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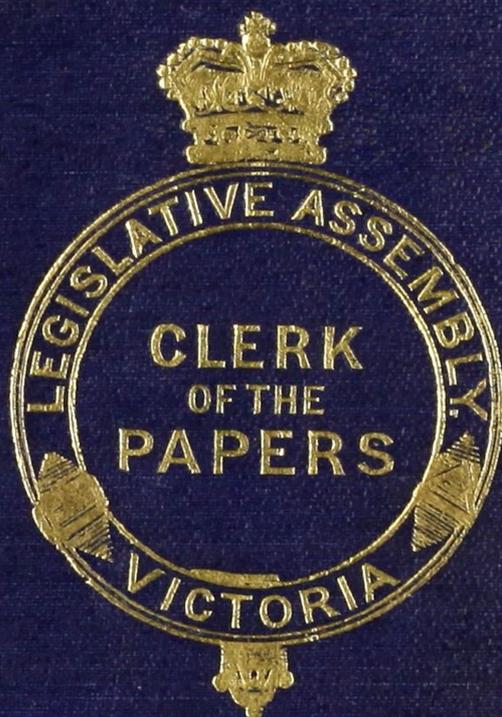


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**APPROPRIATION:** Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1932, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this session of Parliament—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Estimates of Expenditure, resolutions preliminary to the introduction of the Bill, and Bill declared urgent—motion made—(a) That the Estimates of Expenditure, 1931-32, are urgent Estimates; (b) That the Resolutions preliminary to the introduction of the Appropriation Bill are urgent resolutions; and (c) That the Appropriation Bill is an urgent Bill, agreed to, on division; motion, That the time allotted for the consideration of the whole of the Estimates be until half-past Eleven o'clock a.m. this day and for the Resolutions preliminary to the introduction of the Appropriation Bill and the motions in connexion with the Appropriation Bill up to and including the fixing of the day for the third reading be until half-past Twelve o'clock p.m. this day agreed to, on division, 18 Dec., 1931, pp. 207-8; resolution reported from Committee of Ways and Means; motion, That the resolution be now read a second time, agreed to, on division; resolution agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 18 Dec., p. 210; motion, That this Bill be now read a third time—amendment proposed, That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof "this House is of opinion that the Government, in place of the Appro-

priation Bill, should introduce a Supply Bill providing for Supply sufficient to cover its obligations up to the 12th day of February, 1932, with a view to the House being summoned not later than that day for the purpose of considering the urgent problems of finance, unemployment, railways, land settlement, and the many other important problems confronting the House"; amendment negatived, on division; Bill read the third time, on division; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 23 Dec., p. 217; amendments suggested by the Council on the consideration of the Bill in Committee; motion, That this Bill be now laid aside—agreed to; Bill laid aside, 24 Dec., p. 223.

**BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION:** Bill to incorporate the governing body of The Boy Scouts' Association (Incorporated by Royal Charter) Victorian Branch (Australia), and to confer and impose upon that body certain powers, duties, rights, and liabilities, and to provide for the vesting in it of the property of the said association in Victoria and for other purposes—(*Mr. Slater*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 Oct., 1931, p. 122; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 217.

**BUREAU OF STANDARDS:** Bill to establish a bureau of standards—(*Mr. Reid for Mr. Holland*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 June, 1931, p. 32.—Bill lapsed.

**CAMBERWELL LOANS:** Bill to authorize the city of Camberwell to expend the balances of certain moneys for purposes other than the purposes for which the said moneys were borrowed by the said city—(*Mr. Slater for Mr. Webber*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 Oct., 1931, p. 118; order for second reading read; Bill ruled a Private Bill; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—agreed to; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 15 Oct., p. 123; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Oct., p. 126. (*Assented to 27 October, 1931. Act No. 3967.*)

**CAULFIELD LOANS:** Bill to authorize the city of Caulfield to expend the balances of certain moneys for purposes other than the purposes for which the said moneys were borrowed by the said city—(*Mr. Webber*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1931, p. 195; order for second reading read; Bill ruled a Private Bill; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—agreed to; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 200; the Council's agreement notified, 22 Dec., p. 213. (*Assented to 24 December, 1931. Act No. 3991.*)

**CEMETERIES:** Bill to amend the law relating to cemeteries—(*Mr. Pollard*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Dec., 1931, p. 180; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 201; the Council's agreement to the Bill with

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- CLOSER SETTLEMENT (FINANCIAL): Bill to further amend section 19 and section 197 of the *Closer Settlement Act 1928*—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 38) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 24 Nov., 1931, pp. 159-60; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 25 Nov., p. 163. debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 1 Dec., p. 168; further considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 Dec., p. 169; amendments suggested by the Council on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, 8 Dec., p. 180; suggested amendments not made and Bill returned to the Council, 17 Dec., p. 201; amendments suggested by the Council on the consideration of the question that the Bill be read a third time; amendments considered, 22 Dec., p. 215; suggested amendments further considered and made with modifications and Bill returned to the Council, 23 Dec., p. 219; the Council's agreement to the Bill (including the amendments suggested by the Council as modified and made by the Assembly) notified, 24 Dec., p. 224. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 4008.*)
- COMPANIES: Bill to amend the *Companies Act 1928*—(*Mr. Slater*).—Initiated, after debate, and read a first time, 3 June, 1931, p. 19; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 17 Nov., p. 154; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 25 Nov., p. 163; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 17 Dec., p. 199; amendments considered and agreed to, 17 Dec., pp. 204-5; Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 55) recommending an amendment in the Bill; amendment agreed to; His Excellency's Message transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence requested, 23 Dec., p. 221; the Council's agreement to the amendment notified, 24 Dec., p. 223. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 4005.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 1): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £1,481,884 to the service of the year 1931-32—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 25 June, 1931, p. 34; the Council's agreement notified, 1 July, p. 36. (*Assented to 2 July, 1931. Act No. 3951.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 2): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £867,336 to the service of the year 1930-31—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 28 July, 1931, p. 47; the Council's agreement notified, 30 July, p. 48. (*Assented to 30 July, 1931. Act No. 3954.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 3): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £1,169,674 to the service of the year 1931-32—(*Mr. Slater*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 4 Aug., 1931, p. 51; the Council's agreement notified, 4 Aug., p. 51. (*Assented to 7 August, 1931. Act No. 3955.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 4): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £1,085,451 to the service of the year 1931-32—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 1 Sept., 1931, p. 72; the Council's agreement notified, 2 Sept., p. 81. (*Assented to 3 September, 1931. Act No. 3959.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 5): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £1,019,458 to the service of the year 1931-32—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 29 Sept., 1931, p. 107; the Council's agreement notified, 30 Sept., p. 111. (*Assented to 1 October, 1931. Act No. 3964.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 6): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £936,363 to the service of the year 1931-32—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 28 Oct., 1931, p. 133; the Council's agreement notified, 28 Oct., p. 135. (*Assented to 4 November, 1931. Act No. 3972.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 7): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £1,301,586 to the service of the year 1931-32—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 Nov., 1931, p. 165; the Council's agreement notified, 2 Dec., p. 168. (*Assented to 2 December, 1931. Act No. 3977.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 8): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £3,921,928 to the service of the year 1931-32—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Resolution from Committee of Ways and Means of 18 December read; Bill initiated and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 24 Dec., p. 223; the Council's agreement notified, 24 Dec., p. 224. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 4016.*)
- CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT (PROPERTY QUALIFICATION ABOLITION): Bill to amend *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*—(*Mr. Hayes*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 June, 1931, p. 32.—Bill lapsed.
- CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT (QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORS): Bill relating to the qualification of electors for the Legislative Assembly—(*Mr. Dunstan* for *Mr. Mackrell*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 June, 1931, p. 32; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 10 Sept., p. 90.—Bill lapsed
- COUNTRY ROADS: Bill to amend section 60 of the *Country Roads Act 1928*—(*Mr. Webber*).—Initiated and read a first time, 20 May, 1931, p. 14; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to, 28 May, p. 18; Bill read the third time and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 27 Aug., p. 65.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.

**COUNTRY ROADS BOARD FUND:** Bill relating to The Country Roads Board Fund and for other purposes—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 48) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; motion made for leave to bring in Bill—motion, That the debate be now adjourned—agreed to, on division; motion made, That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow; amendment proposed—That the word “to-morrow” be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “this day six months”; amendment negatived, on division; Ordered—That the debate (on motion for leave to bring in Bill) be adjourned until to-morrow, 15 Dec., 1931, p. 184.—Bill lapsed.

**CULTIVATION ADVANCES:** Bill to enable advances to be made on certain terms to cultivators of land and for other purposes—(*Mr. Bailey*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 50) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1931, p. 192; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 18 Dec., p. 205; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Dec., p. 210; the Council's agreement notified, 23 Dec., p. 221. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 4004.*)

**DAIRY PRODUCE:** Bill to amend the law relating to dairy produce—(*Mr. Pollard*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 June, 1931, p. 33; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 13 Aug., p. 55; debate resumed and adjourned 16 Sept., p. 99; 17 Sept., p. 100; debate continued; motion, That the question be now put, negatived; Bill read a second time after further debate; motion, That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, negatived; Bill committed; considered in Committee, 6 Oct., p. 113; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 14 Oct., p. 122; the Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified, 20 Oct., p. 126; amendment considered and agreed to, after motion to agree to amendment and further motion to disagree with amendment withdrawn, 21 Oct., p. 128. (*Assented to 4 November, 1931. Act No. 3969.*)

**DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT:** Bill to approve an agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia of the first part and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh parts respectively relating to the conversion of the internal public debts of the Commonwealth and the States—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 10) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 30 June, 1931, p. 35; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 21 July, p. 42; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; Bill read the third time;

concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 23 July, p. 43; the Council's agreement notified, 28 July, p. 45. (*Assented to 29 July, 1931. Act No. 3953.*)

**DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT (BILL No. 2):** Bill to approve an agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia of the first part and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh parts respectively relating to the compulsory conversion of the internal debts of the Commonwealth and the States in certain cases and to refer to the Parliament of the Commonwealth a certain matter in connexion with the compulsory conversion of such debts, and for other purposes—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 40) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 24 Nov., 1931, p. 161; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 2 Dec., p. 170; debate resumed—Bill read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee, 17 Dec., p., 203; further considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time, on division; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22-3 Dec., p. 216; the Council's agreement notified, 24 Dec., p. 224. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 4009.*)

**DRIED FRUITS:** Bill to amend section 6 of the *Dried Fruits Act 1928* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Webber for Mr. Staler*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1931, p. 195; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 201; the Council's agreement notified, 22 Dec., p. 213. (*Assented to 24 December, 1931. Act No. 3992.*)

**ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION:** Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for works and undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 Dec., 1931, p. 181; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 16 Dec., p. 192; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16-17 Dec., p. 198; the Council's agreement notified, 22 Dec., p. 213. (*Assented to 24 December, 1931. Act No. 3993.*)

**FACTORIES AND SHOPS:** Bill to amend the *Factories and Shops Act 1928* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Webber*).—Initiated and read a first time, 13 May, 1931, p. 11; motion made, That this Bill be now read a second time; motion, That the debate be now adjourned—agreed to; motion made, That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 30th June instant; amendment proposed, That the words and figures “Tuesday, 30th June instant” be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “this day three months”; question, That the words and figures proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—negatived; question proposed, That the words “this day three months” be inserted in place of the words omitted; further amendment proposed—That the proposed amendment be amended by omitting the words “three months” with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “six weeks”; question, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed further amendment—negatived, on division; question, That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so

inserted—agreed to on division; question, That the debate be adjourned until this day six weeks—agreed to, 9 June, p. 21; order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 217.

**FACTORIES AND SHOPS (BILL No. 2):** Bill to amend the law relating to the supervision and regulation of factories and shops and to other industrial matters—(*Mr. Webber*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 Oct., 1931, p. 115; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 7 Oct., p. 118; debate resumed and adjourned, 11 Nov., p. 148; debate continued—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 12 Nov., p. 149.

**ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEES.**—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the annual fees to be paid for the registration of factories and shops; matter considered in Committee; resolution specifying the fees reported and agreed to, 2 Dec., p. 170.

Bill further considered in Committee, 2 Dec., p. 170. 8 Dec., pp. 173 and 180; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; Bill read the third time and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., pp. 192-3.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.

**FACTORIES AND SHOPS (METAL INDUSTRY):** Bill to regulate the conditions of female labour in the metal industry (*Mr. Reid* for *Mr. Holland*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 June, 1931, p. 32.—Bill lapsed.

**FEDERAL AID ROADS:** Bill to approve adopt authorize and ratify an agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria relating to the varying of the agreement set out in the schedule to the *Federal Aid Roads Act 1926* and approved adopted authorized and ratified by that Act—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 39) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 24 Nov., 1931, p. 160; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 8 Dec., p. 173; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 205; the Council's agreement notified, 22 Dec., p. 215. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 3999.*)

✓ **FINANCIAL EMERGENCY:** Bill to make necessary provision for carrying out a plan agreed on by the Commonwealth and the States for meeting the grave financial emergency existing in Australia, re-establishing financial stability, and restoring industrial and general prosperity—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Initiated, after debate, and read a first time, 30 June, 1931, p. 35; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 1 July, p. 36; debate resumed and amendment proposed, That all the words after "That" be omitted with the view of inserting "this House is of opinion that the plan for the carrying out of which this Bill seeks to make provision is sectional and unjust in its immediate incidence, imposes a burden which in its subsequent distribution throughout the community will oppress the poor and relieve the rich, and will not attain its declared objects of re-establishing financial stability and restoring industrial and general prosperity, and that

no plan will attain these objects or satisfy this House and the country which does not provide for the exaction from every person enjoying wealth beyond the needs of himself and of his dependants of a just contribution, the burden of which should be so distributed as to remedy the present inequalities of income and to ensure that there shall be neither superfluity nor want"; amendment negatived, on division; debate on second reading adjourned, 9 July, p. 38; debate resumed and adjourned, 14 July, p. 39; order for resumption of debate on second reading read—petition presented from the President, Vice-Presidents, and other members of the Victorian Teachers' Union praying that the President and Vice-Presidents of the Victorian Teachers' Union be heard on behalf of themselves and other members at the Bar of the House in opposition to the Bill; motion, That the petition be read—agreed to; petition read; motion, That the petitioners be heard by the President and Vice-Presidents of the Victorian Teachers' Union at the Bar of the House—debate adjourned, 15 July, p. 39; debate on second reading of Bill resumed and adjourned, 15 July, p. 40; 16 July, p. 40; debate continued—Bill read a second time, on division, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly and committed; considered in Committee, 21 July, p. 41; message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 13) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to; Bill further considered in Committee, 22-3 July, p. 42; further considered in Committee, 23 July, p. 43; 29 July, p. 48; 4 Aug., pp. 49 and 51; debate resumed on question, That the petitioners be heard by the President and Vice-Presidents of the Victorian Teachers' Union at the Bar of the House in opposition to the Bill; question negatived, on division, 4 Aug., p. 51; Bill further considered in Committee, 5-6 Aug., p. 52; 6 Aug., p. 52; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; recommitted in respect of clauses 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 23, and 24, the headings to Parts III. and IV., and clauses II, KK, LL, MM, OO, SS, TT, UU, CCC, XX, YY, ZZA, DDD, EEE, FFF, GGG, and HHH; reconsidered in Committee and Bill reported with further amendments; recommitted in respect of clause 3, all the clauses in Part III. and the heading thereto, and clause AAA; reconsidered in Committee and Bill again reported with further amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; motion, That the Clerk be authorized to re-number the clauses and sub-sections consequent on the omission and insertion of new clauses and sub-sections in Committee, and to make any necessary re-numbering of the Parts and Divisions of the Bill—agreed to; Bill read the third time, on division, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 11-12 Aug., pp. 53-4; amendments suggested by Council on the consideration of the Bill in Committee; some of the suggested amendments made, the others not made, and Bill returned to the Council, 25 Aug., p. 62; amendments suggested by the Council on the consideration of the Report of the Committee, 26 Aug., p. 64; suggested amendments not made and Bill returned to the Council, 27 Aug., p. 65; amendments suggested by the Council on the consideration of the question that the Bill be read a third time; one of the suggested amendments made, the others not made, and Bill returned to the Council, 1 Sept., p. 70; the Council's agreement to the

