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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 149.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1966.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE HONORABLE W. J. SCULLY).—Mr. Holt (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 19th March, of the Honorable W. J. Scully, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable William James Scully, a Member of this House for the Division of Gwydir from 1937 until 1949 and a former Minister of the Crown, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family in their bereavement.
And Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry), Mr. Sinclair (Minister for Social Services) and Mr. Pollard having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
3. DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER (THE HONORABLE J. F. GAHA).—Mr. Holt (Prime Minister) referred to the death, on the 18th March, of the Honorable J. F. Gaha, and moved, That this House expresses its deep regret at the death of the Honorable John Francis Gaha, a Member of this House for the Division of Denison from 1943 to 1949, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow in her bereavement.
And Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) having seconded the motion, and Mr. McEwen (Minister for Trade and Industry) and other honorable Members having addressed the House in support thereof, and all Members present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
5. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Fairbairn (Minister for National Development) moved, by leave, That Mr. Costa be discharged from attendance on the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, and that, in his place, Mr. Reynolds be appointed a member of the committee.
Question—put and passed.
6. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—ASSISTANCE TO STATES FOR DROUGHT MITIGATION.—
Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Patterson had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the House for discussion, namely, "The need for the Government to counter the effects of the current and future droughts by providing the States with additional funds for the immediate construction of practical water storages in proven areas and by making available to the States free of cost the investigation staff of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support—
Point of order.—Mr. Lucock raised a point of order that the proposed discussion was not in order as it would anticipate the notice of motion on the Notice Paper standing in the name of the honorable Member for Gwydir (Mr. Allan).
Speaker's ruling.—Mr. Speaker stated that, in accordance with standing order 107, the Speaker puts a matter of public importance before the House only if he has determined that it is in order. He had examined the matter submitted in the light of the anticipation rule and was of opinion that it did not breach this rule in respect of either the notice of motion in the name of the honorable Member for Gwydir or the orders of the day in connexion with drought relief measures which appeared on the Notice Paper. He ruled that the matter was in order.
Mr. Patterson addressed the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Patterson be granted an extension of time.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.

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7. LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1966.—Mr. Bury (Minister representing the Minister for Housing), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to Authorise the Raising and Expending of a sum not exceeding Fifteen million dollars for the purposes of Housing.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Bury moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
8. AUSTRALIAN COASTAL SHIPPING COMMISSION BILL 1966.—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.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Jones), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour this day.
9. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL 1966.—Mr. Hulme (Postmaster-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Post and Telegraph Act 1901–1965* in relation to Money Orders and Postal Orders and in relation to Decimal Currency.
Bill read a first time.
Mr. Hulme moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Whitlam), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
10. AUSTRALIAN COASTAL SHIPPING COMMISSION BILL 1966.—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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr. Freeth (Minister for Shipping and Transport), the Bill was read a third time.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—BANKRUPTCY BILL 1965.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 164 dated 24th November, 1965, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of an amendment to be moved by a Minister to clause 25 of the Bankruptcy Bill 1965.
12. BANKRUPTCY BILL 1965.—The House, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

(In the committee.)

Clauses 1 to 11, by leave, taken together.

On the motion, by leave, of Mr. Snedden (Attorney-General), the following amendments were made together:—

Clause 5, page 4, line 3, omit " 57 ", insert " 56 ".

Clause 5, page 4, lines 28–31, omit " but a lesser amount not exceeding the sum of the premiums that have been paid is payable if that person dies before that date ", insert " but a lesser amount is payable if that person dies before that date, being an amount not exceeding the sum of the premiums that have been paid and any interest payable on those premiums ".

Clause 7, page 7, line 11, after " modifications " insert " and adaptations ".

Clause 7, page 7, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause:—

" (4.) In this section, ' modification ' includes the addition or omission of a provision or the substitution of a provision for another provision."

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 12—

On the motion of Mr. Killen, the following amendment was made, after debate:—Page 8, line 21, after " receiver " insert " or by a trustee ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 13 to 18, by leave, taken together, and agreed to.

Clause 19—

On the motion of Mr. Killen, the following amendment was made, after debate:—Page 10, line 38, after " creditors " insert " and to attend that meeting or arrange for an officer to attend on his behalf ".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 20 to 71, by leave, taken together.

On the motion, by leave, of Mr. Snedden, the following amendments were made together, after debate:—

Clause 39, page 18, omit sub-clause (1.), insert the following sub-clauses:—

" (1.) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other Act, but subject to the next succeeding sub-section, an appeal does not lie to the High Court from a judgment, order or sentence of the Court given, made or pronounced under this Act except by leave of the Court or of the High Court.

