

1932.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 45.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1932.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PERFORMING RIGHTS ROYAL COMMISSION.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with regard to the sittings of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon Performing Rights and announced that the Government was publicly inviting interested persons to place evidence before the Commission.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, Nos. 95, 96.
Naval Defence Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 99.
New Guinea Act—Ordinance of 1932—No. 17—Marking of Weight on heavy Packages.
Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance of 1932—No. 5—Marking of Weight on heavy Packages.
Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 97.
4. SOUTH AUSTRALIA GRANT 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Beasley, viz.:*—That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide that financial assistance shall be for the sole purpose of relief of unemployment"—
Debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Mackay, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 54.

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| Mr. Aubrey Abbott | Mr. John Lawson |
| Mr. Baker | Mr. Lyons |
| Mr. Bell | Mr. Makin |
| Mr. Blacklow | Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. McBride |
| Mr. Casey | Mr. McClelland |
| Mr. Thomas Collins | Mr. McGrath |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. McNicoll |
| Mr. Dein | Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Dennis | Mr. Earle Page |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. Parkhill |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Josiah Francis | Mr. Perkins |
| Mr. Gabb | Mr. Price |
| Mr. Gibson | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Stacey |
| Sir Littleton Groom | Mr. Frederick Stewart |
| Mr. Guy | Mr. Thompson |
| Mr. E. F. Harrison | Mr. Thorby |
| Mr. E. J. Harrison | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Holloway | Mr. William Watson |
| Mr. Holman | Mr. White |
| Mr. Hutchin | |
| Mr. Jennings | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Lane | Mr. Gardner |
| Mr. Latham | Mr. Hunter |

Noes, 6.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Ward

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. James

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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 agreed to.
Clause 2 debated and agreed to.
Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.
Preamble agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 291) the Bill was read a third time.

5. WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT 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 by Mr. Beasley, who moved, as an amendment, That all the words after “ That ” be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof :—“ the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide that financial assistance shall be for the sole purpose of relief of unemployment ”.
Debate continued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Mackay, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 52.

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| Mr. Aubrey Abbott | Mr. Lyons |
| Mr. Baker | Mr. Makin |
| Mr. Bell | Mr. Marr |
| Mr. Blacklow | Mr. Martens |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Maxwell |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. McBride |
| Mr. Thomas Collins | Mr. McClelland |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. McGrath |
| Mr. Dein | Mr. McNicoll |
| Mr. Dennis | Mr. Nairn |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. Earle Page |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Parkhill |
| Mr. Josiah Francis | Mr. Thomas Paterson |
| Mr. Gabb | Mr. Perkins |
| Mr. Gibson | Mr. Price |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Prowse |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Scullin |
| Mr. Guy | Mr. Stacey |
| Mr. E. F. Harrison | Mr. Frederick Stewart |
| Mr. E. J. Harrison | Mr. Thorby |
| Mr. Holloway | Mr. Watkins |
| Mr. Holman | Mr. William Watson |
| Mr. Hutchin | Mr. White |
| Mr. Jennings | |
| Mr. Lane | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Latham | Mr. Gardner |
| Mr. John Lawson | Mr. Hunter |

Noes, 6.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. James
Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Ward

Tellers:

Mr. Gander
Mr. Rosevear

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Clause 2—

Mr. W. Maloney moved, as an amendment, That the following proviso be added to the clause :—

“ Provided that the sum of Five hundred thousand pounds shall be paid in silver currency which would amount to One million eight hundred and thirty-three thousand three hundred and thirty-three pounds in silver coinage at one shilling and sixpence per ounce ; and provided also that the Commonwealth Government charge two per centum and so save the State of Western Australia from the necessity of financial assistance under Section ninety-six of the Constitution.”

Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

28th September, 1932.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Parkhill (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 291) the Bill was read a third time.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 70.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That Standing Order No. 70 (eleven o'clock rule) be suspended for this sitting.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

7. TASMANIA GRANT 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 by Mr. Beasley, who moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—"the Bill be withdrawn and redrafted to provide that financial assistance shall be for the sole purpose of relief of unemployment".

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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

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| Ayes, 48. | | Noes, 6. |
| Mr. Aubrey Abbott | Mr. Latham | Mr. Beasley |
| Mr. Baker | Mr. John Lawson | Mr. James |
| Mr. Bell | Mr. Makin | Mr. W. Maloney |
| Mr. Blacklow | Mr. Marr | Mr. Ward |
| Mr. Blakeley | Mr. Martens | |
| Mr. Malcolm Cameron | Mr. Maxwell | <i>Tellers:</i> |
| Mr. Thomas Collins | Mr. McBride | Mr. Gander |
| Mr. Bernard Corser | Mr. McClelland | Mr. Rosevear |
| Mr. Dein | Mr. McGrath | |
| Mr. Dennis | Mr. Nairn | |
| Mr. Fenton | Mr. Parkhill | |
| Mr. Forde | Mr. Thomas Paterson | |
| Mr. Josiah Francis | Mr. Perkins | |
| Mr. Gabb | Mr. Price | |
| Mr. Gibson | Mr. Scullin | |
| Mr. Albert Green | Mr. Stacey | |
| Mr. Gregory | Mr. Frederick Stewart | |
| Mr. Guy | Mr. Thorby | |
| Mr. E. F. Harrison | Mr. Watkins | |
| Mr. E. J. Harrison | Mr. William Watson | |
| Mr. Holloway | Mr. White | |
| Mr. Holman | | |
| Mr. Hutchin | <i>Tellers:</i> | |
| Mr. Jennings | Mr. Gardner | |
| Mr. Lane | Mr. Prowse | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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. Bell reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Parkhill (Minister for the Interior), the House adopted the Report, and (the Standing Orders having previously been suspended, *see* page 292) the Bill was read a third time.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Latham (Attorney-General) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Retirement of Mr. William Admans, Second Parliamentary Reporter.—Mr. Latham informed the House that Mr. William Admans, Second Parliamentary Reporter, who had been a member of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff since the inauguration of the Commonwealth, was retiring to-day, and made reference to the efficient service rendered by Mr. Admans in the discharge of his duties. Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition), Mr. Beasley, Mr. Thomas Paterson and Mr. W. Maloney also addressed the House in similar terms.

Debate ensued on the motion, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Bruce*, Mr. Roland Green, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Nock, Mr. E. C. Riley, and Mr. Scholfield.

* On leave.

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