

1932.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 25.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH 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. PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT.—Mr. E. F. Harrison, Vice-Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Papers presented to Parliament since the commencement of the Session, and which were not ordered by either House to be printed, recommend that the following be printed :—

- British Phosphate Commission—Report and Accounts for year ended 30th June 1931 (Eleventh year).
- International Labour Organization of the League of Nations—Fifteenth Conference, held at Geneva, May–June, 1931—Reports of the Australian Delegates.
- Norfolk Island—Report for year ended 30th June, 1931.
- Papua—Annual Report for year 1930–31.
- Postmaster-General's Department—Twenty-first Annual Report, 1930–31.
- Science and Industry Research Act—Fifth Annual Report of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, for year ended 30th June, 1931.
- Superannuation Act—Ninth Annual Report of the Superannuation Board, 1930–31.
- Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
 - Blacking ; Dressings and Polishes for Boots, Shoes and other articles of attire ; Dressings, Inks, Stains, Pastes and Polishes for Leather ; Furniture Oils, Pastes and Polishes ; Floor Polishes ; Bronzing and Metal Liquids ; Knife, Metal and Stove Polishes.
 - Broomstocks and Brushmakers' Woodware and Turnery.
 - Confectionery.
 - Gas Filled Tubes for luminous signs and other luminous displays.
 - Hat Linings.
 - Locomotives and power-driven Road Rollers including Scarifier Attachments.
 - Material for the manufacture of Records for Gramophones, Phonographs and other talking machines ; Stamping Matrices.
 - Printers' Type.
 - Printing and Stencilling Inks.
 - Toilet Combs.
- Taxation—Fourteenth Report of the Commissioner, years 1927–28, 1928–29, 1929–30 and 1930–31.
- War Service Homes Act—Report of the War Service Homes Commission for year ended 30th June, 1931, together with Statements and Balance-sheet.

E. F. HARRISON,
Vice-Chairman.

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Mr. E. F. Harrison moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.
Question—put and passed.

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3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Tariff Board—Reports and Recommendations—
 Dredging and Excavating Machinery.
 Pipes and Tubes.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 Reparations—Germany's capacity to pay—Report of Special Advisory Committee which met at Basle, December, 1931.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, pursuant to notice, That Government Business shall take precedence over General Business to-morrow.
 Question—put and passed.
5. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL (1932).—Mr. Bruce (Assistant Treasurer), pursuant to leave given on the 6th instant, brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for An Act to amend the ‘Commonwealth Bank Act 1911-1931’*”, and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
 Mr. Bruce moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Bruce not having concluded his speech at the termination of the time allowed by Standing Order No. 257B—
 Ordered—That the Right Honorable Member have leave to continue his speech.
 Mr. Scullin 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.
6. QUEENSLAND MEAT INSPECTION AGREEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Hawker (Minister for Commerce) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 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.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Malcolm Cameron reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Mr. Hawker, the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until a later hour this day.
8. IMMIGRATION BILL (1932).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—Mr. Parkhill (Minister for the Interior) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Blakeley 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.
9. ACTS INTERPRETATION BILL (1932).—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading—
 Mr. Bruce (Assistant Treasurer) moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Forde 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.

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

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

10. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS ENFORCEMENT BILL (No. 4) (1932).—
 Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 15.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “*An Act to amend the ‘Financial Agreements Enforcement Acts 1932’*,” and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Senate requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

The Senate,
 Canberra, 11th May, 1932.

WALTER KINGSMILL,
 President.

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.

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(In the Committee.)

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

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 4, line 13, after “ amended ” insert “ —(a) ”.

No. 2.—Page 2, clause 4, at end of clause add “ ;

(b) by inserting after sub-section (2.) the following sub-sections :—

“ (2A.) The Treasurer may direct that payment of those moneys, or any part of those moneys, shall be made or tendered by bank draft, crossed cheque or money order, made payable to the person or account specified by the Treasurer, or in such other manner as is specified by him, and any payment made in accordance with the Treasurer’s directions shall, to the extent of the amount actually paid, and, in the case of payment by cheque, upon the cheque being honoured, be a good discharge of the liability of the person making the payment, and any payment made otherwise than in accordance with such directions shall not be a good discharge of the liability of that person and shall be a contravention of this Act.

“ (2B.) Any officer or employce of a State who refuses or fails to accept a payment made or tendered in accordance with the Treasurer’s directions shall be guilty of a contravention of this Act.” ; and

(c) by omitting from sub-section (3.) the words “ the last preceding sub-section ” and inserting in their stead the words “ sub-section (2.) of this section ”.

No. 3. —Page 2, clause 5, after proposed new sub-section (5C.) insert the following sub-section :—

“ (5CA.) In making any refund under sub-section (5B.) of this section, the Treasurer may specify the particular fund, account or purpose in respect of which the refund is made.”.

Amendment No. 1 agreed to.

Amendment No. 2—

Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the Amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 41.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Lane
Mr. Bruce	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	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. Gregory	Mr. Prowse
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Guy	Mr. Thompson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thorby
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchin	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Jennings	Mr. McNicoll

Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Forde
Mr. Holloway
Mr. James
Mr. Makin
Mr. Martens
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Ward

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment No. 3 agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

Mr. Lyons moved, That the Report be adopted.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 42.		Noes, 7.
Mr. Bell	Mr. Jennings	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Lane	Mr. Forde
Mr. Bruce	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. James
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Makin
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Marr	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Maxwell	
Mr. Dein	Mr. McBride	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Gander
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Perkins	
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Price	
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Mr. Gullett	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Mr. Guy	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White	
Mr. Hill		
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. McNicoll	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Financial Agreements Enforcement Acts—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 41.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 8.
Mr. Bell	Mr. Lane	Mr. Forde
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Gabb
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lyons	Mr. James
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr	Mr. Makin
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Dein	Mr. McBride	Mr. Ward
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn	
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Parkhill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Gander
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Prowse	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Thorby	
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White	
Mr. Hill		
Mr. Hutchin	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Jennings	Mr. McNicoll	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at three minutes to ten 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. Baker, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Casey, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Holman, Mr. Hunter*, Mr. Latham*, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. McClelland, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Earle Page, Mr. Thomas Paterson, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scholfield, and Mr. Watkins.

* On leave.

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