Bill (including the amendments made by the Assembly which were suggested by the Council) with amendments notified, 1 Sept., p. 72; amendments considered—some agreed to, some agreed to with amendments, some disagreed with, and one disagreed with but an amendment made in the clause, and Bill returned to the Council, 8 Sept., pp. 83-8; the Council agree to the Assembly's amendments on their amendments, do not insist on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly but insist on others, agree to the amendments made by the Assembly in the Bill and make other amendments; the Assembly agree to the Council's consequential amendment in clause 18; agree to the Council's amendment in clause 29; and do not insist on disagreeing with others but agree to the said amendments with amendments and with consequential amendments, and Bill returned to the Council, 15 Sept., pp. 91-4; the Council agree to the amendments of the Assembly on the amendments of the Council and agree to the consequential amendments made by the Assembly, 17 Sept., p. 100; message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 25) recommending amendments in the Bill; amendments agreed to; His Excellency's message transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence requested, 22 Sept., pp. 101-2; the Council's agreement to the amendments notified, 23 Sept., p. 102. (*Assented to 24 September, 1931. Act No. 3961.*)

**FINANCIAL EMERGENCY (AMENDMENT):** Bill to amend Part III. of the *Financial Emergency Act 1931*—(*Mr. Slater*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 Oct., 1931, p. 115; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 7 Oct., p. 118; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 20 Oct., p. 126; amendments considered—one agreed to with a consequential amendment, the others agreed to, and Bill returned to the Council, 21 Oct., pp. 126-8; the Council's agreement to the consequential amendment notified, 27 Oct., p. 130. (*Assented to 4 November, 1931. Act No. 3970.*)

**FINANCIAL EMERGENCY (AMENDMENT) (BILL NO. 2):** Bill to amend sub-section (2) of section 11 of the *Financial Emergency Act 1931*—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 36) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 19 Nov., 1931, p. 157; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 24 Nov., p. 161; the Council's agreement notified, 25 Nov., p. 161. (*Assented to 1 December, 1931. Act No. 3976.*)

**FIREARMS:** Bill to amend the *Firearms Act 1928*—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 22 Dec., 1931, p. 213; read a second time and committed, 23 Dec., p. 219.

**FIREARMS FEES.**—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain fees; matter considered in Committee; resolution specifying the fees reported and agreed to, 23 Dec., p. 219.

Bill considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 23 Dec., p. 219. — Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.

**FISHERIES:** Bill to amend the *Fisheries Act 1928*—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 11 Nov., 1931, p. 148; motion, That this Bill be

now read a second time—debate adjourned, 18 Nov., p. 156; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 10 Dec., p. 181; further considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 201; the Council's agreement notified, 22 Dec., p. 215. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 3997.*)

**FORTY-FOUR HOURS WORKING WEEK:** Bill to establish a working week of 44 hours and for other purposes—(*Mr. Reid for Mr. Holland*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 June, 1931, p. 32.—Bill lapsed.

**GAS REGULATION:** Bill to amend the law with respect to the supply of gas—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 20 May, 1931, p. 14; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 21 May, p. 15; order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 217.

**HAWKERS AND PEDLERS:** Bill to amend the *Hawkers and Pedlers Acts*—(*Mr. Hogan for Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 28 Oct., 1931, p. 132; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee; 11 Nov., p. 148; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to, 12 Nov., p. 149; Bill read the third time and a further amendment made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Nov., p. 155; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 3 Dec., p. 171; amendments considered and agreed to, 10 Dec., p. 181. (*Assented to 15 December, 1931. Act No. 3984.*)

**HAWTHORN BRIDGE:** Bill relating to the reconstruction of the bridge across the river Yarra Yarra at or near Bridge-road, Richmond, and to the maintenance of the said bridge and for other purposes—(*Mr. Webber*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 47) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1931, p. 183; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 17 Dec., p. 205; debate resumed and adjourned, 23 Dec., p. 221.—Bill lapsed.

**HEALTH:** Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Health Act 1928'*"—(*Mr. Pollard*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 18 Dec., 1931, p. 206; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 18 Dec., p. 210; debate resumed and adjourned, 22 Dec., p. 213; debate continued—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council with the Assembly's amendments desired, 22 Dec., p. 215; the Council's agreement to the amendments notified, 24 Dec., p. 224. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 4010.*)

**INCOME TAX:** Bill to declare the rates of income tax for the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1932, and to continue the *Income Tax Acts*—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1931, p. 197; read a second time, on division, and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Dec., pp. 205-6; amendment suggested by the Council on the consideration of the Bill in Committee; suggested amendment made and Bill returned to the Council, 23 Dec., p. 221; the Council's agreement to the Bill

(including the amendment made by the Assembly which was suggested by the Council) notified, 24 Dec., p. 224. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 4012.*)

**INCOME TAX ACTS AMENDMENT:** Bill to amend the Income Tax Acts—(*Mr. Slater*).—Initiated and read a first time, 22 Dec., 1931, p. 215; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to; motion, That this Bill be now read a third time—debate adjourned, 23 Dec., p. 219; Bill read the third time and a further amendment made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 24 Dec., p. 222; the Council's agreement notified, 24 Dec., p. 224. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 4015.*)

**INDETERMINATE SENTENCES:** Bill to amend sub-section (5) of section 525 and sub-section (1) of section 529 of the *Crimes Act 1928*—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 July, 1931, p. 39; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 12 Aug., p. 54; the Council's agreement notified, 25 Aug., p. 62. (*Assented to 26 August, 1931. Act No. 3957.*)

**INSTRUMENTS:** Bill to amend Part VII. of the *Instruments Act 1928*—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe for Mr. Slater*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1931, p. 195; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 201; the Council's agreement notified, 22 Dec., p. 215. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 3998.*)

**JUDGMENTS (RECIPROcity):** Bill to amend Division 12 of Part VIII. of the *Supreme Court Act 1928*—(*Mr. Slater*).—Initiated and read a first time, 6 May, 1931, p. 3; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 217.

**LANDLORD AND TENANT (RENT REDUCTION):** Bill to provide for the reduction for a certain period of the rent payable in respect of certain leases, and for other purposes—(*Mr. Slater*).—Initiated and read a first time, 18 Aug., 1931, p. 57; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 19 Aug., p. 58; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 9 Sept., p. 89; further considered in Committee, 15 Sept., p. 99; 20 Oct., p. 126; further considered in Committee; progress reported; the Chairman of Committees reported having ruled proposed new clause DD, referring to bonus and other consideration in the nature of rent or bonus payable under the lease, was in order as the provisions were relevant to the Bill; the Chairman's ruling confirmed by Mr. Speaker; Bill further considered in Committee, 29 Oct., pp. 135-6; 29 Oct., p. 137; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; recommitted in respect of clauses 2 to 8 inclusive; reconsidered in Committee and reported with further amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to, 4 Nov., p. 139; Bill read the third time, and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 10 Nov., pp. 141-2; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 2 Dec., p. 168; amendments considered—some agreed to, some agreed to with amendments, some disagreed with, and others disagreed with but amendments made in the Bill, and Bill returned to the Council, 8 Dec., pp. 174-9; the Council disagree with one of the Assembly's amendments on the amendment of the Council to insert new clause F but make

an amendment in the said new clause, agree to the other amendments of the Assembly on the amendments of the Council and to the Assembly's amendments and consequential amendments, one with an amendment and one with a consequential amendment, do not insist on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly but insist on their amendments to insert new clauses C and D and insist on their amendment to insert new clause A but make amendments in the said new clause, 15 Dec., p. 183; the Assembly do not insist on their amendment on the Council's amendment to insert new clause F disagreed with by the Council and agree to the amendment of the Council in said new clause; agree to the Council's amendment on the amendment of the Assembly on the Council's amendment in clause 5; agree to the Council's consequential amendment in clause 17 on the amendment of the Assembly on the Council's amendment in clause 12; do not insist on disagreeing with the Council's amendment to insert new clause D but make amendments in the said new clause and make an amendment in clause 14; insist on disagreeing with the Council's amendment to insert new clause C but insert a new clause to follow clause 14; do not insist on disagreeing with the Council's amendment to insert new clause A, and agree to the said new clause as amended by the Council, and Bill returned to the Council, 15 Dec., pp. 184-8; the Council agree to the amendments of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council to insert new clause D, and to the amendment made by the Assembly in clause 14; do not now insist on their amendment to insert new clause C, and agree to the new clause inserted by the Assembly to follow clause 14, 16 Dec., p. 192; message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 53) recommending amendments in the Bill; amendments agreed to; His Excellency's message transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence requested, 18 Dec., p. 211; the Council's agreement to the amendments notified, 22 Dec., p. 213. (*Assented to 24 December, 1931. Act No. 3990.*)

**LAND TAX:** Bill to declare the rate of land tax for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1932—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1931, p. 198; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 201; amendment suggested by the Council on the consideration of the Bill in Committee; suggested amendment made with a modification and Bill returned to the Council, 24 Dec., p. 222; the Council's agreement to the Bill (including the amendment suggested by the Council as modified and made by the Assembly) notified, 24 Dec., p. 224. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 4013.*)

**LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE:** Bill to amend the law regulating the practice of the legal profession and for other purposes—(*Mr. Slater*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 5) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 6 May, 1931, p. 7; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 9 June, p. 21; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 16 Sept., p. 99; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to, 17 Nov., p. 155; Bill read the third time and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 25 Nov., pp. 162-3—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.

**LICENSING:** Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the sale or Supply of Liquor on Good Friday*"—(*Mr. Blackburn*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 7 July, 1931, p. 37.—Bill lapsed.

**LICENSING (FEES):** Bill to amend section 19 of the *Licensing Act 1928*—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1931, p. 195; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 17 Dec., p. 204; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment and with an amended title, viz.:—*A Bill to amend Sections Nineteen and Thirty-nine of the "Licensing Act 1928"*; Bill, as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17-18 Dec., p. 205; the Council's agreement notified, 23 Dec., p. 216. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 4001.*)

**LICENSING (HALF-YEARLY PAYMENTS):** Bill to make provision with respect to certain payments under the *Licensing Acts*—(*Mr. Cain*).

**LICENSING FEES.**—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain licence-fees; matter considered in Committee; resolution specifying the fees reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon, 23 Dec., 1931, p. 221.

Bill initiated and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 23 Dec., p. 221; the Council's agreement notified, 24 Dec., p. 224. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 4011.*)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS AMENDMENT:** Bill to amend the *Local Government Act 1928*—(*Mr. Cremean*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 June, 1931, p. 33.—Bill lapsed.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS):** Bill to amend the law relating to municipal elections—(*Mr. Webber*).—Motion for leave to bring in Bill negatived, on division, 21 May, 1931, p. 15.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF INTEREST):** Bill to reduce temporarily the rate of interest payable by certain owners in accordance with section 382 of the *Local Government Act 1928*—(*Mr. Webber*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Dec., 1931, p. 180; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 10 Dec., p. 182; the Council's agreement notified, 16 Dec., p. 195. (*Assented to 24 December, 1931. Act No. 3985.*)

**MACHINERY MONOPOLIES RESTRICTION:** Bill to prohibit and restrain certain monopolies and attempts to monopolize the trade in machines and machinery and parts and accessories of machines and machinery and for other purposes—(*Mr. Blackburn*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 June, 1931, p. 32.—Bill lapsed.

**MALVERN LOANS:** Bill to authorize the city of Malvern to expend the balances of certain moneys for purposes other than the purposes for which the said moneys were borrowed by the said city—(*Mr. Webber*).—Initiated and read a first time, 22 Dec., 1931, p. 213; order for second reading read; Bill ruled a Private Bill; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—agreed to; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22 Dec., p. 214; the Council's agreement notified, 23 Dec., p. 219. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 4003.*)

**MARKETING OF PRIMARY PRODUCTS:** Bill to provide for boards for the marketing of certain classes of products and for other purposes—(*Mr. Slater*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 7) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 6 May, 1931, p. 7; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 217.

**MEDICAL:** Bill to amend Part I. of the *Medical Act 1928* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 21 May, 1931, p. 15; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 3 Sept., p. 81; order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 217.

**MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD:** Bill relating to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board—(*Mr. Webber*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1931, p. 195; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 201; the Council's agreement notified, 22 Dec., p. 215. (*Assented to 24 December, 1931. Act No. 3994.*)

**MILDURA IRRIGATION AND WATER TRUSTS:** Bill to relieve the First Mildura Irrigation Trust of part of its indebtedness for moneys borrowed from the State for water supply and for other purposes—(*Mr. Bailey*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 51) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1931, p. 196; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Dec., p. 205; the Council's agreement notified, 23 Dec., p. 216. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 4002.*)

**MILDURA VINEYARDS PROTECTION:** Bill to repeal the Mildura Vineyards Protection Acts and for other purposes—(*Mr. Slater*).—Initiated and read a first time, 19 Nov., 1931, p. 157; order for second reading read; message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 44) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 Dec., pp. 169-70; the Council's agreement notified, 8 Dec., p. 180. (*Assented to 15 December, 1931. Act No. 3983.*)

**MILK BOARD:** Bill to make provision for the appointment of a milk board and for the powers and duties thereof and for other purposes—(*Mr. Pollard*).—Initiated and read a first time 27 Oct., 1931, p. 129; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 217.

**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT:** Bill to establish a Ministry of Transport, and for purposes connected therewith—(*Mr. Cain*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 4) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 6 May, 1931, p. 6; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 19 May, p. 13; debate resumed and adjourned, 3 June, p. 19; 4 June, p. 20; 10

June, p. 22; 17 June, p. 25; debate continued—Bill read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee, 18 June, p. 26; order for further consideration in Committee discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 217.

**MOTOR CAR:** Bill relating to the registration of motor cars—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).

**REGISTRATION FEES.**—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain fees to be paid on the registration of or the renewal of the registration of a motor car; matter considered in Committee; resolution specifying the fees reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon, 2 Dec., 1931, p. 169.

