

1932.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 15.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1932.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CATTLE TICK.—Mr. Marr (Minister for Health), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the extent of the Commonwealth Government's assistance to combat the spread of cattle tick.
3. 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 Act 1932*, and also to allow the debate on the Motion to be continued after two hours, without interruption under Standing Order No. 119.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Forde addressing the House—

Closure moved.—Mr. White moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House proceeding to divide—

By leave, the motion was withdrawn.

Debate continued.

Mr. Ward addressing the House—

Closure.—Mr. Lyons 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, 50.

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. McGrath
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Price
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Scholfield
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Guy	Mr. Thompson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hawker	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Holman	Mr. White
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Jennings	Mr. McNicoll

Noes, 16.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Forde
Mr. Gander
Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Holloway
Mr. Makin
Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Martens
Mr. Riordan
Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Ward
Mr. Watkins

Tellers:

Mr. James
Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

16th March, 1932.

And the question—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 Act 1932*, and also to allow the debate on the Motion to be continued after two hours, without interruption under Standing Order No. 119—being accordingly put—
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Mackay, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bell	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bruce	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Casey	Mr. McNicoll
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

4. FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS ENFORCEMENT ACT—APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS TO THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That, the Auditor-General for the Commonwealth having given to the Treasurer a certificate in pursuance of sub-section (1.) of section five of the *Financial Agreements Enforcement Act 1932* as follows:—

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Audit Office,
Canberra.

FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS ENFORCEMENT ACT 1932.

I, Charles John Cerutti, the Auditor-General for the Commonwealth, do hereby, in pursuance of a request, dated the fourteenth day of March, 1932, made to me by the Treasurer of the Commonwealth under section five of the *Financial Agreements Enforcement Act 1932*, certify—

- (1) that an amount of nine hundred and twenty-four thousand and eighty-two pounds three shillings and fourpence (£924,082 3s. 4d.) is due and payable and unpaid by the State of New South Wales to the Commonwealth under or by virtue of the Agreements contained in the Schedules to the *Financial Agreement Validation Act 1929*, the *Debt Conversion Agreement Act 1931* and the *Debt Conversion Agreement Act (No. 2) 1931*; and
- (2) that the items in respect of which the sums comprised in that amount are so due and payable and unpaid are as follow:—

29th January, 1932.

Interest due 1st February in New York for payment through Chase National Bank on New South Wales 5 per cent. Stock maturing 1957—principal sum \$23,868,500	\$	£	s. d.
			596,712.50
Fiscal Agents' charge of $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. for payment above interest			1,491.78
			598,204.28
		£	s. d.
Sterling equivalent at par			122,918 13. 9
Exchange at rate of \$3.445 to £1 on remittance to New York of above amount			50,725 10 4
			173,644 4 1

16th March, 1932.

- (1) the certificate be approved and adopted; and
 (2) by reason of urgency it is desirable that the provisions of sections seven to thirteen (inclusive) of Part II. of the said Act—
- (a) should apply immediately in relation to the State of New South Wales (being the State to which the said certificate relates); and,
 (b) in order to protect the interests of the Commonwealth until the question of the liability of the said State has been determined by the High Court pursuant to an application under section six of the said Act, should have effect with respect to the following classes of revenue of the said State, namely:—
- (i) revenue from taxation on or in relation to betting (other than stamp duties on betting tickets) and from taxation imposed on racing clubs and associations and bookmakers;
 (ii) revenue from taxation upon payments for admission to racecourses;
 (iii) revenue from taxation imposed on or in relation to totalisators;
 (iv) revenue from taxation on or in relation to the holding of, or admission to, any entertainment, or of or to anything in the nature of an entertainment;
 (v) revenue from taxation upon incomes (but not including revenue from taxation imposed by the *Unemployment Relief Tax Act* 1931 of the State of New South Wales);
 (vi) revenue from taxation imposed on or in relation to motor vehicles;
 (vii) revenue from any lottery conducted by or under the authority of the State but not including any sums required for the payment of prizes;
 (viii) revenue from taxation imposed upon incomes for the purpose of the relief of unemployment;
- to the extent of the amount set forth in the said certificate.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes, 46.

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
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Tellers:

Mr. E. C. Riley
 Mr. Ward

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Baker, Mr. E. F. Harrison, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Latham, Mr. George Lawson, and Mr. Parkhill.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.