

1932.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 14.

TUESDAY, 15TH MARCH, 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. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Tuberculosis—Formulae disclosed by M. Spahlinger—
 - (a) Statement given to a meeting in London at which the announcement of the formulae was made;
 - (b) Principles on which the method of preparing specific antigens are based;
 - (c) Method of preparation of the antigens for preventive immunization of cattle;
 - (d) Method of preparation of the antigens for the preventive vaccination of human beings.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1931, No. 155.

Customs Act—Regulations (Cinematograph Films)—Statutory Rules 1932, No. 24.

New Guinea Act—Ordinance of 1932—No. 3—Public Health.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance of 1932—No. 5—Dentists Registration.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 3.

Proposed Laws intituled:—

“*Financial Agreements (Commonwealth Liability) Act 1932,*”

“*Financial Agreements Enforcement Act 1932,*”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,
Canberra, 12th March, 1932.

ISAAC A. ISAACS,
Governor-General.

Message No. 4.

A Proposed Law intituled “*Insurance Act 1932,*” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,
Canberra, 12th March, 1932.

4. CORRECTION OF ERROR IN DIVISION LIST.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that in the last Division in Committee taken on Friday, the 11th instant, the Tellers inadvertently made an error. The name of Mr. Beasley should have been included in the List of those Members who voted with the Noes, instead of the name of Mr. Blakeley. The error would be rectified in the official records.
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the text of a telegram sent by him to the State Premiers in connexion with the proposals of the Commonwealth Government regarding unemployment.

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6. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CENTRAL WOOL COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement in appreciation of the work of the Central Wool Committee.
7. **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.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day No. 2.
9. **WAR SERVICE HOMES 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.
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.)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. James moved, as an amendment, That the words "cancellation of the contract" (page 2, line 6) be omitted with a view to the insertion of the words "the mutual vacation of the property" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. White moved, as an amendment, That after the word "necessary," (page 2, line 14) the words "not exceeding two and one-half per centum of the original value of the property" be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. James moved, as an amendment, That after the word "determines," (page 2, line 20) the words "providing the purchaser or borrower has been and is in reasonable employment" be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

On the motion of Mr. McNicoll, the following amendment was made, after debate:—

Page 2, line 25, after "pounds;" insert the following proviso:—"Provided that the amount which the purchaser or borrower is liable to pay to the Commissioner under this paragraph shall not in any event exceed the sum of Forty pounds".

Mr. James moved, as a further amendment, That after paragraph (b) of proposed new sub-section (1c.) the following paragraph be added:—

"(c) if at any time the Commissioner receives from the sale of a property more than the price charged to the previous purchaser (after making due allowances for the rise or fall in property values) such difference shall be credited to the previous purchaser or borrower provided that he or she can show the increased value is due to improvements made by the previous purchaser or borrower."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the paragraph proposed to be added be so added—put.

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

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Beasley
Mr. Blakeley
Mr. Forde
Mr. Gander
Mr. James
Mr. Makin
Mr. Martens
Mr. Riordan
Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Scullin
Mr. Ward
Mr. Watkins

Tellers:

Mr. E. C. Riley
Mr. White

Noes, 44.

Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lane
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Marr
Mr. Casey	Mr. Maxwell
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McBride
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McClelland
Mr. Dein	Mr. McNicoll
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Nock
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Perkins
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Price
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Guy	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Hawker	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Holman	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Hutchin	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner
Mr. Jennings	Mr. Hunter

And so it was negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Clause 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bell reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Josiah Francis (Minister administering War Service Homes), by leave, the House adopted the Report, after debate, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time, after debate.

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

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past ten o'clock p.m., 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. Latham, Mr. George Lawson, Mr. W. Maloney, Mr. Parkhill, and Mr. Scholfield.

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