.

Amendment No. 7 agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Fenton (Postmaster-General), the House adopted the Report.

9. PRIVILEGE.—Mr. Hughes raised a question of Privilege in regard to the Stationery supplied to honorable Members.

Mr. Speaker made a Statement with reference to the matter.

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Suspension of Sitting.—At five minutes past four o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Resumption of Sitting.—At seven minutes past four o'clock p.m., Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—FINANCIAL EMERGENCY (STATE LEGISLATION) BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 19.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act for the peace, order and good government of the Commonwealth with respect to Taxation, Insurance, Banking, Foreign Corporations and Trading or Financial Corporations formed within the limits of the Commonwealth, and other matters,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

The Senate,

Canberra, 13th May, 1932.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
President.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Baker, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Albert Green, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hunter*, Mr. Latham*, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. Makin, Mr. McClelland, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Nock, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scholfield, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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