Bill initiated and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 Dec., p. 169; the Council's agreement notified, 3 Dec., p. 171. (*Assented to 4 December, 1931. Act No. 3981.*)

**MOTOR CAR (BILL No. 2):** Bill to amend sections 4 and 10 of the *Motor Car Act 1928* and to make provision with respect to refunds in certain cases—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1931, p. 195; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned; message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 54) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, 22 Dec., p. 214.

**MOTOR CAR FEES.**—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain motor car fees; matter considered in Committee; resolution specifying the fees reported and agreed to, 22 Dec., p. 214.

Debate on second reading resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22 Dec., p. 215.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.

**MOTOR CAR (THIRD PARTY INSURANCE):** Bill to make provision for compulsory insurance with respect to motor cars and for other purposes—(*Mr. Webber for Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Nov., 1931, p. 148; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 217.

**MOTOR FREIGHT VEHICLES:** Bill to regulate the use of motor freight vehicles and for other purposes—(*Mr. Cain*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1931, p. 195; Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 52) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to; motion made, That this Bill be now read a second time; motion, That the debate be now adjourned, agreed to; motion made, That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next; amendment proposed, That the words "Tuesday next" be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "this day month"; amendment negatived; ordered—That the debate on second reading be adjourned until Tuesday next, 18 Dec., p. 207; debate on second reading postponed, after debate, until this day, 23 Dec., p. 221.—Bill lapsed.

**NORTHCOTE LOAN:** Bill to approve adopt authorize and ratify an agreement between the mayor councillors and citizens of the city of Northcote and the trustees for the time being of the Victorian board of directors of the Australian Natives Association and to provide for the form of the debentures to be

issued pursuant to the said agreement—(*Mr. Webber*).—Initiated and read a first time, 11 Nov., 1931, p. 148; order for second reading read; Bill ruled a Private Bill; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—agreed to; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 12 Nov., p. 149; the Council's agreement notified, 25 Nov., p. 161. (*Assented to 1 December, 1931. Act No. 3975.*)

**NURSES:** Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Section Eleven and Section Fourteen of the 'Nurses Act 1928'*"—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 11 Nov., 1931, p. 148; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 17 Nov., p. 155; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 2 Dec., p. 169. (*Assented to 4 December, 1931. Act No. 3979.*)

**PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYEES AND CIVIL SERVANTS):** Bill to allow railway employees and all civil servants to contest any parliamentary election without having to resign from the service—(*Mr. McKenzie for Mr. Cremean*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 June, 1931, p. 32.—Bill lapsed.

**PENSIONS (CONTRIBUTORY) REDUCTION:** Bill to provide for the reduction for a certain period of certain amounts contributed by the State in respect of certain pensions and other payments and to reduce such pensions and other payments accordingly, and for other purposes—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1931, p. 162; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 1 Dec., p. 168.—Bill lapsed.

**POLICE OFFENCES:** Bill to amend the *Police Offences Act 1928*—(*Mr. Hayes for Mr. Cremean*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 June, 1931, p. 32; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 30 July, p. 48.—Bill lapsed.

**POLICE OFFENCES (CONSORTING):** Bill to amend the law relating to vagrancy—(*Mr. Slater*).—Initiated and read a first time, 21 Oct., 1931, p. 126; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 10 Nov., p. 143; further considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 11 Nov., p. 148; the Council's agreement notified, 12 Nov., p. 148. (*Assented to 17 November, 1931. Act No. 3974.*)

**POLICE OFFENCES (SPORTS GROUNDS):** Bill relating to betting by way of wagering on certain sports grounds—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 18 Dec., 1931, p. 210; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 22 Dec., p. 213; debate resumed and, on division, adjourned until this day month, 22 Dec., p. 215; order of the House making the resumption of the debate on the second reading an order of the day for this day month read and rescinded and resumption of debate made an order of the day for this day, 23 Dec., p. 217; debate on second reading resumed; Bill read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 23 Dec., pp. 218-9; the Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified, amendment considered and agreed to, 24 Dec., p. 223. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 4007.*)

**POLICE OFFENCES (TROTTER RACES):** Bill relating to the holding of certain trotting races at agricultural shows—(*Mr. Cain for Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated,

after debate, and read a first time, 19 Aug., 1931, p. 58; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 Sept., p. 81; the Council's agreement notified, 16 Sept., p. 99. (*Assented to 22 September, 1931. Act No. 3960.*)

**PRESTON LOAN:** Bill to authorize the City of Preston to construct and provide certain permanent works and undertakings in lieu of certain other permanent works and undertakings—(*Mr. Webber*).—Initiated and read a first time, 20 May, 1931, p. 14; order for second reading read; Bill ruled a Private Bill; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—agreed to; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 28 May, p. 18; the Council's agreement notified, 23 June, p. 27. (*Assented to 2 July, 1931. Act No. 3950.*)

**PROFITEERING PREVENTION:** Bill to make provision against the charging of unfair prices for certain commodities and for other purposes—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Initiated and read a first time, 13 May, 1931, p. 11; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 2 June, p. 19; order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 217.

**PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION:** Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts or in the State Loans Repayment Fund for public works and other purposes—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Initiated and read a first time; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 25 Nov., 1931, p. 162; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 1 Dec., p. 168; the Council's agreement notified, 2 Dec., p. 170. (*Assented to 4 December, 1931. Act No. 3980.*)

**RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION:** Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for railways and for other purposes—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 Dec., 1931, p. 181; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 16 Dec., p. 192; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 195; the Council's agreement notified, 22 Dec., p. 213. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 3996.*)

**ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW GROUNDS:** Bill to provide for the use of certain lands in the parish of Doudda Galla known as the royal agricultural show grounds for purposes of recreation entertainment or amusement in addition to the purposes provided for in certain orders in council and Crown grants relating to the said lands, the application of the net profits of such use of the said lands, and the validation of the transfers of certain lands previously forming portions of the said royal agricultural show grounds—(*Mr. Bailey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 23 Sept., 1931, p. 103; order for second reading read; Bill ruled a Private Bill; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—agreed to; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amended title, viz.:—*A Bill to provide for the Use of certain Lands in the Parish of Doudda Galla forming Portion of the Royal Agricultural Show Grounds for*

*Purposes of Recreation Entertainment or Amusement in addition to the Purposes provided for in certain Orders in Council and Crown Grants relating to the said Lands, the Application of the Net Profits of such Use of the said Lands, and the Validation of the Transfers of certain Lands previously forming Portions of the said Royal Agricultural Show Grounds;* Bill, as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to; read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 29 Sept., p. 107; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified; amendments considered and agreed to, 30 Sept., p. 110. (*Assented to 8 October, 1931. Act No. 3965.*)

**SEWERAGE DISTRICTS (TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF INTEREST):** Bill to reduce temporarily the rate of interest payable by certain owners in accordance with section 91 of the *Sewerage Districts Act 1928*—(*Mr. Bailey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Dec., 1931, p. 180; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 10 Dec., p. 182; the Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified, 16 Dec., p. 195; amendment considered and agreed to, 17 Dec., p. 201. (*Assented to 24 December, 1931. Act No. 3987.*)

**SOUTH MELBOURNE LOAN:** Bill to authorize the City of South Melbourne to expend the balance of certain moneys for purposes other than the purposes for which the said moneys were borrowed by the said city—(*Mr. Webber*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1931, p. 195; order for second reading read; Bill ruled a Private Bill; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—agreed to; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 201; the Council's agreement notified, 22 Dec., p. 213. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 3995.*)

**STAMPS:** Bill to amend the law relating to stamps and stamps duties—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).

**STAMP DUTIES:** (On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain stamp duties; matter considered in Committee; resolution specifying the duties reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon, 17 Dec., 1931, p. 199.

Bill initiated and read a first time, 17 Dec., p. 199; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 201; amendments suggested by the Council on the consideration of the Bill in Committee; suggested amendments made and Bill returned to the Council, 24 Dec., p. 223; the Council's agreement to the Bill (including the amendments made by the Assembly which were suggested by the Council) notified, 24 Dec., p. 224. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 4014.*)

**STAMPS (BETTING TAX):** Bill for imposing certain stamp duties on bookmakers' authorities and for other purposes—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).

**STAMP DUTIES ON AUTHORITIES FOR BOOKMAKERS.**—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain stamp duties; matter considered in Committee; resolution specifying the stamp duties reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon, 18 Dec., 1931, p. 211.

Bill initiated and read a first time, 18 Dec., p. 211; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 22 Dec., p. 214; debate resumed and adjourned, 22 Dec., p. 215.—Bill lapsed.

**STAMPS (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF)**: Bill to provide for the temporary continuation of the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts—(*Mr. Cain*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 25 Aug., 1931, p. 62; amendments suggested by the Council on the consideration of the Bill in Committee; Mr. Speaker said that the suggested amendments were an infringement of sub-section (2) of section 36 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*; suggested amendments not entertained and Bill returned to the Council, 25 Aug., p. 62; amendments suggested by the Council on the consideration of the Report of the Committee; resolution in lieu of resolution agreed to this day reported from Committee of Ways and Means and agreed to; Council's suggested amendments made with modifications and Bill returned to the Council, 25 Aug., p. 63; the Council's agreement to the Bill (including the amendments suggested by the Council as modified and made by the Assembly) notified, 26 Aug., p. 64. (*Assented to 26 August, 1931. Act No. 3958.*)

**STAMPS (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF) (Bill No. 2)**: Bill to amend the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and to provide for the temporary continuation thereof—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Oct., 1931, p. 114; the Council's agreement notified, 7 Oct., p. 118. (*Assented to 8 October, 1931. Act No. 3966.*)

**STAMPS UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF (BILL No. 3)**: Bill to amend the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and to provide for the temporary continuation thereof—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time; Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 32) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 29 Oct., 1931, p. 137; the Council's agreement notified, 4 Nov., p. 139. (*Assented to 4 November, 1931. Act No. 3973.*)

**STAMPS (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF) (BILL No. 4)**.—See "Unemployment Relief Amendment (Bill No. 3)."

**STOCK FOODS**: Bill relating to stock foods—(*Mr. Cain for Mr. Slater*).—Initiated and read a first time, 20 May, 1931, p. 14; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 28 May, p. 18; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 4 June, p. 20; further considered in Committee, 23 June, p. 27; 24 June, p. 33; 28 Oct., p. 135; 17 Nov., p. 155; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; recommitted in respect of clause 6; reconsidered in Committee and reported with further amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; Bill read the third time and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Nov., p. 156; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 17 Dec., p. 199; amendments considered—some agreed to, some disagreed with, and one agreed to but an amendment made in clause 7, and Bill returned to the Council, 17 Dec., pp. 203-4; the Council insist on their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly but agree to

the amendment made by the Assembly in clause 7, 22 Dec., p. 215; the Assembly insist on disagreeing with the amendments made and insisted on by the Council and Bill returned to the Council, 23 Dec., p. 220.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.

**THE QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LAND**: Bill relating to the revocation of the reservation of certain land in the city of Melbourne permanently reserved as a site for the purposes of the incorporated institution called The Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital and the revocation of the Crown grant of the said land and to provide for the grant of the said land and certain other land in the said city to the said institution—(*Mr. Hogan for Mr. Bailey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 Oct., 1931, p. 118; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 14 Oct., p. 122; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Oct., p. 126. (*Assented to 27 October, 1931. Act No. 3968.*)

**TREASURY BONDS**: Bill to authorize the issue of Treasury Bonds and to amend the *Treasury Bonds Act 1930*—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 37) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 24 Nov., 1931, p. 159; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 25 Nov., p. 162; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 1 Dec., p. 168; the Council's agreement notified, 2 Dec., p. 170. (*Assented to 4 December, 1931. Act No. 3978.*)

**TREASURY OVERDRAFTS**: Bill to amend the *Treasury Overdrafts Act 1930*—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 20) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 18 Aug., 1931, p. 57; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 19 Aug., p. 58; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 Sept., p. 82; amendment suggested by the Council on the consideration of the Bill in Committee; suggested amendment made and Bill returned to the Council, 17 Sept., p. 100; the Council's agreement to the Bill (including the amendment made by the Assembly which was suggested by the Council) notified, 23 Sept., p. 102. (*Assented to 29 September, 1931. Act No. 3963.*)

**TRUSTEE**: Bill intituled "An Act to provide Protection for Trustees in connexion with the Conversion of Securities under the Commonwealth Act known as the 'Commonwealth Debt Conversion Act 1931' and to make certain other provisions with respect to Trusts and Trustees, and for other purposes"—(*Mr. Slater*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 12 Aug., 1931, p. 54; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Council with the Assembly's amendments desired, 12 Aug., p. 54; the Council's agreement to the amendment in clause 8, and disagreement with the amendment in clause 6 but making an amendment in the said clause notified; the Assembly do not insist on their amendment in clause 6 and agree to the Council's amendment in the said clause, 13 Aug., p. 55. (*Assented to 14 August, 1931. Act No. 3956.*)

**UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF:** Bill to provide temporary relief to unemployed lessees mortgagors and purchasers under contracts of sale of dwelling-houses and to farmers in respect of debts and for other purposes—(*Mr. Slater*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 6) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 6 May, 1931, p. 7; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 6 May, p. 8; debate resumed and adjourned, 14 May, p. 11; 19 May, p. 13; debate continued—Bill read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee, 20 May, p. 14; further considered in Committee, 26 May, p. 17; 27 May, p. 17; 2 June, p. 19; 9 June, p. 22; 10 June, p. 22; 11 June, p. 24; 16 June, p. 25; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; re-committed in respect of Clause 6; re-considered in Committee, and reported with further amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to, 17 June, p. 25; Bill read the third time and further amendments made, 23 June, pp. 27-30; further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 24 June, pp. 31-2; amendment suggested by the Council on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, 4 Aug., p. 51; suggested amendment made and Bill returned to the Council, 12 Aug., p. 54; the Council's agreement to the Bill (including the amendment made by the Assembly which was suggested by the Council) with amendments notified, 13 Aug., p. 55; amendments considered—some agreed to, some disagreed with, some agreed to with amendments, and others disagreed with but other amendments made, and Bill returned to the Council, 2 Sept., pp. 74-81; the Council agree to some of the Assembly's amendments on the Council's amendments (some with amendments and some with consequential amendments), disagree with others, do not insist on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly but insist on others, agree to the amendments made by the Assembly in the Bill and make other amendments, 9 Sept., p. 89; the Assembly do not insist on disagreeing with some of the amendments made and insisted on by the Council but insist on disagreeing with others, do not insist on their amendment on the Council's amendment in clause 8 and now disagree with the Council's amendment, do not insist on their amendment on the Council's amendment in clause 27 and now agree to the Council's amendment with amendments, agree to the Council's amendments in clauses 13 and 36; agree to the Council's amendment on the Assembly's amendments on the Council's amendment in clause 31 and to the Council's amendments in new clause D and clause 34 with amendments and with consequential amendments, and Bill returned to the Council, 15 Sept., pp. 94-8; the Council do not insist on their amendments with which the Assembly insist on disagreeing; do not insist on their amendment in clause 8 now disagreed with by the Assembly; agree to the Assembly's amendments on the Council's amendments, and agree to the Assembly's consequential amendments, 17 Sept., p. 100; Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 26) recommending amendments in the Bill; amendments agreed to; His Excellency's Message transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence requested; the Council's agreement to the amendments notified, 23 Sept., p. 103. (*Assented to 24 September, 1931. Act No. 3962.*)

**UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF (AMENDMENT):** Bill to amend section 21 of the *Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Act 1931*—(*Mr. Slater*).—Initiated and passed without amendment;

concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 14 Oct., 1931, p. 122; the Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified; amendment considered; motion, That this House do agree to the amendment—debate adjourned, 27 Oct., p. 130; debate resumed and amendment agreed to, 28 Oct., p. 134. (*Assented to 4 November, 1931. Act No. 3971.*)

**UNEMPLOYED WORKERS INSURANCE:** Bill to make provision for the insurance of unemployed workers and for other purposes—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 2) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 6 May, 1931, p. 5; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 217.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT:** Bill to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and for other purposes—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 8) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 11 June, 1931, p. 24; debate resumed and adjourned, 30 June, p. 35; 1 July, p. 36; 7 July, p. 37; debate continued—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 8 July, p. 37; further considered in Committee, 28 July, p. 45; 13 Aug., p. 55; 18 Aug., p. 58; 19 Aug., p. 58; 20 Aug., p. 59; 25 Aug. pp. 62 and 63; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to, 26 Aug., p. 64; resolution in lieu of Parts B and C of resolution agreed to on 11 June reported from Committee of Ways and Means and agreed to; Bill read the third time and further amendments made, 1 Sept., pp. 67-70; further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 1 Sept., pp. 72-3; amendments suggested by the Council on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, 29 Sept., p. 105; suggested amendments considered; Mr. Speaker directed the attention of the House to suggested amendment No. 1 which proposes to substitute for the schedule of taxation contained in clause 3 a new schedule. He was of the opinion that the Council was not acting within its powers in suggesting an amendment to increase the rate of tax on any group or amount of taxable income set out in the Bill as passed by this House; motion made, That this House do make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council—motion, by leave, withdrawn; amendment in clause 3 not entertained, some amendments made, another not made, further consideration of suggested amendments postponed, 29 Sept., pp. 107-9; suggested amendments further considered—some made, others not made, and one made with a modification, and Bill returned to the Council, 30 Sept., pp. 110-11; amendments suggested by the Council on the consideration of the Report of the Committee, 6 Oct., p. 113; suggested amendments considered—amendment in clause 3 still not entertained, one made, others not made, and one made with modifications, and Bill returned to the Council, 7 Oct., pp. 115-18; amendments suggested by the Council on the consideration of the question that the Bill be read a third time, 7 Oct., p. 118; Free Conference desired with the Council on the subject-matter of the amendments suggested by the Council and six Members appointed to be managers of the Conference, 22 Oct., p. 128; Message from the Council that they had appointed six Members to confer with a like number

of Members of the Assembly, and naming the place and fixing the time of meeting of the Conference, 27 Oct., p. 130; Mr. Hogan announced that the Conference had met and concluded without arriving at an agreement, 29 Oct., p. 136; amendments suggested by the Council on the consideration of the question that the Bill be read a third time considered, amendment in clause 3 still not entertained, one not made, another not made but amendments made in the clause, others made with modifications, and Bill returned to the Council, 10-11 Nov., pp. 143-7.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT (BILL No. 2):** Bill to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and to make provision with respect to collections for unemployment—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time; Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 35) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, 17 Nov., 1931, p. 154; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 18 Nov., p. 155; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 19 Nov., p. 157; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; Bill read the third time and a further amendment made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 24-5 Nov., p. 161.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT (BILL No. 3):** Bill to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Mr. Hogan informed the House that the Unemployment Relief Amendment Bill (No. 2) had been "laid aside" by the Legislative Council—motion, That the resolution relating to Unemployment Relief Taxes and Stamp Duties which, upon 17th November last, was reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, and which was agreed to by the Legislative Assembly, be now read—agreed to; resolution read; Bill initiated and read a first time; Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 41) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 1 Dec., 1931, p. 167; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments and with an amended title, viz.:—*A Bill to amend and continue the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts*; Bill, as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 Dec., p. 170; the Council's agreement notified, 3 Dec., p. 171. (*Assented to 4 December, 1931. Act No. 3982.*)

**UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT (BILL No. 4):** Bill to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and to continue the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and to make provision with respect to collections for unemployment—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time; Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 49) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 16 Dec., 1931, pp. 191-2; debate resumed—Bill read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amend-

ments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; Bill read the third time, on division; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., pp. 199-200; the Council's agreement notified; report by the Clerk of the Parliaments of clerical errors in the Bill; errors corrected and the Council's concurrence with corrections desired, 22 Dec., p. 213; the Council's agreement in correction of clerical errors notified, 22 Dec., p. 215. (*Assented to 30 December, 1931. Act No. 4000.*)

**VACUUM OIL COMPANY:** Bill relating to the Vacuum Oil Company Proprietary Limited—(*Mr. Bailey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 23 Sept., 1931, p. 103; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 30 Sept., p. 110; debate resumed—Bill read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee, 27 Oct., p. 129; further considered in Committee, 4 Nov., p. 139; order for further consideration in Committee read and discharged; Bill committed to a Select Committee; Committee appointed, 11 Nov., p. 148; Report &c. presented; Bill recommitted, 10 Dec., p. 182; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to, 15-16 Dec., p. 188; Bill read the third time, on division, and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 193; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 205. (*Assented to 24 December, 1931. Act No. 3989.*)

**WAREEK LAND:** Bill to provide for the revocation of the permanent reservation of portions of certain land in the parish of Wareek permanently reserved for public purposes and for dealing with the said portions of the said land in accordance with section 172 of the *Land Act 1928*—(*Mr. Hogan for Mr. Bailey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1931, p. 162; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 Dec., p. 169; the Council's agreement notified, 16 Dec., p. 195. (*Assented to 24 December, 1931. Act No. 3986.*)

**WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION:** Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for irrigation works water supply works drainage and flood protection works in country districts and for works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1931, p. 192; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 193; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 205. (*Assented to 24 December, 1931. Act No. 3988.*)

**WHEAT AND FLOUR ACQUISITION:** Bill relating to wheat and flour and to make provision against undue restriction of the supply of flour and bread or the undue raising of the prices thereof, and for other purposes—(*Mr. Slater*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 3) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 6 May, 1931, p. 6; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 2 Sept., p. 73; debate resumed; motion, That the debate be now adjourned, negatived, on division, on casting vote; debate on second reading resumed and adjourned, 9 Sept., p. 89; debate continued—Bill read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee, 16 Sept., p. 99; further considered in Committee, 7 Oct., p. 118; 20 Oct., p. 126; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 21 Oct., p. 128; recom-

mitted in respect of a new clause relating to the fixing of the prices of flour and bread; considered in Committee and reported without further amendment; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; Bill read the third time and further amendments made; motion, That the further consideration of amendments after third reading be postponed until to-morrow—agreed to, on division, on casting vote, 27 Oct., pp. 130-31; amendments after third reading further considered and a further amendment made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 28 Oct., pp. 134-5.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION (TRANSFER OF FUNDS): Bill to make provision for giving effect so far as relates to Victoria to a certain resolution with respect to workmen's compensation adopted by an Imperial

Conference held in London in the year 1926—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated after debate, and read a first time, 21 May, 1931, p. 15; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 28 May, p. 18; the Council's agreement notified, 15 July, p. 39. (*Assented to 21 July, 1931. Act No. 3952.*)

WRONGS: Bill to amend the *Wrongs Act 1928* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Blackburn*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 June, 1931, p. 32; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to, 27 Aug., p. 64; Bill read the third time and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 Sept., p. 82.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.

SESSION 1931.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Under Section 136 of The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928, No. 3660, the Legislative Assembly consists of Sixty-five Members.

THIRTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THIRD SESSION (6TH MAY TO 24TH DECEMBER, 1931).

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.	Votes recorded for each Sitting Member.		Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
				First Preference Votes.	Final Result after Distribution of Votes under The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Allan, The Honorable John .. ..	Rodney ..	11,240	10,641	6,199	..	96° 24	92° 96	94° 67
Allnutt, Albert George, Esquire ..	Mildura ..	10,602	9,546	3,672	5,640	90° 01	90° 08	90° 04
Angus, The Honorable Henry .. ..	Gunbower ..	11,051	10,240	6,627	..	91° 62	93° 96	92° 66
Argyle, The Honorable Sir Stanley Seymour, K.B.E.	Toorak ..	22,001	20,241	12,662	..	94° 36	90° 52	92° 00
Bailey, The Honorable Henry Stephen <sup>1</sup> ..	Warrnambool ..	10,446	9,967	6,146	..	96° 11	94° 69	95° 41
Beardmore, The Honorable Henry ..	Benambra ..	8,453	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Bennett, Matthew, Esquire .. ..	Gippsland West ..	10,591	9,935	3,688	6,080	93° 92	93° 67	93° 81
Blackburn, Maurice McCrae, Esquire ..	Clifton Hill ..	23,189	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Bond, Ernest Edward, Esquire .. ..	Port Fairy and Glenelg ..	11,000	10,576	6,439	..	97° 26	94° 97	96° 15
Bouchier, Brigadier The Honorable Murray William James, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.	Goulburn Valley ..	11,367	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Brownbill, William, Esquire <sup>2</sup> .. ..	Geelong ..	17,775	16,984	10,667	..	95° 91	95° 24	95° 55
Cain, The Honorable John <sup>3</sup> .. ..	Northcote ..	22,346	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Cleary, Edward Francis, Esquire .. ..	Benalla ..	10,091	9,537	5,327	..	93° 82	95° 27	94° 51
Cook, Arthur Ernest, Esquire .. ..	Bendigo ..	15,921	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Cotter, Edmund John, Esquire <sup>4</sup> .. ..	Richmond ..	23,375	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Coyle, Ernest Augustine, Esquire .. ..	Waranga ..	9,229	8,690	4,176	4,444	95° 66	92° 43	94° 16
Cremean, Herbert Michael, Esquire ..	Dandenong ..	24,661	22,942	12,085	..	93° 81	92° 30	93° 03
Diffey, Lot Victor, Esquire .. ..	Wangaratta and Ovens ..	9,513	9,051	2,821	4,869	97° 97	92° 25	95° 14
Downard, Herbert, Esquire .. ..	Mornington ..	11,572	10,600	2,933	5,364	90° 52	92° 84	91° 60
Drakeford, Arthur Samuel, Esquire ..	Essendon ..	22,310	21,448	12,119	..	96° 90	95° 49	96° 14
Dunstan, Albert Arthur, Esquire .. ..	Korong and Eaglehawk ..	10,820	10,056	5,673	..	95° 28	90° 56	92° 32
Everard, William Hugh, Esquire <sup>5</sup> ..	Evelyn ..	9,997	9,294	5,622	..	93° 66	92° 26	92° 97
Frost, George Clement, Esquire <sup>6</sup> ..	Maryborough and Daylesford ..	10,614	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Glowrey, Harold, Esquire .. ..	Ouyen ..	11,068	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Gray, Burnett, Esquire .. ..	St. Kilda ..	26,168	24,495	13,253	..	94° 12	93° 22	93° 61
Gray, John Austin, Esquire <sup>7</sup> .. ..	Hawthorn ..	22,139	19,713	12,430	..	90° 14	88° 23	89° 04
Hayes, Thomas, Esquire .. ..	Melbourne ..	21,565	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Hjorth, Ralph Theodore, Esquire .. ..	Grant ..	9,700	8,977	4,457	..	92° 47	92° 64	92° 55
Hogan, The Honorable Edmond John <sup>8</sup> ..	Warrenheip and Grenville ..	9,733	9,421	5,609	..	97° 71	95° 89	96° 79
Holland, John Joseph, Esquire .. ..	Flemington ..	21,561	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Hyland, Herbert John Thornhill, Esquire	Gippsland South ..	10,330	9,791	4,175	5,999	93° 65	96° 18	94° 78
Jackson, Arthur Richard, Esquire .. ..	Prahran ..	24,291	22,345	12,516	..	88° 18	94° 92	91° 99
Jewell, James Roberts, Esquire .. ..	Brunswick ..	24,092	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Keane, Frank, Esquire .. ..	Coburg ..	23,308	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Kent Hughes, Wilfrid Selwyn, Esquire ..	Kew ..	23,742	22,143	13,551	..	93° 15	93° 35	93° 27
Knox, Lieut.-Col. The Honorable George Hodges, C.M.G., V.D. <sup>9</sup>	Upper Yarra ..	12,281	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Lemmon, The Honorable John <sup>10</sup> .. ..	Williamstown ..	21,549	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Lind, Albert Eli, Esquire .. ..	Gippsland East ..	7,126	6,693	5,148	..	93° 38	94° 64	93° 92
Linton, The Honorable Richard .. ..	Boroondara ..	24,813	23,237	13,881	..	95° 68	92° 12	93° 65
Luxton, Harold Daniel, Esquire <sup>11</sup> ..	Caulfield ..	24,486	22,224	7,746	12,033	96° 22	86° 48	90° 76
Macfarlan, The Honorable Ian .. ..	Brighton ..	24,523	23,163	10,460	11,342	95° 73	93° 45	94° 45
Mackrell, The Honorable Edwin Joseph	Upper Goulburn ..	9,492	8,949	4,555	..	96° 55	91° 50	94° 28
Maltby, Thomas Karran, Esquire .. ..	Barwon ..	11,580	11,145	6,821	..	97° 06	95° 52	96° 24
Manifold, Thomas Chester, Esquire ..	Hampden ..	10,699	10,212	5,336	..	96° 48	94° 35	95° 45
McAdam, William James, Esquire .. ..	Ballaarat ..	17,068	16,537	8,992	..	98° 91	95° 37	96° 89
McDonald, The Honorable James .. ..	Polwarth ..	11,217	10,666	5,843	..	94° 55	95° 72	95° 09
McKenzie, William George, Esquire ..	Wonthaggi ..	9,902	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
McLachlan, James Weir, Esquire .. ..	Gippsland North ..	10,173	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—*continued.*

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.	Votes recorded for each Sitting Member.		Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
				First Preference Votes.	Final Result after Distribution of Votes under <i>The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928.</i>	Male.	Female.	Total.
Menzies, The Honorable Robert Gordon, K.C.	Nunawading ..	21,032	19,876	10,932	..	96•20	93•13	94•50
Moncur, William Anderson, Esquire ..	Walhalla ..	10,213	9,515	4,208	5,024	93•20	93•12	93•17
Murphy, James Laurence, Esquire <sup>12</sup> ..	Port Melbourne ..	21,292	19,247	16,648	..	85•68	95•51	90•40
Old, The Honorable Francis Edward <sup>13</sup> ..	Swan Hill ..	9,220	8,367	4,706	..	91•47	89•82	90•75
Peacock, The Honorable Sir Alexander James, K.C.M.G. <sup>14</sup>	Allandale ..	9,687	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Pennington, The Honorable John Warburton, C.B.E.	Kara Kara and Borung	10,915	9,996	5,915	..	92•77	90•35	91•58
Pollard, The Honorable Reginald Thomas <sup>15</sup>	Bulla and Dalhousie	9,959	9,151	4,911	..	92•65	91•05	91•89
Prendergast, The Honorable George Michael	Footscray ..	23,970	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Reid, Squire Horace, Esquire ..	Oakleigh ..	27,452	25,778	14,580	..	97•48	90•90	93•90
Satchell, Jesse Edward, Esquire <sup>16</sup> ..	Castlemaine and Kyneton	10,291	9,874	4,926	..	95•91	95•99	95•95
Slater, The Honorable William <sup>17</sup> ..	Dundas ..	10,828	10,346	5,922	..	97•20	93•86	95•55
Solly, Robert Henry, Esquire <sup>18</sup> ..	Carlton ..	20,405	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Toutcher, The Honorable Richard Frederick	Stawell and Ararat	11,071	10,505	5,415	..	96•09	93•64	94•89
Tunnecliffe, The Honorable Thomas <sup>19</sup> ..	Collingwood ..	22,154	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Wallace, Arthur Knight, Esquire ..	Albert Park ..	22,824	20,901	10,994	..	91•14	91•91	91•59
Webber, The Honorable Gordon Charles <sup>20</sup>	Heidelberg ..	25,525	23,691	15,391	..	95•63	90•39	92•81
Wettenhall, The Honorable Marcus Edwy	Lowan ..	11,262	10,716	4,922	6,168	94•17	96•22	95•15

## NOTES.

The particulars given in the above table relate to the General Election 1929; the date of each Member's election, when noted as "unopposed," being 12 November, 1929, the "day of nomination," and in other cases 30 November, 1929, the "day of polling."