" (1A.) An appeal lies to the High Court from an order of the Court being a sequestration order or, on a question of law, from an order of the Court convicting a person of an offence against this Act."

Clause 40, page 19, omit paragraph (e), insert the following paragraph:—

" (e) if, at a meeting of any of his creditors—

(i) he consents to present a debtor's petition under this Act and does not, within seven days from the date on which he so consented, present the petition; or

(ii) he consents to sign an authority under section 188 of this Act and does not, within seven days from the date on which he so consented, sign such an authority and inform the chairman of the meeting, in writing, of the name of the person in whose favour the authority has been signed;"

Clause 56, page 28, omit the clause, insert the following clause:—

“ 56.—(1.) Subject to this section, the provisions of the last preceding section apply in relation to a petition against a partnership.

“ (2.) A debtor's petition against a partnership—

(a) may be presented to the Registrar by a majority of those members of the partnership who are resident in Australia at the time of the presentation of the petition; and

(b) shall be accompanied by—

(i) a statement of affairs of each member of the partnership by whom the petition is presented; and

(ii) a statement of the partnership affairs, verified by affidavit.

“ (3.) Where a debtor's petition is presented against a partnership by partners not comprising all the members of the partnership, the Registrar shall not accept the petition or the statements of affairs accompanying it but shall refer them to the Court.

“ (4.) Upon such a reference, the Court may order that the petition and the statements of affairs be accepted by the Registrar or may dismiss the petition.

“ (5.) In the application of the last preceding section in relation to a debtor's petition against a partnership—

(a) the references in sub-sections (2.) and (3.) to the statement of affairs shall be read as references to the statements of affairs;

(b) the reference in sub-section (3.) to the debtor shall be read as a reference to each of the members of the partnership; and

(c) the reference in sub-section (4.) to the statement of affairs shall be read as a reference to any of the statements of affairs.

“ (6.) Where a debtor's petition presented against a partnership is accepted by the Registrar in pursuance of an order of the Court under sub-section (4.) of this section, each partner resident in Australia, not being a partner by whom the petition was presented, shall, within fourteen days after the date on which the petition is accepted by the Registrar, make out and file in the office of the Registrar a statement of his affairs in accordance with the prescribed form and verified by affidavit.

“ (7.) If a person required by the last preceding sub-section to make out and file a statement of his affairs fails to file that statement in accordance with that sub-section he is guilty of contempt of court.”

Clause 58, page 29, line 17, omit “ Trustee ”, insert “ Receiver ”.

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 72—

On the motion, by leave, of Mr. Killen, the following amendments were made together, after debate:—

Page 35, after sub-clause (1.) insert the following sub-clause:—

“ (1A.) Where a member of the committee of inspection is a person authorized by a creditor to act for the creditor in relation to the bankruptcy, the creditor shall not, while that person is acting as a member of the committee, except by leave of the Court, either directly or indirectly, become purchaser of any part of the property of the bankrupt.”

Page 35, lines 19 and 20, omit “ the last preceding sub-section ”, insert “ this section ”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 73 to 115, by leave, taken together.

On the motion, by leave, of Mr. Snedden, the following amendments were made together, after debate:—

Clause 82, page 42, after sub-clause (2.) insert the following sub-clause:—

“ (2A.) Penalties or fines imposed by a court in respect of an offence against a law, whether a law of the Commonwealth or not, are not provable in bankruptcy.”

Clause 109, pages 49 and 50, omit sub-clauses (1.) to (4.), inclusive, insert the following sub-clauses:—

“ (1.) Subject to this Act and to sections 221P and 221YU of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1965*, the trustee shall, before applying the proceeds of the property of the bankrupt in making any other payments, apply those proceeds in the following order:—

(a) first, in payment of an amount to the petitioning creditor equal to so much of the amount lodged by the creditor under section 48 of this Act as has been used for meeting the expenses referred to in that section;

(b) second, in the order prescribed by the rules, in payment of the taxed costs of the petitioning creditor and the costs, charges and expenses of the administration of the bankruptcy, including the remuneration and expenses of the trustee;

(c) third, in payment of liabilities incurred in good faith before the date of the bankruptcy by a controlling trustee in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Part X. and any remuneration due to that controlling trustee;

(d) fourth, in payment of liabilities, commitments, expenses or remuneration referred to in section 114 of this Act;

(e) fifth, in the case of the estate of a deceased debtor whose estate is being administered under Part XI., in payment of proper funeral and testamentary expenses;

