

1932.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,  
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 13.

FRIDAY, 11TH MARCH, 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. ADJOURNMENT-MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Scullin (Leader of the Opposition) rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "Unemployment".

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—

Mr. Scullin moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The debate having been continued for two hours—

Mr. Gander moved, That so much of the Standing Orders as may be necessary be suspended, to enable the present debate to be continued during the present sitting.

Closure.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) 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. John Lawson
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Casey	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Price
Mr. Guy	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hill	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Holman	Mr. White
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Hunter

Noes, 14.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Forde
Mr. Gander
Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Holloway
Mr. Makin
Mr. Martens
Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Ward
Mr. Watkins

*Tellers:*

Mr. James
Mr. Riordan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) asking leave to make a statement, leave refused.  
And the question—That so much of the Standing Orders as may be necessary be suspended, to enable the present debate to be continued during the present sitting—being accordingly put—  
The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. Mackay, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Beasley  
Mr. Forde  
Mr. Gander  
Mr. Albert Green  
Mr. Holloway  
Mr. James  
Mr. Makin  
Mr. Martens  
Mr. E. C. Riley  
Mr. Rosevear  
Mr. Scullin  
Mr. Watkins

Tellers:

Mr. Riordan  
Mr. Ward

Noes, 44.

Mr. Bell	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Casey	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Price
Mr. Guy	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hill	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Holman	Mr. White
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchin	Tellers:
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

The Orders of the Day were called on.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS ENFORCEMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 4.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to provide for the carrying out of the Financial Agreements between the Commonwealth and the States by the parties thereto, and for other purposes*," 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 March, 1932, a.m.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

Ordered, after debate—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.

(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 32, leave out "as is".  
No. 2.—Page 2, clause 4, line 33, after "Act" insert "as is from time to time included in a Proclamation".  
No. 3.—Page 2, clause 4, line 36, leave out "a Proclamation issued in pursuance of", insert "the Proclamation referred to in".  
No. 4.—Page 3, clause 4, line 1, after "sections" insert "five and six (with respect to the specified revenue of the State)".  
No. 5.—Page 3, clause 5, line 12, leave out "whenever", insert "at any other time when".  
No. 6.—Page 3, clause 5, line 44, leave out "do", insert "should".  
No. 7.—Page 3, clause 5, line 47, leave out "that", insert "the".  
No. 8.—Page 4, clause 6, line 21, leave out "that", insert "the".  
No. 9.—Page 4, clause 6, line 21, after "State" insert—  
"to the extent—  
(a) of the amount set forth in the certificate or of any smaller amount stated in the resolution, and  
(b) in case any smaller amount is so stated, of the item or items comprised in that amount".  
No. 10.—Page 4, clause 6, lines 22–24, leave out "to the extent of the amount set forth in the certificate, or of any smaller amount stated in the resolution".  
No. 11.—Page 5, clause 7, line 35, before "The" (first occurring) insert "Upon a resolution being passed by both Houses of the Parliament in pursuance of section five or six of this Part".  
No. 12.—Page 5, clause 7, at end of clause add the following sub-clause:—  
"(2.) Where a resolution passed in pursuance of this Act specifies or describes more than one class of revenue, it shall not be necessary that all the classes so specified or described shall be included in one Proclamation, but different classes may be included in successive Proclamations, and their inclusion shall have effect as from the dates respectively fixed by those Proclamations".  
No. 13.—Page 6, clause 12, line 25, after "State," insert "and any person".

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No. 14.—Page 6, clause 12, at end of clause add the following sub-clause :—

“(2.) Any indemnity the giving of which is an offence against this section shall be absolutely void and of no effect.”

No. 15.—Page 9, clause 17, line 29, leave out “(2.) Upon”, insert “, and upon”.

No. 16.—Page 9, clause 17, lines 30–34, leave out “the Governor-General may issue a Proclamation to that effect, and thereupon the provisions of sections seven to thirteen (inclusive) of Part II. of this Act shall cease to apply in relation to the State concerned until or unless a further resolution is carried by both Houses of the Parliament in pursuance of this Act.”, insert—

“a Proclamation to that effect shall be issued by the Governor-General.

“(2.) At any time during the currency of any Proclamation referred to in section seven of Part II. of this Act, the Governor-General may issue a Proclamation revoking that Proclamation.