Where the Member's name is printed in *italic* the particulars relate to the elections held subsequent to the General Election 1929, and the dates of such elections will be found in the following notes:—

- <sup>1</sup> The Hon. H. S. Bailey, President of the Board of Land and Works, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, and Minister of Water Supply (without salary) from 12 December, 1929.
- <sup>2</sup> Mr. W. Brownbill, Chairman of Committees from 17 December, 1929.
- <sup>3</sup> The Hon. J. Cain, Minister of Railways, Minister in Charge of Electrical Undertakings (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 12 December, 1929.
- <sup>4</sup> Mr. E. J. Cotter, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 30 November, 1929.
- <sup>5</sup> Mr. W. H. Everard, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 8 July, 1924.
- <sup>6</sup> Mr. G. C. Frost, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 12 July, 1927.
- <sup>7</sup> Mr. J. A. Gray, elected 27 September, 1930, *vice* the Hon. Sir W. M. McPherson, resigned 26 August, 1930.
- <sup>8</sup> The Hon. E. J. Hogan, Premier, Treasurer, and Minister of Markets (without salary) from 12 December, 1929.
- <sup>9</sup> Lieut.-Col. the Hon. G. H. Knox, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 12th May, 1931.
- <sup>10</sup> The Hon. J. Lemmon, Minister of Public Instruction, and Minister of Labour (without salary) from 12 December, 1929.
- <sup>11</sup> Mr. H. D. Luxton, elected 22 November, 1930, *vice* Lieut.-Col. F. E. Forrest, deceased 19 October, 1930.
- <sup>12</sup> Mr. J. L. Murphy, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 12 July, 1927.
- <sup>13</sup> The Hon. F. E. Old, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 12 July, 1927.
- <sup>14</sup> The Hon. Sir A. J. Peacock, Speaker from 4 July, 1928.
- <sup>15</sup> The Hon. R. T. Pollard, appointed a Member of the Executive Council; also a member of the Government without office from 12 December, 1929.
- <sup>16</sup> Mr. J. E. Satchell, elected by a majority of 29 votes at the General Election 1929, and by 27 votes on recount before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, 7 May, 1930.
- <sup>17</sup> The Hon. W. Slater, Minister of Agriculture, Attorney-General (without salary), and Solicitor-General (without salary) from 12 December, 1929.
- <sup>18</sup> Mr. R. H. Solly, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 12th May, 1931.
- <sup>19</sup> The Hon. T. Tunnecliffe, Chief Secretary from 12 December, 1929.
- <sup>20</sup> The Hon. G. C. Webber, appointed a member of the Government without office, 12 December, 1929.

## OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

<i>The Speaker</i> .. .. .	The Honorable SIR ALEXANDER JAMES PEACOCK, K.C.M.G.
<i>The Chairman of Committees</i> .. .. .	WILLIAM BROWNBILL, Esquire.
<i>Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly</i> .. .. .	WILLIAM ROBERT ALEXANDER, Esquire, J.P.
<i>The Clerk-Assistant</i> .. .. .	GEORGE REYNOLDS WEBB, Esquire.
<i>Clerk of Committees and Sergeant at-Arms</i> .. .. .	FREDERICK EDWARD WANKE, Esquire.

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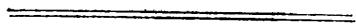


VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 1.



WEDNESDAY, 6TH MAY, 1931.

1. The Legislative Assembly met pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor bearing date the tenth day of April, 1931.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.

The Proclamation was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

FURTHER PROROGUING PARLIAMENT AND FIXING THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE THIRD SESSION OF THE THIRTIETH PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS The Parliament of Victoria stands prorogued until Tuesday, the twenty-first day of April, 1931 : Now I, the Governor of the State of Victoria, in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Wednesday, the sixth day of May, 1931, and I do hereby fix Wednesday, the sixth day of May, 1931 aforesaid, at the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the said Parliament of Victoria, for the despatch of business, in the Parliament Houses, situate in Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne: And the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

(L.S.) Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this tenth day of April, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, and in the twenty-first year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

SOMERS.

By His Excellency's Command,

E. J. HOGAN.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—A Message was delivered by the Usher of the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor desires the immediate attendance of the Legislative Assembly in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House went to attend His Excellency :—And having returned—

3. **YALLOURN BROWN COAL MINE RAILWAY DEVIATION.**—Mr. Hayes, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the brown coal workings at Yallourn with the existing railway system at a point west of the Haunted Hills by means of a direct 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway with easy gradients, or by means of a diversion of the existing railway between Moe and Morwell, and the working of traffic over the present railway route or any new route by steam or electric traction; together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plan.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
4. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Tunnecliffe presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—  
Public Service Commissioner.—Report for the year 1930.  
Mr. Lemmon presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—  
Education.—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1929-30.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
- Apprenticeship Acts.—Apprenticeship Commission of Victoria—  
Amendment of Plumbing and Gasfitting Regulations (No. 3).  
Further amendment of Electrical Trades Regulations (No. 3).  
Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 31st December, 1930.  
Business Agents Act 1930.—Business Agents Licensing Regulations 1931.  
Cemeteries Act 1930.—Proposed Acquisition by the Trustees of the Cheltenham Public Cemetery of Parts of Crown Portion 35 at Beaumaris, Parish of Moorabbin, County of Bourke, for the purpose of a Public Cemetery.—Certificate of the Minister of Public Health.  
Companies Act 1928—  
Regulations, Fees, and Forms.  
Rule 196.—Return by the Prothonotary of Business of the Supreme Court, 1930.  
Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928.—Amendment of Election Regulations 1930.  
County Court Act 1928.—County Court Rules 1930.  
Entertainments Tax Acts.—Additional Regulations.  
Fire Brigades Act 1928.—Country Fire Brigades Board.—General Regulations rescinded; Regulations substituted.  
Friendly Societies Act 1928.—Consolidated Regulations.  
Fruit and Vegetables Act 1928.—Grade Standards for Onions.—Eighth Schedule rescinded; Schedule substituted.  
Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1928.—Regulations.  
Legal Profession Practice Act 1928.—Rules of the Council of Legal Education.—Rules relating to the Qualification and Admission of Candidates to practise as Barristers and Solicitors.  
Medical Act 1928.—Pharmacy Board of Victoria.—The Pharmacy Regulations 1931.  
Melbourne Sailors' Home Act 1901.—Accounts and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Melbourne Sailors' Home for the year 1930.  
Mines Act 1928—  
General By-laws rescinded and By-laws substituted.  
List of Suspensions granted of the Labour Covenants of Mining Leases and Licences during the year 1930.  
Motor Car Acts.—Regulation relating to Submission of Designs for Number Plates.  
Poisons Acts—  
Amendment of Part 3 of Second Schedule to the Poisons Act 1928.  
Articles deemed to be Poisons.—Amendment of Second Schedule to the Poisons Act 1928.  
Potent Drugs.—Additions to Seventh Schedule to the Poisons Act 1928.  
The Dangerous Drugs Regulations 1931.  
Poisons Regulations 1931.  
Police Regulation Act 1928.—Police Pensions Regulations 1930.  
Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria.—Report of the Trustees for 1930, with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1929-30.  
Public Service Act 1928—  
Regulations—Professional Division, Chapter II.—Department of Law.  
Regulations—Travelling Allowances, Chapter VII., Part II.—Allowances to certain Officers—  
Department of Chief Secretary.  
Department of Public Instruction.  
Regulation XII. (A)—Teachers' Colleges—Holders of Studentships.—Regulation amended.  
Regulation XLIV.—Allowances for Maintenance of Schools.  
Regulation XX.—Staffs, Appointments, and Transfers of Teachers in Primary Schools.  
Public Service Payments Reduction Act 1930.—Regulation relating to Superannuation Contributions.  
Railways Act 1928—  
Copy of Award No. 26.—Salaries and Wages for the year 1930, made by the Railways Classification Board, dated 29th December, 1930; together with Copy of Report of the Railways Commissioners thereon.  
Copy of Award No. 27.—An Emergency Deduction to be made from the Margins above the Basic Salary or Basic Wage payable on 3rd October, 1930, made by the Railways Classification Board, dated 27th February, 1931; together with Copy of Report of the Railways Commissioners thereon.

Railways Standing Committee.—Forty-second General Report.  
 Real Estate Agents Acts.—Real Estate Agents Licensing Regulations 1931.  
 Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act 1928.—General Abstract of the Number of Births, Deaths, and Marriages registered during 1930 in Victoria.  
 Second-hand Dealers Act 1928.—Second-hand Dealers Regulations 1930.  
 Special and Other Appropriations Reduction Act 1930.—Regulation relating to Superannuation Contributions.  
 State Electricity Commission Acts.—Amendment of Wiring Regulations.  
 Superannuation Acts.—State Superannuation Regulations.—Proviso to Regulation No. 3 repealed; Regulation No. 16 made.  
 Supreme Court Act 1928.—Supreme Court Office Fees Regulations 1928.  
 Theatres Act 1928.—Censorship of Films Regulations 1931.  
 Totalizator Act 1930.—Totalizator Regulations 1931.  
 Workers' Compensation Acts—  
     The Workers' Compensation Rules.  
     Workers' Compensation Regulations 1928.

5. JUDGMENTS (RECIPROCITY) BILL.—Mr. Slater obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Division Twelve of Part VIII. of the 'Supreme Court Act 1928'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had that day attended His Excellency the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, as follows:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I have been advised to summon Parliament at this early date for the consideration of urgent public business.

My Ministers look forward with confidence to the co-operation of both Houses of the Legislature in framing legislation which will promote the interests of Victoria.

As this will be the last time I shall have the privilege of calling together the representatives of the people, I take the opportunity of saying farewell to you. In doing so, I gratefully acknowledge the courtesy and appreciate the kindness that I have received from the people of this State.

During my sojourn here I have visited practically every part of Victoria and have come into contact with all sections of the community. I have endeavoured to familiarize myself with the conditions under which settlers on the land are working, particularly those in remote parts of the State.

I regret that, during the latter portion of my term of office, Australia has, in common with other countries, been suffering from the effects of a world-wide economic and financial depression; but I believe that, with the concerted efforts of all, the difficulties confronting us will be overcome, and in the near future improved conditions will prevail.

At present, indeed, seasonable prospects are very favorable, splendid autumn rains having fallen over practically the whole of Victoria.

The magnitude and complexity of the problem of unemployment have caused my Advisers grave concern.

The Unemployment Relief Works Board constituted under the Unemployment Relief Acts has given serious consideration to its task.

Of the amount of £1,603,000 estimated to be received under those Acts, a sum of £1,159,000 has been actually expended, of which £829,000 have been devoted to relief works.

Grants totalling £511,750 have been made available to this State by the Commonwealth Government for relief works, of which sum an amount of £372,000 has been expended and the balance allocated.

Increases in the rates of sustenance were recently approved. An amount of £540,000 from the Unemployment Relief Fund was earmarked for the provision of sustenance, the relief of single men and women, and the supply of firewood.

A women's section of the Government Labour Exchange has been established.

Arrangements are being made to settle a number of unemployed workers and their families on the land.

Three camps for single men have been established in the country, the men being employed in preparing selected areas for settlement. A fourth camp is to be established in the Heytesbury Forest.

With the object of reviving interest in gold mining, a sum of £23,000 has been allocated from the Unemployment Relief Fund to provide assistance for miners and prospectors.

It is satisfactory to note that the gold production for the quarter ended March last, that is to say 8,940 ounces, was almost double that for the corresponding quarter last year.

As a result of the completion of extensions, the Yallourn Briquetting Factory can now produce a daily output of 1,200 tons. Following upon reductions already made in the charges for industrial briquettes, the prices of household briquettes have been reduced.

Proposals for a comprehensive scheme for water supply from the Otway Ranges to centres in the Western District are being considered.

Several Home Maintenance Area Boards have completed their inquiries, and it is anticipated that the findings of the remaining Boards will be furnished at an early date.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

Supplementary Estimates of expenditure for the current financial year will be placed before you in due course.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1931-32 will be submitted for your consideration at a much earlier date than usual.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

In view of the present state of the finances and markets of the world, and recognizing the necessity for enabling farmers to carry on production, the Government will introduce immediately legislation containing provisions which will protect farmers from harassing legal proceedings and dispossession.

My Advisers will bring forward not only the Marketing of Primary Products Bill previously introduced, but also a measure which will enable an increased price to be charged for wheat and flour sold locally and at the same time protect the consumer against any unjustifiable increase in the price of bread.

Bills relating to Farm Produce Agents, Dairy Produce, Stock Foods, and a Milk Board will be placed before you.

Notwithstanding the considerable economies effected by the Victorian Railways Commissioners, the question of railway finance continues to occasion my Ministers much concern. Early in the financial year a railway deficit of £281,000 was estimated, but the subsequent serious decline in the railway revenue may increase that amount to £1,800,000.

Owing to the large deficiency in the Railway Accounts and to other causes, the consolidated revenue of the State will not equal the expenditure this year. A substantial deficit is inevitable. The necessity for balanced budgets is recognized by the Government, but the difficulties in achieving this object immediately are very great. The present outlook is so uncertain and the situation is so involved, that accomplishment will not be possible without the whole-hearted co-operation of all sections of the people.