(f) sixth, in payment of amounts (including amounts payable by way of allowance or reimbursement under a contract of employment or under an award or agreement regulating conditions of employment, but not including amounts in respect of long service leave, annual leave, recreation leave or sick leave), not exceeding in the case of any one employee the sum of Six hundred dollars, due to or in respect of any employee of the bankrupt, whether remunerated by salary, wages, commission or otherwise, in respect of services rendered to or for the bankrupt before the date of the bankruptcy;

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- (g) seventh, in payment of amounts, not exceeding in any individual case Two thousand dollars, in respect of compensation, being compensation the liability for which accrued before the date of the bankruptcy, under any Act or State Act or Ordinance of a Territory of the Commonwealth providing for compensation for personal injury by accident arising out of, or in the course of, employment;
- (h) eighth, all amounts due to or in respect of any employee of the bankrupt, whether remunerated by salary, wages, commission or otherwise, in respect of long service leave, annual leave, recreation leave or sick leave in respect of a period before the date of the bankruptcy;
- (i) ninth, in payment of any sum payable under section 113 of this Act;
- (j) tenth, in payment of assessed income tax or income tax and social services contribution, being tax or tax and contribution assessed under any Act or State Act or Ordinance of a Territory of the Commonwealth before the date of the bankruptcy, not exceeding in the whole one year's assessment; and
- (k) eleventh, in payment of—
 - (i) such preferences, priorities or advantages in favour of any creditor or group of creditors as regards any other creditor or group of creditors; and
 - (ii) such costs, charges and expenses incurred in the interests of creditors before the date of the bankruptcy,
 as a general meeting of creditors, by special resolution.

“(2.) Paragraph (g) of the last preceding sub-section does not apply to the extent to which the bankrupt is indemnified under a contract of insurance against the liability referred to in that paragraph.

“(3.) A special resolution shall not be deemed to have been duly passed for the purposes of paragraph (k) of sub-section (1.) of this section unless the notice convening the meeting at which it was passed contained a copy of the proposed resolution.

“(4.) A payment shall not be made under paragraph (k) of sub-section (1.) of this section until twenty-eight days after—

(a) a certificate that the notice convening the meeting was duly forwarded to the bankrupt and to each person shown as a creditor in the statement of affairs; and

(b) a copy of the special resolution, have been filed in the Court.”.

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 116—

On the motion of Mr. Connor, the following amendment was made, after debate:—Page 54, omit paragraph (c), insert the following paragraph:—

“(c) ordinary tools of trade, plant and equipment, professional instruments and reference books of the bankrupt not exceeding in the aggregate Five hundred dollars in value, and such other tools of trade, plant and equipment, professional instruments and reference books of the bankrupt, if any, as the creditors by resolution determine or as the Court, on the application of the bankrupt, determines;”.

On the motion, by leave, of Mr. Snedden, the following further amendments were made together:—

Page 54, line 20, omit “ after ”, insert “ on or after ”.

Page 54, line 24, omit “ after ”, insert “ on or after ”.

Page 54, omit paragraph (f), insert the following paragraph:—

“(f) policies for annuities, being policies that have been in force for at least five years before the date of the bankruptcy, to the extent to which they provide for payment of an annuity not exceeding One thousand two hundred dollars in the aggregate, and the payments made on or after the date of the bankruptcy under such policies to the extent to which those payments do not exceed One thousand two hundred dollars per annum in the aggregate;”.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 117 to 189, by leave, taken together.

On the motion, by leave, of Mr. Snedden, the following amendments were made together:—

Clause 122, page 61, omit sub-clause (7.), insert the following sub-clause:—

“(7.) In this section, ‘ tax ’ includes any amount payable as provisional tax and contribution, or as provisional tax, in accordance with Division 3 of Part VI. of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1944*, or of that Act as amended.”.

Clause 123, page 62, after sub-clause (3.) insert the following sub-clause:—

“(3A.) Nothing in this Act invalidates a payment by a debtor, on or before the date on which he became a bankrupt, of, or in respect of, a penalty or fine imposed on him by a court in respect of an offence against a law, whether a law of the Commonwealth or not.”.

Clause 123, page 62, omit sub-clause (4.), insert the following sub-clauses:—

“(4.) Nothing in this Act invalidates, in any case where a debtor, being—

(a) a person required by Division 2 of Part VI. of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1940*, or of that Act as amended, to make a deduction from the salary or wages of an employee; or

(b) a person required by Division 4 of Part VI. of the *Income Tax and Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1936-1959*, or of that Act as amended, to make a deduction from a dividend,

becomes a bankrupt, a payment to the Commissioner of Taxation (including a payment by means of the purchase of tax stamps) by the debtor, on or before the date on which he became a bankrupt, of an amount that he was required so to pay in respect of deductions so made.