“(3.) Upon the issue of a Proclamation under either of the last two preceding sub-sections, the provisions of sections seven to thirteen (inclusive) of Part II. of this Act shall cease to apply in relation to the State concerned until or unless a further resolution is carried by both Houses of the Parliament in pursuance of this Act.”

No. 17.—Page 9, clause 18, lines 37–40, leave out “the question of the amount due and payable and unpaid by a State to the Commonwealth under or in pursuance of the Financial Agreements is in issue, and”.

No. 18.—Page 9, clause 18, line 41, leave out “so”.

No. 19.—Page 9, clause 18, line 42, after “Commonwealth” insert “under or in pursuance of the Financial Agreements”.

No. 20.—Page 9, clause 18, line 45, after “Act” insert “or moneys to an amount in excess of the amount declared to be so due and payable and unpaid, as the case may be”.

No. 21.—Page 10, after clause 19, insert the following new clause in Part VI. :—

“19A. Nothing contained in this Act shall impair or diminish the control of the High Court over the execution or enforcement of any judgment of the Court.”

Control over enforcement of judgments.

No. 22. Page 11, after clause 22, insert the following new clause :—

“22A. The expiry of this Act, or the cessation (whether by virtue of the issue of a Proclamation or otherwise) of the application of the provisions of sections seven to thirteen (inclusive) of Part II. of this Act in relation to any State, shall not affect—

Preservation of rights, liabilities, &c., in certain cases.

(a) any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred thereunder ;

(b) any penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred in consequence of any offence committed against this Act ; or

(c) any investigation, legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment as aforesaid ;

and any such investigation, legal proceeding or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced, and any such penalty, forfeiture or punishment may be imposed, as if this Act had continued in operation, or the provisions of sections seven to thirteen (inclusive) of Part II. had not ceased to apply, as the case may be.”

Amendment No. 1—

On the motion of Mr. Bruce (Assistant Treasurer), the Amendment was agreed to, after debate.

Amendment No. 2—

Mr. Bruce moved, That the Amendment be agreed to.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 45.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Casey	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nock
Mr. Forde	Mr. Parkhill
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Price
Mr. Albert Green	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Guy	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Holman	
Mr. Hutchin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Hunter

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Holloway
Mr. James
Mr. Martens
Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Watkins

*Tellers:*

Mr. Gander
Mr. Ward

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Amendment No. 3—

Mr. Bruce moved, That the Amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

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

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Jennings
Mr. Bruce	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Casey	Mr. Marr
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Dein	Mr. McBride
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Nock
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Price
Mr. Guy	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White
Mr. Hill	
Mr. Holman	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Hunter

Noes, 10.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Forde
Mr. Albert Green
Mr. James
Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Watkins

*Tellers:*

Mr. Gander
Mr. Ward

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Casey	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Price
Mr. Guy	Mr. Prowse
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Hill	Mr. White
Mr. Holman	
Mr. Hutchin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Hunter
Mr. John Lawson	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Forde
Mr. Albert Green
Mr. James
Mr. Rosevear

*Tellers:*

Mr. Gander
Mr. Ward

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment No. 4—

Mr Bruce moved, That the Amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Casey	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Price
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Guy	Mr. Stacey
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hawker	Mr. White
Mr. Holman	
Mr. Hutchin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Hunter
Mr. John Lawson	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Forde
Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Holloway
Mr. James
Mr. Makin
Mr. Martens
Mr. Riordan
Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Ward
Mr. Watkins

*Tellers:*

Mr. Gander
Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Amendment No. 5—

Mr. Bruce moved, That the Amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Bruce	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Casey	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Dein	Mr. McBride
Mr. Fenton	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Price
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Guy	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. William Watson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. Hawker	
Mr. Hutchin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Hunter

Noes, 12.

Mr. Beasley  
Mr. Forde  
Mr. Albert Green  
Mr. Holloway  
Mr. Makin  
Mr. Martens  
Mr. E. C. Riley  
Mr. Riordan  
Mr. Rosevear  
Mr. Scullin

*Tellers:*

Mr. Gander  
Mr. Ward

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendments Nos. 6, 7 and 8 agreed to.