The anxiety of my Advisers with respect to the problem of unemployment must be fully shared by the community. Although many demands are being made upon taxpayers, my Ministers believe that it is unquestionably the duty of the people of Victoria to ensure that unemployed workers and their families will not suffer from want of adequate food and clothing. The main objective of the unemployment relief scheme is the provision of employment, but, owing to the limited funds available, the Government has been unable to put in hand a comprehensive programme of works which would provide a fair measure of employment to all unemployed workers pending their re-absorption in industry. Although strenuous efforts have been and are being made to relieve the position, my Ministers feel that, having regard to the likelihood of unemployment increasing as winter approaches, the financial provision made under the Unemployment Relief Acts will not be sufficient to enable the situation to be met adequately throughout the coming months. Proposals to provide further relief will, therefore, be placed before you.

The Bill dealing with temporary relief for farmers in respect of their obligations will also make provision for the protection in certain circumstances of unemployed tenants, mortgagors, and purchasers of dwelling houses.

Legislation will be again introduced providing for a scheme of insurance against unemployment.

A Bill will be brought forward to provide for the establishment of a Board, on which the employees will be represented, for the classification of officers of the Public Service, and the fixation of their salaries and wages.

Bills providing for a Ministry of Transport and a Ministry of Health will be re-introduced, and a Bill to amend the Health Act will be laid before you.

In addition to other measures, Bills dealing with the following matters will be submitted to you :—

Vacuum Oil Company's Land Purchase,  
 Profiteering Prevention,  
 Solicitors' Trust Funds,  
 Gas Regulation,  
 Factories and Shops,  
 Registry Offices for Employment,  
 Public Entertainments,  
 Local Government,  
 Town Planning,  
 Advertisements on Country Roads, and  
 Weights and Measures.

I now leave you to the discharge of your duties, and trust that Divine Providence will guide your deliberations.

SOMERS,  
 Governor of Victoria.

Melbourne, 6th May, 1931.

7. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Motion made and question proposed—That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament (*Mr. McKenzie*)—and, after debate—

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and do take precedence of all other business.

8. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—VACANCY IN THE SENATE.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read :—

SOMERS,  
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 1.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly a copy of a despatch which he has received from the President of the Senate notifying that a vacancy has happened in the representation of the State of Victoria in the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 23rd April, 1931.

President of the Senate,  
Canberra, 2nd April, 1931.

YOUR EXCELLENCY :

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that a vacancy has happened in the representation of the State of Victoria in the Senate, through the death of Senator Harold Edward Elliott, which occurred on the 23rd March, 1931.

I have the honour to be,  
Your Excellency's obedient Servant,  
(Sgd.) WALTER KINGSMILL,  
President of the Senate.

His Excellency the Governor of Victoria, Melbourne.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

9. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—UNEMPLOYED WORKERS INSURANCE BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read :—

SOMERS,  
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 2.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to make provision for the Insurance of Unemployed Workers and for other purposes.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 6th May, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

10. UNEMPLOYED WORKERS INSURANCE BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 2.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Brownbill reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to make provision for the Insurance of Unemployed Workers and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Tunnecliffe and Mr. Webber do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Tunnecliffe then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to make provision for the Insurance of Unemployed Workers and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

11. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—WHEAT AND FLOUR ACQUISITION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Slater, and the same was read :—

SOMERS,  
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to Wheat and Flour and to make provision against Undue Restriction of the Supply of Flour and Bread or the Undue Raising of the Prices thereof, and for other purposes.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 6th May, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

12. WHEAT AND FLOUR ACQUISITION BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 3.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Brownbill reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to Wheat and Flour and to make provision against Undue Restriction of the Supply of Flour and Bread or the Undue Raising of the Prices thereof, and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Slater and Mr. Pollard do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Slater then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Wheat and Flour and to make provision against Undue Restriction of the Supply of Flour and Bread or the Undue Raising of the Prices thereof, and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

13. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Cain, and the same was read :—

SOMERS,  
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to establish a Ministry of Transport, and for purposes connected therewith.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 6th May, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

14. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 4.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Brownbill reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to establish a Ministry of Transport, and for purposes connected therewith.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Cain and Mr. Webber do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Cain then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to establish a Ministry of Transport, and for purposes connected therewith*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

15. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Slater, and the same was read :—

SOMERS,  
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Law regulating the Practice of the Legal Profession and for other purposes.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 6th May, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

16. LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 5.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Brownbill reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Law regulating the Practice of the Legal Profession and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Slater and Mr. Cain do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Slater then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Law regulating the Practice of the Legal Profession and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

17. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Slater, and the same was read :—

SOMERS,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 6.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide Temporary Relief to Unemployed Lessees Mortgagors and Purchasers under Contracts of Sale of Dwelling-houses and to Farmers in respect of Debts and for other purposes.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 6th May, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

18. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 6.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Brownbill reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide Temporary Relief to Unemployed Lessees Mortgagors and Purchasers under Contracts of Sale of Dwelling-houses and to Farmers in respect of Debts and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Slater and Mr. Pollard do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Slater then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide Temporary Relief to Unemployed Lessees Mortgagors and Purchasers under Contracts of Sale of Dwelling-houses and to Farmers in respect of Debts and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

19. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—MARKETING OF PRIMARY PRODUCTS BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Slater, and the same was read :—

SOMERS,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 7.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for Boards for the Marketing of certain classes of Products and for other purposes.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 6th May, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

20. MARKETING OF PRIMARY PRODUCTS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 7.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Brownbill reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for Boards for the Marketing of certain classes of Products and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Slater and Mr. Pollard do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Slater then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for Boards for the Marketing of certain classes of Products and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

21. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Slater*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.
22. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Committee of Ways and Means to be appointed forthwith (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.
23. WAYS AND MEANS.—Motion made and question—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.
24. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next :—  
*Marketing of Primary Products Bill—Second reading.*
25. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at Four o'clock (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.  
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at three minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
  - Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 31st March, 1931.
  - Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928, Part IX.—Statement of Appointments and Alteration of Classification in the Department of the Legislative Council.
  - Explosives Act 1928.—Report of the Chief Inspector of Explosives on the Working of the Explosives Act during the year 1930.
  - Fisheries Act 1928.—Notice of Intention—
    - To prohibit all Fishing in or the Taking of Fish from the Macalister River below Glenmaggie Weir from 1st May to 31st August in each Year.
    - Re* Prohibition of Netting in Portion of Bancroft Bay, in the Gippsland Lakes.
    - To prohibit Boats and Nets being left in the Snowy River, &c.
    - To prohibit all Fishing in or the Taking of Fish from the Cardinia Creek and its Tributaries from 1st May to 15th December in each Year.
    - To vary the Proclamation *re* Taking of Fish from Jackson's Creek and the Deep Creek or Saltwater River.
    - To prohibit the Taking of Macquarie Perch from the Latrobe River and its Tributaries from 1st August to 30th November in each Year.
    - To fix a Bag Limit for Macquarie Perch taken from the Latrobe River and its Tributaries.
    - To prohibit all Fishing in or the Taking of Fish from the Don River and its Tributaries from 1st May to 31st August in each Year.
  - Public Service Act 1928.—General Regulations repealed; Regulations substituted.
  - Public Service Act 1928 and Lunacy Act 1928.—Lunacy Department.—Previous Regulations repealed; Regulations substituted—
    - Chapter I.—Professional Division, Classification of.
    - Chapter II.—General Division, Appointment to the.
    - Chapter III.—General Division, Classification of.
3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The following Warrant, appointing "The Committee of Elections and Qualifications," was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

VICTORIA.

*Legislative Assembly.*

Pursuant to the provisions of the three hundred and forty-ninth section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, I do hereby appoint Albert George Allnutt, Esquire, the Honorable Henry Angus, Colonel the Honorable Murray William James Bouchier, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., John Joseph Holland, Esquire, William George McKenzie, Esquire, the Honorable Robert Gordon Menzies, K.C., and Arthur Knight Wallace, Esquire, to be members of a Committee to be called "The Committee of Elections and Qualifications."

Given under my hand this twelfth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

4. **TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.**—The following Warrant, nominating the Temporary Chairmen of Committees, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

VICTORIA.

*Legislative Assembly.*

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria numbered 4A, I do hereby nominate Edmund John Cotter, Esquire, William Hugh Everard, Esquire, George Clement Frost, Esquire, Lieut.-Colonel the Honorable George Hodges Knox, C.M.G., V.D., James Laurence Murphy, Esquire, the Honorable Francis Edward Old, and Robert Henry Solly, Esquire, to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees whenever requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this twelfth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

5. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Old 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, "The introduction by the Government of the coupon system in lieu of cash payments for sustenance to Mallee settlers."  
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve members approved of the proposed discussion—  
Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Old*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
6. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Acquainting the Assembly that they have appointed a Committee of six members to join with a Committee of the Assembly to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments.
7. **VACANCY IN THE SENATE—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Acquainting the Assembly that they have agreed to the following resolution :—  
That this House meet the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Harold Edward Elliott ;  
and requesting the Assembly to name the place and time of such meeting.  
Motion made and question—That this House meet the Legislative Council in the Legislative Assembly Chamber at forty-five minutes past Eight o'clock this day for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Harold Edward Elliott (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them accordingly.
8. **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 5 *ante*) ; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and do take precedence of all other business.
9. **VACANCY IN THE SENATE.**—Mr. Speaker announced that the time had arrived for this House to meet the Legislative Council in the Legislative Assembly Chamber for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Harold Edward Elliott.  
Accordingly Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and having resumed it at seventeen minutes past Ten o'clock—  
Mr. Speaker reported that the House had that day met the Legislative Council in the Legislative Assembly Chamber for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Harold Edward Elliott, and that Thomas Cornelius Brennan, Esquire, K.C., had been duly chosen to hold the vacant place.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 8 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Three o'clock (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.  
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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 WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day (*to take precedence*):—  
*Address in Reply to the Governor's Speech—Motion for—Resumption of debate*  
 and Notices of Motion Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 4.
3. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—BOARD OF INQUIRY REGARDING ADMINISTRATION OF.—Motion made and question—That the maximum expenditure of the Board of Inquiry appointed to inquire into and report upon certain matters affecting the administration of the Education Department be fixed at Two hundred and fifty pounds (£250) (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to. ;
4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 5 *ante*); debate resumed.  
 Question—put, and Address agreed to.  
 Ordered—That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House.
5. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session:—Mr. Bond, Mr. Everard, Mr. Glowrey, Mr. Holland, Mr. Mackrell, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Murphy; and that the Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.
6. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—*Amended* motion made and question—That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business; that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on Tuesday, half-past Three o'clock on Wednesday, and half-past Ten o'clock on Thursday; that Government business shall take precedence of all other business during each sitting day; and that no fresh business except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper be called on after Ten o'clock (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
7. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL.—Mr. Webber obtained leave, with Mr. Lemmon, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Factories and Shops Act 1928' and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. PROFITEERING PREVENTION BILL.—Mr. Hogan obtained leave, with Mr. Slater, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make provision against the Charging of Unfair Prices for certain Commodities and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at forty-one minutes past Nine o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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 No. 4.

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 THURSDAY, 14TH MAY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.  
 Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Angus*)—put and agreed to.  
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 8 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

And then the House, at forty-eight minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.

TUESDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—  
Apprenticeship Acts.—Apprenticeship Commission of Victoria.—Further Amendment of Plumbing and Gasfitting Regulations (No. 3).  
Stamps Acts and Acts Interpretation Act 1928.—Betting Tax Regulations 1930.
3. YALLOURN BROWN COAL MINE RAILWAY DEVIATION.—Ordered, after debate, that the consideration of this Notice of Motion be postponed until to-morrow.
4. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Cain*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Kent Hughes*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered, after debate—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May instant.
3. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Holland*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 10 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at nine minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

No. 6.

WEDNESDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—  
Fisheries Act 1928.—Notice of Intention to prohibit all Fishing in or the Taking of Fish from House Creek, near Dederang, during the whole of each Year.
3. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the following Members form the Library Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council:—Mr. Speaker, Sir Stanley Argyle, Mr. Holland, Mr. Moncur, and Mr. Slater; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.
4. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Allan, Mr. Angus, Sir Stanley Argyle, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Cain, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Linton, Mr. Old, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Tunnecliffe; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet; five to be the quorum (*Mr. Hogan*) put and agreed to.

5. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Beardmore, Colonel Bouchier, Mr. Cremean, Mr. Frost, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Kent Hughes, Lieut.-Col. Knox, Mr. Linton, Mr. McKenzie, and Mr. Murphy ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.
6. **STATUTE LAW REVISION COMMITTEE.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That, in compliance with the recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on the Consolidation of the Laws adopted by this House on the 16th June, 1915, a Committee be appointed, consisting of six Members, to join with the Committee of the Legislative Council to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Macfarlan, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Slater, and Mr. Wettenhall, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; five to be the quorum (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution.
7. **HOUSE COMMITTEE.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the following Members be appointed members of the House Committee :—Mr. Allan, Sir Stanley Argyle, Mr. Cleary, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Jewell (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.
8. **GAS REGULATION BILL.**—Mr. Tunnecliffe obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Supply of Gas*” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
9. **COUNTRY ROADS BILL.**—Mr. Webber obtained leave, with Mr. Tunnecliffe, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend Section Sixty of the ‘Country Roads Act 1928’*” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. **STOCK FOODS BILL.**—Mr. Slater, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Cain, obtained leave, with Mr. Pollard, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to Stock Foods*” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
11. **PRESTON LOAN BILL.**—Mr. Webber obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to authorize the City of Preston to construct and provide certain Permanent Works and Undertakings in lieu of certain other Permanent Works and Undertakings*” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
12. **UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Keane
Mr. Angus	Mr. Lind
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Bond	Mr. Murphy
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Slater
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Solly
Mr. Downward	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Webber
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holland	Mr. Frost
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Reid

Noes, 11.

Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Everard	Mr. Menzies
Mr. J. A. Gray	
Mr. Linton	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Luxton	
Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Manifold	Mr. Maltby

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.

13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 9 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.  
Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—  
*Gas Regulation Bill—Second reading.*
14. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

## No. 7.

THURSDAY, 21st MAY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **MEDICAL BILL.**—Mr. Tunnecliffe obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Part I. of the 'Medical Act 1928' and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day."
3. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS) BILL.**—Motion made and question—That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Municipal Elections*" (Mr. Webber)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.	Tellers.	Noes, 21.
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Allan
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Allnutt
Mr. Creamean	Mr. Satchell	Sir Stanley Argyle
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly	Mr. Beardmore
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Bennett
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber	Colonel Bouchier
Mr. Hogan		Mr. Coyle
Mr. Holland		Mr. Diffey
Mr. Jackson		Mr. Dunstan
Mr. Jewell		Mr. Everard
Mr. Keane	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. J. A. Gray
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Linton
		Mr. Luxton
		Mr. Macfarlan
		Mr. Manifold
		Mr. McDonald
		Mr. Old
		Mr. Pennington
		Mr. Wettenhall
		Tellers.
		Lieut.-Col. Knox
		Mr. Maltby

And so it passed in the negative.

