THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. CANBERRA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES. OF

No. 15.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1932.

- 1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.-Mr. Speaker (the Honorable G. H. Mackay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CATTLE TICK.—Mr. Marr (Minister for Health), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement announcing the extent of the Commonwealth Government's assistance to combat the spread of cattle tick.
- 3. Suspension of Standing Orders.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Prime Minister to move a Motion, without notice, under section six of the Financial Agreements Enforcement Act 1932, and also to allow the debate on the Motion to be continued after two hours, without interruption under Standing Order No. 119.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Forde addressing the House— Closure moved.—Mr. White moved, That the question be now put.

Question-That the question be now put-put.

The House proceeding to divide-

By leave, the motion was withdrawn.

Debate continued.

Mr. Ward addressing the House-

Closure. -Mr. Lyons moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.
The House divided (The Sneaker, Mr. Mackay, in the Chair)—

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Ayes	, 50.
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lane
Mr. Bell	Mr. John Lawson
Mr. Blacklow	Mr. Lyons
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr
Mr. Malcolm Cameron	Mr. Maxwell
	Mr. McBride
Mr. Thomas Collins	
Mr. Bernard Corser	Mr. McGrath
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nairn
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Nock
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Earle Page
Mr. Josiah Francis	Mr. Thomas Paterson
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Perkins
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Price
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Prowse
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Scholfield
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Stacey
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Frederick Stewart
Mr. Guy	Mr. Thompson
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Thorby
Mr. Hawker	Mr. William Watson
Mr. Holman	Mr. White
Mr. Hughes	Tellers:
Mr. Hutchin	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner

Noes, 16. Mr. Beasley Mr. Blakeley Mr. Forde Mr. Gander Mr. Albert Green Mr. Holloway Mr. Makin Mr. W. Maloney Mr. Martens Mr. Riordan Mr. Rosevear Mr. Scullin Mr. Ward Mr. Watkins Tellers:

Mr. James Mr. E. C. Riley

Mr. Jennings Mr. McNicoll And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Prime Minister to move a Motion, without notice, under section six of the Financial Agreements Enforcement Act 1932, and also to allow the debate on the Motion to be continued after two hours, without interruption under Standing Order No. 119—being accordingly put—

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

Ayes, 49.		Noes, 16.
Mr. Bell Mr. Blacklow Mr. Bruce Mr. Malcolm Cameron Mr. Casey Mr. Thomas Collins Mr. Bernard Corser Mr. Dein Mr. Dennis Mr. Fenton Mr. Josiah Francis Mr. Gibson Mr. Roland Green Mr. Gregory Sir Littleton Groom Mr. Guy Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. McNicoll Mr. Nairn Mr. Nock Mr. Earle Page. Mr. Thomas Paterson Mr. Perkins Mr. Price Mr. Prowse	Mr. Beasley Mr. Blakeley Mr. Forde Mr. Gander Mr. Gander Mr. Albert Green Mr. Holloway Mr. Makin Mr. W. Maloney Mr. Martens Mr. Riordan Mr. Rosevear Mr. Scullin Mr. Ward Mr. Watkins Tellers: Mr. James Mr. E. C. Riley

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the Members of the House.

4. FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS ENFORCEMENT ACT—APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS TO THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That, the Auditor-General for the Commonwealth having given to the Treasurer a certificate in pursuance of sub-section (1.) of section five of the Financial Agreements Enforcement Act 1932 as follows:—

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Audit Office, Canberra,

FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS ENFORCEMENT ACT 1932.

I, Charles John Cerutty, the Auditor-General for the Commonwealth, do hereby, in pursuance of a request, dated the fourteenth day of March, 1932, made to me by the Treasurer of the Commonwealth under section five of the Financial Agreements Enforcement Act 1932, certify—

- (1) that an amount of nine hundred and twenty-four thousand and eighty-two pounds three shillings and fourpence (£924,082 3s. 4d.) is due and payable and unpaid by the State of New South Wales to the Commonwealth under or by virtue of the Agreements contained in the Schedules to the Financial Agreement Validation Act 1929, the Debt Conversion Agreement Act 1931 and the Debt Conversion Agreement Act (No. 2) 1931; and
- (2) that the items in respect of which the sums comprised in that amount are so due and payable and unpaid are as follow:—