Amendment No. 9—

Mr. Bruce moved, That the Amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Jennings
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Casey	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Dein	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Fenton	Mr. McBride
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Price
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Guy	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. William Watson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. White

Noes, 11.

Mr. Beasley  
Mr. Forde  
Mr. Albert Green  
Mr. Holloway  
Mr. Makin  
Mr. Martens  
Mr. Riordan  
Mr. Rosevear  
Mr. Scullin

*Tellers:*

Mr. Gander  
Mr. Ward

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment No. 10 agreed to.

Amendment No. 11—

Mr. Bruce moved, That the Amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Hutchinson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Jennings
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Casey	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Dein	Mr. McBride
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Price
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Guy	Mr. William Watson
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. White
Mr. E. J. Harrison	
Mr. Hill	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Hutchin	Mr. John Lawson

Noes, 11.

Mr. Beasley  
Mr. Forde  
Mr. Albert Green  
Mr. Holloway  
Mr. Makin  
Mr. Martens  
Mr. Riordan  
Mr. Rosevear  
Mr. Scullin

*Tellers:*

Mr. Gander  
Mr. Ward

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Amendment No. 12 debated and agreed to.

Ordered—That Amendments Nos. 13 and 14 be considered together.

Amendments Nos. 13 and 14—

Mr. Bruce moved, That the Amendments be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 11.
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Beasley
Mr. Casey	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Forde
Mr. Dein	Mr. McBride	Mr. Albert Green
Mr. Fenton	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Makin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Martens
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Price	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Guy	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Scullin
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. Hill	Mr. White	
Mr. Hughes		
Mr. Hutchin	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Gander
Mr. Jennings	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Ward

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Amendments Nos. 15 to 20 be considered together.

Amendments Nos. 15 to 20 agreed to.

Amendment No. 21 debated and agreed to.

Amendment No. 22—

Mr. Bruce moved, That the Amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

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

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 10.
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Casey	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Forde
Mr. Dein	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Fenton	Mr. McBride	Mr. Makin
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. McClelland	Mr. Martens
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Perkins	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Price	
Mr. Guy	Mr. Stacey	
Mr. E. F. Harrison	Mr. Frederick Stewart	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. William Watson	
Mr. Hill		
Mr. Hutchin	<i>Tellers:</i>	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner	Mr. Gander
Mr. Jennings	Mr. White	Mr. Ward

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Bruce, the House adopted the Report.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

*Message No. 5.*

MR. SPEAKER,

The Senate, having considered Message No. 4 of the House of Representatives, has agreed to the following resolutions in connexion therewith, viz. :—

- (1) That the Senate agrees to the appointment of a Joint Select Committee for the purpose of completing and presenting to Parliament a report of the inquiry previously conducted by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts into :—
  - (a) Parliamentary control and procedure in relation to the public finances of the Commonwealth ;
  - (b) The form in which the Estimates, Budget Papers and other financial statements are presented to and dealt with by Parliament ; and
  - (c) The desirability of uniform methods of accounts for the Commonwealth and the States.

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- (2) That Senators J. B. Hayes, Hoare and O'Halloran be appointed to serve on such Committee with Members of the House of Representatives.
- (3) That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament.
- (4) That one Member of the Senate shall be present to constitute a quorum at any sitting of the Committee.
- (5) That the time and place of the first meeting of the Committee shall be ten o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, 16th March, in the Senate Committee Room.

The Senate,  
Canberra, 11th March, 1932.

WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President.

5. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, by leave—

(1) That, with reference to the Resolution agreed to by this House on the 10th March, relating to the appointment of a Joint Select Committee for the purpose of completing and presenting to Parliament a report of an inquiry previously conducted by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, the following Members be appointed to serve on such Committee :—Mr. Gardner, Mr. Roland Green and Mr. Guy.

(2) That one Member of the House of Representatives shall be present to constitute a quorum at any sitting of the Committee.

(3) That this House agrees to the time and place proposed by the Senate for the first meeting of the Committee.

(4) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated to the Senate by Message.

Question—put and passed.

6. ALTERATION OF DAY OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Baker, Mr. Dennis, Sir Littleton Groom, Mr. Lane, Mr. Latham, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Scholfield, and Mr. Thorby.

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