4. **WORKERS' COMPENSATION (TRANSFER OF FUNDS) BILL.**—Mr. Tunnecliffe, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make provision for giving effect so far as relates to Victoria to a certain Resolution with respect to Workmen's Compensation adopted by an Imperial Conference held in London in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
5. **GAS REGULATION BILL.**—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (Mr. Tunnecliffe).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (Sir Stanley Argyle)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered, after debate—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday, 3rd June next.
6. **YALLOURN BROWN COAL MINE RAILWAY DEVIATION.**—Motion made, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Act, and question proposed—That the construction of a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge deviation of the existing railway between Moe and Morwell, via Yalourn, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report (Mr. Cain)—and, after debate—  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (Mr. Old)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 13 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.  
Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next :—  
*Medical Bill—Second reading.*  
*Workers' Compensation (Transfer of Funds) Bill—Second reading.*
8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at three minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 8.

TUESDAY, 26TH MAY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Dried Fruits Acts.—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Victorian Dried Fruits Board for the year 1929-30.
3. ADJOURNMENT.—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Coyle 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, "The excessive freight rates being charged on live stock by the Railway Department, the failure of the Department to reduce same in accordance with the lowering of all standards of costs, and the inability of the industry to pay the present rates." Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve members approved of the proposed discussion—Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Coyle*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
4. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 15 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at thirty-four minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

No. 9.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH MAY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1928.—Statement of Accounts of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners for the year 1930.
3. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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 THURSDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. STOCK FOODS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Pollard*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Pennington*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.
3. PRESTON LOAN BILL.—Order for second reading read ; Bill ruled a Private Bill.  
Motion made, by leave, and question—That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill (*Mr. Webber*)—put and agreed to.  
Bill read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time, after debate.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
4. COUNTRY ROADS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to.  
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until after No. 5.
6. WORKERS' COMPENSATION (TRANSFER OF FUNDS) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 6 to 16 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

And then the House, at forty-five minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 11.

TUESDAY, 2ND JUNE, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Children's Welfare Department and Reformatory Schools.—Report of the Secretary and Inspector for the year 1929.  
Fruit and Vegetables Act 1928.—Grade Standards for Onions - Eighth Schedule, dated 4th February, 1931, rescinded ; Schedule substituted.  
Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ended 31st March, 1931.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
4. PROFITEERING PREVENTION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Hogan*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 16th June instant.
5. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 13 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at thirty-six minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

No. 12.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD JUNE, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. COMPANIES BILL.—Mr. Slater, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Companies Act 1928'" ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
4. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Keane*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 3 to 13 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

## No. 13.

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THURSDAY, 4TH JUNE, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. McKenzie*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
3. **STOCK FOODS BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.
4. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 15 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

And then the House, at thirty-one minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 14.

TUESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Railways Act 1928.—Copy of Award No. 28.—An Emergency Deduction of 10 per cent from the Margins over the Basic Salary or Basic Wage which were operative on 3rd October, 1930, made by the Railways Classification Board, dated 24th April, 1931; together with Copy of Report of the Railways Commissioners thereon.

3. LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Slater*).

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Macfarlan*)—put and agreed to. Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Webber*).

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Macfarlan*)—put and agreed to.

Motion made and question proposed—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 30th June instant (*Mr. Webber*)—and, after debate—

Amendment proposed—That the words and figures “Tuesday, 30th June instant” be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “this day three months” (*Mr. Macfarlan*)—and, after debate—

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

Question proposed—That the words “this day three months” be inserted in place of the words omitted.

Further amendment proposed—That the proposed amendment be amended by omitting the words “three months” with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “six weeks” (*Mr. Burnett Gray*).

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put. The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Angus	Mr. Manifold
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Moncur
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. J. A. Gray	
Mr. Hyland	
Lieut.-Col. Knox	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	
Mr. Linton	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Luxton	Mr. Maltby

Noes, 29.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Cain	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cook	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Reid
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Solly
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Keane	Mr. Pollard

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted—put. The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Cain	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cook	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Reid
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Solly
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Keane	Mr. Pollard

Noes, 28.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Menzies
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Old
Mr. Downward	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hyland	
Lieut.-Col. Knox	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	
Mr. Linton	Mr. Kent Hughes
	Mr. Maltby

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the debate be adjourned until this day six weeks—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 21st July next.

5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
6. **UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.**—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 5 to 15 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifty-six minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

## No. 15.

WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
  - Fisheries Act 1928.—Notice of Intention to define the Mouth of Dawhls River, and to prohibit Netting in Portion of the North Arm of Mallacoota Inlet, &c.
  - Public Service Act 1928.—Regulations.—Professional Division, Chapter II.—Department of Public Health.
3. **UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.**—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
4. **MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Macfarlan*)—put and agreed to. Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 13 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifty-two minutes past Nine o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

## No. 16.

THURSDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **WAYS AND MEANS.—UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF TAXES AND STAMP DUTIES.**—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.  
House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means ; resolution to be reported this day. Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.  
Mr. Brownbill reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—

*Resolved—*

### PART A.—

1. That subject to the Unemployment Relief Acts and the provisions of this Part of this Resolution there shall be charged levied collected and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the consolidated revenue for the year ending on the 30th June, 1932, an unemployment relief tax in accordance with the Unemployment Relief Acts and this Part of this Resolution.

2. That for the purposes of this Part of this Resolution and the unemployment relief tax for the year ending on the 30th June, 1932, the Unemployment Relief Acts shall be read and construed and have effect as if they were amended as follows :—

- (a) As if sub-section (2) of section four of the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* as amended by section three of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* were repealed ; and

- (b) As if for the Schedule to the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* as re-enacted by the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* there were substituted the following Schedule :—

“SCHEDULE.

The tax shall be calculated on the taxable income of each taxpayer as hereinafter provided :—

The tax shall be payable on each £1 of the taxable income and shall be calculated as follows :—

Amount of Taxable Income.	Rates per £100.
Not less than £52 but not amounting to £104	Ten shillings
Not less than £104 but not amounting to £208	Twenty-seven shillings
Not less than £208 but not exceeding £312	Thirty-three shillings and ninepence
Exceeding £312 but not exceeding £500	Thirty-three shillings and ninepence
Exceeding £500 but not exceeding £750	Forty shillings and sixpence
Exceeding £750 but not exceeding £1,000	Forty-seven shillings and threepence
Exceeding £1,000 but not exceeding £1,200	Fifty-four shillings
Exceeding £1,200 but not exceeding £1,400	Sixty shillings and ninepence
Exceeding £1,400 but not exceeding £1,600	Sixty-seven shillings and sixpence
Exceeding £1,600 but not exceeding £1,800	Seventy-four shillings and threepence
Exceeding £1,800 but not exceeding £2,000	Eighty-one shillings
Exceeding £2,000 but not exceeding £2,200	Eighty-seven shillings and ninepence
Exceeding £2,200 but not exceeding £2,400	Ninety-four shillings and sixpence
Exceeding £2,400 but not exceeding £2,600	One hundred and one shillings and threepence
Exceeding £2,600 but not exceeding £2,800	One hundred and eight shillings
Exceeding £2,800 but not exceeding £3,000	One hundred and fourteen shillings and ninepence
Exceeding £3,000 ... ..	One hundred and twenty-one shillings and sixpence”.

3. That for the purposes of the *Unemployment Relief Acts* and this Part of this Resolution the said Acts shall be read and construed and have effect as if section nine of the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* as amended by section three of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* were, as on and from the commencement of the first-mentioned Act, repealed.

PART B.—

1. That on from and after the 1st day of September, 1931, and until the 30th day of June, 1932, inclusive, there shall, subject to the provisions of the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts* and of this Part of this Resolution, be charged and paid for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors upon and for the instruments hereinafter specified the stamp duties hereinafter specified :—

RECEIPTS FOR SALARY AND WAGES—

- (i) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than One pound and not amounting to Two pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each £1 of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of £1 not being less than 10s.—a stamp duty of One penny :

- (ii) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than Two pounds and not amounting to Four pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each 5s. of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of 5s.—a stamp duty of One penny :

- (iii) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than Four pounds and (save as otherwise expressly provided) not more than Six pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each 4s. of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of 4s.—a stamp duty of One penny :

Provided that stamp duty shall not be payable under the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and this Part of this Resolution on any receipt for payment of any amount of salary or wages of less than One pound or (save as otherwise expressly provided in the said Acts or this Part of this Resolution) more than Six pounds in all in respect of any week, and where payment of salary or wages is made for more than a week, then in calculating the amount of such salary or wages upon which stamp duty is payable any payment in respect of any week of less than One pound or (save as otherwise expressly provided in the said Acts or this Part of this Resolution) more than Six pounds shall not be taken into account.

2. That any person whose taxable income (within the meaning of the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* as in operation before the 31st day of December, 1930) for the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1930, is £312 or less and consists wholly or in part of salary or wages shall (notwithstanding that his salary or wages after the said 30th day of June in respect of any period for which he has been paid is or are at a rate exceeding £312 per annum) be liable to pay stamp duty as aforesaid on the whole of his salary or wages received on or after the said 1st day of September.

PART C.—

That for the purposes of the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act and Parts A and B of this Resolution section eighteen of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* shall be read and construed and have effect as if after the reference therein to the last-mentioned Act there were added a reference to the legislation proposed to be enacted in order to carry the purposes of this Resolution into effect.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Hogan and Mr. Cain do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

3. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—

SOMERS,  
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and for other purposes.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 9th June, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

5. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 8.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Brownbill reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

6. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.

7. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Hogan*).

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 23rd June instant.

8. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 13 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
Speaker.

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 17.

TUESDAY, 16TH JUNE, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 15 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at thirty-seven minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

No. 18.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JUNE, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Apprenticeship Acts.—Apprenticeship Commission of Victoria.—Amendment of Motor Mechanics Regulations (No. 2).
3. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Mr. Speaker reported that, as directed by this Honorable House, he had that day waited upon His Excellency the Governor, and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Assembly, agreed to on the 13th May last, in reply to His Excellency's Speech on the opening of Parliament. His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply :—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King I thank you for your expressions of loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign contained in the Address you have just presented to me.

I fully rely on your wisdom in deliberating upon the important measures to be brought under your consideration, and I earnestly hope that the results of your labours will be conducive to the advancement and prosperity of this State.

Melbourne, 17th June, 1931.

SOMERS,  
*Governor of Victoria.*

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
5. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of clause 6; considered in Committee and reported with further amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to.  
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
6. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Frost*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 15 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifty-two minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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**THURSDAY, 18TH JUNE, 1931.**

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Firearms Act 1928.—Firearms Regulations 1930.
3. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
Question—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Linton
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Downward	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Reid
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hyland	
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Maltby

Noes, 4.

Mr. Everard  
Mr. Burnett Gray

*Tellers.*

Mr. J. A. Gray  
Lieut.-Col. Knox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 14 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at eight minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 20.

TUESDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
  - Fisheries Act 1928.—Notice of Intention to vary the Proclamation respecting Fishing in the Latrobe River at Yallourn.
  - Trade Unions.—Forty-fifth Annual Report on.—Report of the Government Statist for the year 1930 ; with an Appendix.
3. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT AND GENERAL BUSINESS.—Motion made and question—That so much of the Sessional Order as provides that Government Business shall take precedence of all other business during each sitting day be rescinded, and that the following be adopted in place thereof :—
  - (a) That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week, except on the Thursdays set apart for Private Bill Business and General Business, Government Business shall take precedence of all other business.
  - (b) That on Thursday, 9th July next, and on every third Thursday thereafter business shall be called on in the following order :—

On one third Thursday—

*Private Bill Business :*

1. Notices of Motion.
2. Orders of the Day.

*General Business :*

1. Notices of Motion.
2. Orders of the Day.

On the alternate third Thursday—

*General Business :*

1. Orders of the Day.
2. Notices of Motion.

*Private Bill Business :*

1. Orders of the Day.
2. Notices of Motion.

—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe* for *Mr. Hogan*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive be postponed until after No. 6.
5. STOCK FOODS BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Preston Loan Bill without amendment.
7. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.—Read the third time. Motion made and question proposed—That the following amendment be made in this Bill :—
 

Clause 6, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), lines 19–20, omit “ at a rent not exceeding the rate of Seventy-eight pounds per annum ” and insert “ the rate of rent payable by the applicant in respect of which at any time during the period from the sixth day of May One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one to the date of such application was less than One hundred and four pounds per annum ” (*Mr. Slater*)—and, after debate—

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

<p>Mr. Allan Mr. Allnut Mr. Angus Sir Stanley Argyle Mr. Beardmore Mr. Bennett Colonel Bouchier Mr. Coyle Mr. Diffey Mr. Downward Mr. Dunstan Mr. J. A. Gray Mr. Hyland Lieut.-Col. Knox Mr. Lind Mr. Linton</p>	<p>Mr. Luxton Mr. Macfarlan Mr. Mackrell Mr. Manifold Mr. Menzies Mr. Moncur Mr. Old Mr. Pennington Mr. Toutcher Mr. Wettenhall</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tellers.</i></p> <p>Mr. Kent Hughes Mr. Maltby</p>
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Noes, 29.

<p>Mr. Bailey Mr. Blackburn Mr. Bond Mr. Brownbill Mr. Cain Mr. Cook Mr. Cotter Mr. Cremean Mr. Drakeford Mr. Frost Mr. Glowrey Mr. Hayes Mr. Hjorth Mr. Hogan Mr. Holland Mr. Jackson</p>	<p>Mr. Jewell Mr. Keane Mr. McAdam Mr. McKenzie Mr. Murphy Mr. Pollard Mr. Prendergast Mr. Satchell Mr. Slater Mr. Solly Mr. Webber</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tellers.</i></p> <p>Mr. Reid Mr. Tunnecliffe</p>
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And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted—put and agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Slater the following further amendments were made in this Bill:—

Clause 7, page 6, paragraph (d), omit this paragraph and insert—

“(d) no proceedings shall be taken by the State Government or any local or public authority or any person against the landlord or mortgagee of the dwelling in respect of rates taxes interest or insurance premiums payable by such landlord or mortgagee in respect of the dwelling but such rates taxes interest or insurance premiums shall be paid out of the consolidated revenue (which is hereby appropriated for the purpose accordingly): Provided that on the expiration or cancellation of the protection order the Treasurer of Victoria may recover from such landlord or mortgagee such respective amounts of rates taxes interest and insurance premiums paid as aforesaid so far as the same are not respectively applicable to the period for which the protection order was in operation.”

Clause 8, paragraph (d), omit this paragraph and insert—

“(d) if the applicant is already twelve months in arrear in respect of rent or two years in arrear in respect of interest under a mortgage; or

(e) unless (in any case where the applicant was at the commencement of this Act in arrear in respect of rent or of interest under a mortgage) the application is made within two months after the commencement of this Act or unless (in any case where the applicant has after the commencement of this Act failed to pay rent or interest under a mortgage) the application is made within two months after such failure.

(2) A protection order shall cease to have any effect where a tenant becomes twelve months in arrear in respect of rent or a mortgagor becomes two years in arrear in respect of interest under the mortgage.”

Clause 18, line 39, after “agreement” insert “and includes the legal personal representative of a deceased farmer.”

Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill:—

Clause 22, omit this clause (*Mr. Glowrey*)—and, after debate—

Motion made and question—That the further consideration of this amendment be postponed until this day (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.