	and payable and unpaid are as follow .—				
29th January, 1932.	Interest due 1st February in New York for payment through Chase National Bank on New South Wales 5 per cent. Stock maturing 1957—principal	\$	£	8.	d.
	sum \$23,868,500 Fiscal Agents' charge of \(\frac{1}{4}\) per cent. for	596,712.50		•	
	payment above interest	1,491.78			
		598,204.28 £ s. d.			
	Sterling equivalent at par	122,918 13. 9			
	Exchange at rate of \$3.445 to £1 on remittance to New York of above	·			
	amount	50,725 10 4	173 644	á	7
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	${\mathfrak L}$ s. d .	£	s.	d.
20th January, 1932.	Interest due 1st February in London for payment through Westminster Bank Ltd. on New South Wales 6½ per cent. Stock maturing 1930-1940—			
	principal sum £6,427,465 208,889 11 2 (including Income Tax due for payment to Imperial Government on 29th February, 1932).			•
	Bank charge for management, of £150 per £1,000,000 per annum on outstanding principal		10	
20th January, 1932.	Exchange at rate of 25% per cent. on remittance to London of foregoing amounts	209,371 97,190		
80th January, 1932.	Part of interest due 1st January, 1932, in London for payment through Westminster Bank Ltd. on the following stock:		v	Ū
	Principal sum.			
	$rac{\pounds}{3\frac{1}{2}}$ % 1930–1950 12,067,427 11 9			
	4 % stock 1942–1962 10,392,396 0 8			
•	$5\frac{3}{4}$ % stock 1925–1935 4,901,232 10 1 $4\frac{1}{2}$ % stock 1935–1945 10,984,700 0 0			
	5_4^1 % stock $1947-1957$ $17,870,500$ 0 0			
	5 % Sydney Railway De- bentures 1,200 0 0			
	which was withheld under English law in respect of			
	British income tax deducted at the source and which by arrangement between the Westminster Bank Ltd.			
	and the State of New South Wales was to be paid to			
	the Westminster Bank Ltd. at the end of the month of January, 1932, and was not so paid	313,180	15	2
	Exchange at rate of 25% per cent. on remittance to London of above amount			
lst February ,1932.	Interest due at rate of 5 per cent. for one-quarter of year plus one day in respect of New South Wales proportion (£4,502,524) of £20,125,000 Commonwealth debentures held by the Commonwealth Bank, London, which matured on 1st February, 1932. New date of maturity 2nd May, 1932			
1st February, 1932.	Exchange at rate of 25% per cent. on remittance to London of above amount	14,437		
2nd February, 1932.	Discount at rate of 4 per cent. for 91 days on £18,320,000 Commonwealth Treasury Bills issued by the Commonwealth on behalf of New South Wales in Australia,			
15th February, 1932.	maturity date 3rd May, 1932	182,698	5	10
,,	of year in respect of New South Wales proportion (£1,617,197 1s.) of £5,000,000 Commonwealth Debentures held by the Commonwealth Bank, London, which matured on 15th February, 1932. New date of			
	maturity 15th August, 1932	40,429	18	6
14th March, 1932.	Interest on the daily balance at 4 per cent. per annum (to 14th March, 1932)	5,105	19	· . 0
	-	1,172,426	18	. 4
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1st January, 1932.	Less— Interest over-reimbursed by New South Wales to the			
	Commonwealth in London	5,226	15	0
29th February, 1932.	Monthly contribution of the Commonwealth under the Financial Agreement Validation Act 1929	243,118	0	0
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	Total	924,082 ———	3	-4

Dated this fifteenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

(1) the certificate be approved and adopted; and

- (2) by reason of urgency it is desirable that the provisions of sections seven to thirteen (inclusive) of Part II. of the said Act—
 - (a) should apply immediately in relation to the State of New South Wales (being the State to which the said certificate relates); and,
 - (b) in order to protect the interests of the Commonwealth until the question of the liability of the said State has been determined by the High Court pursuant to an application under section six of the said Act, should have effect with respect to the following classes of revenue of the said State, namely:—

(i) revenue from taxation on or in relation to betting (other than stamp duties on betting tickets) and from taxation imposed on racing

clubs and associations and bookmakers;

(ii) revenue from taxation upon payments for admission to racecourses;

(iii) revenue from taxation imposed on or in relation to totalisators;

- (iv) revenue from taxation on or in relation to the holding of, or admission to, any entertainment, or of or to anything in the nature of an entertainment;
- (v) revenue from taxation upon incomes (but not including revenue from taxation imposed by the *Unemployment Relief Tax Act* 1931 of the State of New South Wales);
- (vi) revenue from taxation imposed on or in relation to motor vehicles;
- (vii) revenue from any lottery conducted by or under the authority of the State but not including any sums required for the payment of prizes;
- (viii) revenue from taxation imposed upon incomes for the purpose of the relief of unemployment;

to the extent of the amount set forth in the said certificate.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put.

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

Ayes	, 46.	Noes, 14.
Mr. Aubrey Abbott	Mr. Lane	Mr. Beasley
	Mr. John Lawson	Mr. Blakeley
	Mr. Lyons	Mr. Forde
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Marr	Mr. Gander
Mr. Malcolm Cameron		Mr. Albert Green
	Mr. McBride	Mr. Holloway
Mr. Thomas Collins	Mr. McClelland	Mr. James
Mr. Bernard Corser		Mr. Makin
Mr. Dein	Mr. Nock	Mr. Martens
Mr. Dennis	Mr. Earle Page	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas Paterson	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Josiah Francis		Mr. Scullin
Mr. Gabb	Mr. Price	
Mr. Gibson	Mr. Prowse	Tellers:
Mr. Roland Green	Mr. Scholfield	Mr. E. C. Riley
Sir Littleton Groom	Mr. Stacey	Mr. Ward
Mr. Gullett	Mr. Frederick Stewart	2,221
Mr. Guy	Mr. Thompson	
Mr. E. J. Harrison	Mr. Thorby	
M r. Hawker	Mr. White	
Mr. Holman		
Mr. Hutchin	Tellers:	
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Gardner	
Mr. Jennings	Mr. McNicoll	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- 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.
 Question—put and passed.
- 6. Adjournment.—Mr. Lyons (Prime Minister) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes to twelve o'clock midnight, 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. Hunter, Mr. Latham, Mr. George Lawson, and Mr. Parkhill.

E. W. PARKES,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.