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“(4A.) Nothing in this Act invalidates—

- (a) a payment by a debtor, on or before the date on which he became a bankrupt, of additional tax or penal tax under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth, not being additional tax or penal tax imposed by a court; or
- (b) a payment by a person who becomes a bankrupt, being a payment made on or before the date on which he became a bankrupt, under section 218 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1965* or under any similar provision of a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth.”

Clause 124, page 62, omit sub-clause (1.), insert the following sub-clause:—

“(1.) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, a payment of money or delivery of property (including a security or a negotiable instrument) to, or in accordance with the order or direction of, a person who becomes, or has become, a bankrupt or a person claiming by assignment from him is a good discharge to the person paying the money or delivering the property—

- (a) if, in the case of a payment or delivery made on or before the first-mentioned person becomes a bankrupt—it is made in good faith and in the ordinary course of business; or
- (b) if, in the case of a payment or delivery made after the first-mentioned person became a bankrupt—it is made in good faith, in the ordinary course of business and without negligence.”

Clause 124, page 63, omit sub-clause (3.), insert the following sub-clause:—

“(3.) For the purposes of this section, a payment or delivery of property shall not be deemed not to have been made in good faith and in the ordinary course of business by reason only that, at the time of the payment or delivery, the person by whom it was made—

- (a) knew or had reason to suspect that the person to whom, or in accordance with whose order or direction, it was made was unable to pay his debts as they became due from his own money; or
- (b) had notice of the commission of an act of bankruptcy by that person or of the presentation of a creditor's petition against that person.”

Clause 153, page 79, omit sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of sub-clause (2.).

Clause 185, page 91, line 27, omit “One thousand pounds”, insert “Four thousand dollars”.

Clauses, as amended, debated and agreed to.

Clause 190—

On the motion of Mr. Killen, the following amendment was made, after debate:—Page 95, omit sub-clause (3.), insert the following sub-clause:—

“(3.) The power of the trustee to deal with the debtor's property conferred by the last preceding sub-section does not authorize the trustee to sell the property or any part of it (not being perishable property) except in the ordinary course of business.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 191 to 315 and the Schedules, by leave, taken together.

On the motion, by leave, of Mr. Snedden, the following amendments were made together:—

Clause 205, page 103, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause:—

“(8.) A failure by the sheriff to comply with a provision of this section does not affect the title of a person who purchases property of a debtor in good faith under a sale by the sheriff in pursuance of a process of execution issued by or on behalf of a creditor.”

Clause 218, page 108, line 16, after “*Gazette*” insert “and in such other manner, if any, as is prescribed”.

Clause 254, page 131, line 22, omit “Treasurer”, insert “Attorney-General”.

Clause 254, page 131, line 23, omit “Treasurer”, insert “Attorney-General”.

Clause 265, page 138, line 21, omit “sub-section (3.) or (5.)”, insert “paragraph (c) or (e) of sub-section (1.) or sub-section (3.), (5.) or (8.)”.

Clause 268, page 140, line 34, after “under” insert “paragraph (b) or (c) of sub-section (2.) or”.

Clause 278, page 144, at the end of the clause add the following sub-clause:—

“(3.) In this section, ‘modification’ includes the addition or omission of a provision or the substitution of a provision for another provision.”

Clause 295, page 151, line 9, omit “Treasurer”, insert “Attorney-General”.

Clause 295, page 151, line 10, omit “Treasurer”, insert “Attorney-General”.

First Schedule, page 160, at the end of the Schedule add—“*Bankruptcy (Decimal Currency) Act 1965*”.

Clauses and Schedules, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion, by leave, of Mr. Snedden, the following further amendments were made together to the clauses of the Bill:—

Clause 25, page 12, line 2, omit “Seven thousand pounds”, insert “Seventeen thousand dollars”.

Clause 31, page 16, line 13, omit “One hundred pounds”, insert “Two hundred dollars”.

Clause 41, page 23, at the end of the clause, add the following sub-clauses:—

“(8.) Where a bankruptcy notice is issued in respect of a judgment or order that is expressed in the currency provided for by the *Coinage Act 1909-1947*, the amount of the judgment debt or sum ordered to be paid shall be expressed in the bankruptcy notice in the currency provided for by the *Currency Act 1965* and, for that purpose, the amount shall, subject to the next succeeding sub-section, be ascertained by reference to the equivalents specified in sub-section (4.) of section 8 of that Act.

“(9.) For the purposes of the last preceding sub-section, where the amount referred to in the last preceding sub-section in the currency provided for by the *Coinage Act 1909-1947* is an amount of pounds, shillings and pence or pounds and pence, the corresponding amount in the currency provided for by the *Currency Act 1965* shall be calculated on the basis that an amount of pence specified in the first column in the table set out in sub-section (3.) of section 11 of the *Currency Act 1965* corresponds to the amount of cents specified in the second column of that table opposite to that amount of pence.”

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Clause 44—

Page 24, line 27, omit "Two hundred and fifty pounds", insert "Five hundred dollars".

Page 24, line 29, omit "Two hundred and fifty pounds", insert "Five hundred dollars".

Page 24, lines 32 and 33, omit "Two hundred and fifty pounds", insert "Five hundred dollars".

Clause 80—

Page 39, line 36, omit "Fifty pounds", insert "One hundred dollars".

Page 39, line 46, omit "Fifty pounds", insert "One hundred dollars".

Clause 103—

Page 48, line 7, omit "pound", insert "dollar".

Page 48, lines 9–12, omit "Ten shillings or a number of pounds and Ten shillings, the nearest pound shall be deemed to be that ascertained by adding to the amount of the debt the sum of Ten shillings", insert "Fifty cents or a number of dollars and Fifty cents, the nearest dollar shall be deemed to be that ascertained by adding to the amount of the debt the sum of Fifty cents".

Clause 112—

Page 51, line 33, omit "Eight pounds", insert "eight".

Page 51, lines 36 and 37, omit "Eight pounds", insert "eight".

Clause 134—

Page 68, lines 39 and 40, omit "Five thousand pounds", insert "Ten thousand dollars".

Page 68, line 41, omit "Five thousand pounds", insert "Ten thousand dollars".

Page 69, line 4, omit "Five thousand pounds", insert "Ten thousand dollars".

Page 69, line 6, omit "Five thousand pounds", insert "Ten thousand dollars".

Page 69, line 24, omit "Five thousand pounds", insert "Ten thousand dollars".

Clause 135—

Page 69, line 35, omit "Five thousand pounds", insert "Ten thousand dollars".

Page 70, line 6, omit "Five thousand pounds", insert "Ten thousand dollars".

Page 70, lines 7 and 8, omit "Five thousand pounds", insert "Ten thousand dollars".

Page 70, line 12, omit "Five thousand pounds", insert "Ten thousand dollars".

Page 70, line 14, omit "Five thousand pounds", insert "Ten thousand dollars".

Clause 140—

Page 73, line 13, omit "One shilling in the pound", insert "Five cents in the dollar".

Page 73, line 29, omit "Five shillings", insert "Fifty cents".

Clause 150, page 77, line 14, omit "Fifty pounds", insert "One hundred dollars".

Clause 155, page 81, line 35, omit "Ten pounds", insert "Twenty dollars".

Clause 167, page 85, line 30, omit "Fifty pounds", insert "One hundred dollars".

Clause 168, page 86, line 23, omit "Two hundred and fifty pounds", insert "Five hundred dollars".

Clause 169—

Page 86, line 29, omit "Twenty-five pounds", insert "Fifty dollars".

Page 86, line 34, omit "Twenty pounds", insert "twenty".

Page 86, line 36, omit "Twenty-five pounds", insert "Fifty dollars".

Clause 182, page 89, line 40, omit "Fifty pounds", insert "One hundred dollars".

Clause 244—

Page 122, line 27, omit "Two hundred and fifty pounds", insert "Five hundred dollars".

Page 122, lines 33 and 34, omit "Two hundred and fifty pounds", insert "Five hundred dollars".

Page 122, line 37, omit "Two hundred and fifty pounds", insert "Five hundred dollars".

Clause 265—

Page 137, line 13, omit "Ten pounds", insert "Twenty dollars".

Page 138, line 14, omit "Two hundred and fifty pounds", insert "Five hundred dollars".

Clause 269, page 140, line 42, omit "One hundred pounds", insert "Two hundred dollars".

Clause 276, page 143, line 24, omit "Ten pounds", insert "Twenty dollars".

Clause 304, page 155, lines 7 and 8, omit "whole pounds and a part of a pound, the part of the pound", insert "whole dollars and a part of a dollar, the part of the dollar".

Clauses, as further amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The House resumed; Mr. Drury reported accordingly.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

PAPER.—The following paper was deemed to have been presented on the 23rd March, 1966, pursuant to statute—
Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment Certificate—G. J. Finn.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Costa*, Mr. Failes, Mr. Hasluck and Mr. Lindsay.

* On leave.

A. G. TURNER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.