Mr. Slater offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill:—

BB. (1) On the publication in the *Government Gazette* of notification of the issue of any protection certificate and so long as the certificate remains in force—

- (a) the property of the farmer shall be under the control of the board;
- (b) the board may direct the farmer named in the certificate to deal with all or any part of his property in such manner as the board may in its discretion deem expedient; and
- (c) every such direction shall be in writing and the farmer shall comply with every such direction.

(2) If any farmer to whom a protection certificate has been issued disposes of any of his property while the protection certificate is in force without the consent in writing of the board he shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and be liable to a penalty of not more than One hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term of not more than four years or to both such penalty and imprisonment.

And, after debate—

Motion made and question—That new clause BB be now read a second time (*Mr. Slater*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Burnett Gray	
Mr. Hayes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber

Noes, 29.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Angus	Mr. Manifold
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Menzies
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. J. A. Gray	
Mr. Hyland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Lieut.-Col. Knox	
Mr. Lind	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Linton	Mr. Maltby

And the numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the “Ayes.”

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—New clause read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. Slater the following amendments were made in sub-section (2) of this clause:—

Omit “One hundred” and insert “Fifty”; and omit “four” and insert “two.”

And the said clause, as amended, was read a third time and added to the Bill.

Debate resumed on Mr. Glowrey's amendment to omit clause 22.

Question—That clause 22 proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put and negatived.

Mr. Glowrey offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

E. (1) For the purposes of this Part there shall be four boards which shall be respectively called the Farmers Relief Board (South-Eastern District), the Farmers Relief Board (South-Western District), the Farmers Relief Board (North-Eastern District), and the Farmers Relief Board (North-Western District).

(2) Each of such boards shall operate within the district referred to in its name and each such district shall be as described in the Schedule hereto.

(3) Each board shall be appointed by the Governor in Council and shall consist of three members one of whom shall be a person nominated by the body known as the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce or, on failure of such nomination for a period of fourteen days, appointed by the Governor in Council and one of whom shall be a farmer nominated by the body known as the Chamber of Agriculture who has had practical experience as such within the district within which such board operates.

(4) The Governor in Council shall appoint one of the members of each board to be chairman of that board.

(5) Each board shall be a body corporate by the name assigned to it in sub-section (1) of this section with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall by that name be capable in law of suing and being sued, and subject to and for the purposes of this Part of purchasing holding selling leasing or taking on lease exchanging or disposing of real or personal property and of doing all such other acts and things as bodies corporate may by law do and suffer.

(6) The appointment of each board shall be notified in the *Government Gazette* and on the publication of the notification such board shall be deemed to be duly constituted and incorporated.

(7) If any member of a board—

(a) is absent without leave of such board from three consecutive meetings of such board ;

or

(b) by writing under his hand addressed to the Minister resigns his office as a member— his seat on such board shall thereupon become vacant.

(8) Subject to this Part the Governor in Council may appoint a qualified person to fill any vacancy in any board, however arising.

(9) Any proceedings of any board or of any person appointed as chairman or member shall not be invalid by reason of any defect in the appointment or nomination of such chairman or member or (so long as there is a quorum) by reason of there being any vacancy in the number of members at the time of such proceedings.

(10) A quorum of any board shall consist of two members ; and all or any powers of any board may be exercised by the majority of the members at a meeting of such board duly held at which there is a quorum, but in the case of an equality of votes upon any matter at any meeting of any board the determination of the matter shall be postponed to a meeting of such board at which the full number of members is present.

(11) At every meeting of any board the chairman or in his absence any member elected by the members present to act as chairman of such meeting shall preside.

(12) Each board shall cause proper minutes of its proceedings to be kept.

(13) Each member of each board shall be reimbursed for any travelling expenses reasonably and actually incurred by him in the discharge of his duties under this Part and any such member who is not in receipt of any salary or remuneration from the Crown or any Government Department shall be entitled to receive an attendance fee of One guinea for each meeting of the board attended by him at which a quorum is present but no such member shall be entitled to receive more than one attendance fee in respect of any one day or more than Two hundred and fifty pounds for attendance fees in any financial year.

(14) Each board shall cause true and regular accounts to be kept and duly audited as prescribed.

(15) No member of the Parliament of Victoria or of the Parliament of the Commonwealth may be elected or appointed a member of any board.

Question—That new clause E be now read a second time—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Noes, 27.

- Mr. Bailey
- Mr. Blackburn
- Mr. Bond
- Mr. Brownbill
- Mr. Cain
- Mr. Cook
- Mr. Cremean
- Mr. Drakeford
- Mr. Frost
- Mr. Glowrey
- Mr. Burnett Gray
- Mr. Hayes
- Mr. Hogan
- Mr. Holland
- Mr. Jewell

- Mr. Keane
- Mr. McAdam
- Mr. McKenzie
- Mr. Murphy
- Mr. Prendergast
- Mr. Reid
- Mr. Satchell
- Mr. Slater
- Mr. Solly
- Mr. Tunnecliffe
- Tellers.*
- Mr. Pollard
- Mr. Webber

- Mr. Allan
- Mr. Allnutt
- Mr. Angus
- Sir Stanley Argyle
- Mr. Beardmore
- Mr. Bennett
- Colonel Bouchier
- Mr. Coyle
- Mr. Diffey
- Mr. Downward
- Mr. Dunstan
- Mr. J. A. Gray
- Mr. Hyland
- Mr. Lind
- Mr. Linton

- Mr. Luxton
- Mr. Macfarlan
- Mr. Manifold
- Mr. McDonald
- Mr. McLachlan
- Mr. Menzies
- Mr. Moncur
- Mr. Old
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Toutcher
- Tellers.*
- Mr. Kent Hughes
- Mr. Maltby

And the numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the "Ayes." And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—New clause read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. Slater the following amendments were made in this clause:—

Sub-section (3), omit “ or, on failure of such nomination for a period of fourteen days, appointed by the Governor in Council.”

Insert the following new sub-section to follow sub-section (3) :—

“ (4) If any default in nomination is made for a period of fourteen days after a request to nominate by the Minister the Governor in Council may appoint an eligible person to be a member without nomination.”

And the said clause, as amended, was read a third time and added to the Bill.

On the motion of Mr. Slater the following further amendment was made in this Bill :—

Clause 28, sub-section (2), page 18, line 11, after “ accordingly ” insert “ but this proviso shall not apply in any case where a protection certificate is cancelled under the provisions of the last preceding section.”

Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—

Clause 29, sub-section (2), paragraph (a), omit this paragraph (*Mr. Slater*)—and, after debate—

Question—That paragraph (a) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Angus	Mr. Manifold
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Menzies
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. J. A. Gray	
Mr. Hyland	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Linton	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Luxton	Mr. Maltby

Noes, 23.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Bond	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Slater
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Webber
Mr. Glowrey	
Mr. Hayes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	Mr. Cain
Mr. Keane	Mr. Pollard

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Slater the following further amendments were, after debate, made in this Bill :—

Clause 29, sub-section (2), paragraph (b), lines 36–37, omit “ his children under the age of sixteen years (if any) ” and insert “ such of his children (if any) residing on the farm or engaged in essential production and working on the farm as are not paid wages ”.

„ sub-section (2), paragraph (e), page 20, lines 6–8, omit “ and the payment of rates (other than water rates aforesaid) taxes and charges for the current year ” and insert—

“ (ii) to the Crown and any local or public authority—of rates (other than water rates aforesaid) taxes and charges for the current year.”

Clause 33, line 15, before “ Any ” insert “ Subject to the last preceding section.”

Ordered—That the further consideration of amendments after the third reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 5 inclusive and 7 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—

*Stock Foods Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

No. 21.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JUNE, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.

2. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Downward 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, “ The introduction of pleuro-pneumonia into Victoria from adjoining States.”

Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve members approved of the proposed discussion—

Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Downward*)—put and, after debate, negatived.

3. SUPPLY.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.
4. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.—Order read for the further consideration of amendments after the third reading.

On the motion of Mr. Slater the following further amendments were made in this Bill :—

- Clause 18, line 33, omit “ the ” and insert “ a.”
- „ page 10, line 1, omit “ the ” and insert “ a.”
- Clause E, sub-section (1), omit this sub-section and insert the following new sub-section :—
- “ (1) For the purposes of this Part—
- (a) the State is hereby divided into the four districts specified and described in the Schedule to this Act; and
- (b) for each of such districts there shall be a Farmers Relief Board called respectively the Farmers Relief Board (South-Western District), the Farmers Relief Board (South-Eastern District), the Farmers Relief Board (North-Western District) and the Farmers Relief Board (North-Eastern District).”
- „ sub-section (2), omit this sub-section and insert the following new sub-section :—
- “ (2) The powers duties authorities and functions of each board shall be exercised and performed with respect to farms which are situate wholly or mainly within the district referred to in the name of such board.”
- Clause 23, line 26, omit “ the ” and insert “ each.”
- „ line 27, after “ secretary ” insert “ to any board.”
- „ line 29, omit “ the ” and insert “ any.”
- Clause 24, line 32, omit “ The ” and insert “ Any.”
- Clause 25, line 37, omit “ the board ” and insert “ a board.”
- „ page 16, line 2, omit “ the ” and insert “ any.”
- Clause BB, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), after “ board ” insert “ appointed for the district in which his farm is wholly or mainly situate.”
- Clause 27, line 5, omit “ the ” and insert “ such.”
- Clause AA, line 10, omit “ the ” and insert “ such.”
- Clause 28, page 18, sub-section (3), line 15, omit “ twenty ” and insert “ twenty-one.”
- Clause 29, line 22, omit “ the board ” and insert “ the appropriate board.”
- „ line 24, omit “ the ” and insert “ such.”
- „ sub-section (2), page 19, paragraph (c), line 12, omit “ thirty-two ” and insert “ thirty-four.”
- „ sub-section (2), page 19, paragraph (c), line 29, omit “ thirty-two ” and insert “ thirty-four.”
- Clause 30, page 21, line 1, omit “ the board ” and insert “ the appropriate board.”
- „ page 21, line 5, omit “ of the ” and insert “ of such.”
- „ page 21, line 6, omit “ the board ” and insert “ such board.”
- Clause 31, line 12, omit “ the board ” and insert “ each board.”
- „ line 16, omit “ the board ” and insert “ each board.”
- Clause 32, line 39, omit “ the ” and insert “ a.”
- „ paragraph (a), lines 40-1, omit “ twenty-six twenty-seven and twenty-nine to thirty-one ” and insert “ twenty-seven twenty-eight and thirty-one to thirty-three.”
- „ page 22, line 7, omit “ the ” and insert “ a.”
- „ page 22, paragraph (b), lines 8-9, omit “ twenty-six twenty-seven and twenty-nine to thirty-one ” and insert “ twenty-seven twenty-eight and thirty-one to thirty-three.”

Mr. Slater, by leave, offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

CC. A protection certificate shall not be issued to any farmer who after the commencement of this Act becomes a mortgagor, lessee, purchaser under a contract of sale of land, grantor of a charge upon land, grantor of a lien, grantor of a bill of sale, hirer under a hiring or hire purchase agreement, vendor under a contract of sale and of letting and hiring, or a grantor of any other form of security over his property, if such mortgage, lease, contract, charge, lien, bill, agreement or such other form of security expressly negatives the operation of the provisions of this Part.

And the said new clause was read a second and third time and added to the Bill.

Mr. Glowrey offered the following Schedule to be added to the Bill:—

SCHEDULE.

SOUTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

*The Counties of—*

Dundas.  
Follett.  
Grant.  
Grenville.  
Hampden.  
Heytesbury.  
Normanby.  
Polwarth.  
Ripon.  
Villiers.

SOUTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

*The Counties of—*

Anglesey.  
Bourke.  
Buln Buln.  
Croajingolong.  
Dalhousie.  
Dargo.  
Evelyn.  
Mornington.  
Tambo.  
Tanjil.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

*The Counties of—*

Bendigo.  
Borong.  
Gladstone.  
Gunbower.  
Kara Kara.  
Karkaroc.  
Lowan.  
Millewa.  
Talbot.  
Tatchera.  
Weeah.

NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

*The Counties of—*

Benambra.  
Bogong.  
Delatite.  
Moir.  
Rodney.  
Wonnangatta.

And the said Schedule was read a second and third time and added to the Bill.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive be postponed until after the Notices of Motion, General Business.
6. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—Mr. Cremean, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Hayes, obtained leave, with Mr. Hayes, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Police Offences Act 1928 ’* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 30th July next.
7. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT (QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORS) BILL.—Mr. Mackrell, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Dunstan, obtained leave, with Mr. Hyland, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to the Qualification of Electors for the Legislative Assembly* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 10th September next.
8. FORTY-FOUR HOURS WORKING WEEK BILL.—Mr. Holland, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Reid, obtained leave, with Mr. Reid, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to establish a Working Week of Forty-four Hours and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 22nd October next.
9. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT (PROPERTY QUALIFICATION ABOLITION) BILL.—Mr. Hayes obtained leave, with Mr. McKenzie, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend ‘ The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928 ’* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 10th September next.
10. WRONGS BILL.—Mr. Blackburn obtained leave, with Mr. Drakeford, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Wrongs Act 1928 ’ and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 9th July next.
11. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉS AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL.—Mr. Cremean, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. McKenzie, obtained leave, with Mr. McKenzie, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to allow Railway Employés and all Civil Servants to contest any Parliamentary Election without having to resign from the Service* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 1st October next.
12. FACTORIES AND SHOPS (METAL INDUSTRY) BILL.—Mr. Holland, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Reid, obtained leave, with Mr. Reid, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to regulate the Conditions of Female Labour in the Metal Industry* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 12th November next.
13. MACHINERY MONOPOLIES RESTRICTION BILL.—Mr. Blackburn obtained leave, with Mr. Solly, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to prohibit and restrain certain Monopolies and Attempts to monopolize the Trade in Machines and Machinery and Parts and Accessories of Machines and Machinery and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 1st October next.
14. BUREAU OF STANDARDS BILL.—Mr. Holland, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Reid, obtained leave, with Mr. Hayes, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to establish a Bureau of Standards* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 20th August next.

15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Cremean obtained leave, with Mr. Hayes, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Local Government Act 1928 ’* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 22nd October next.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 5 inclusive be postponed until after No. 6.
17. STOCK FOODS BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 5 inclusive and 7 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
19. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifty-six minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 22.

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THURSDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. DAIRY PRODUCE BILL.—Mr. Pollard obtained leave, with Mr. Slater, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Law relating to Dairy Produce* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—SUPPLY.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—

1931.

VICTORIA.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE, 1931-32.

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 9.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the month of July, in the year 1931-32, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 25th June, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimate, to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.
- House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply ; resolution to be reported this day.  
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.  
Mr. Frost reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That a sum not exceeding £1,481,884 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1931-32, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	98
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,141
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	89
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	190
5. Engineers and Gardeners—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	168
7. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	339
8. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	570
9. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,345
10. " " Miscellaneous .. .. .	450
11. " " Pensions, &c. .. .. .	9,100
13. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	590
14. Explosives—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	640
15. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries .. .. .	373
17. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	915
18. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	220
19. The Governor's Office—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	28
20. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	358
21. Observatory—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	330
22. Audit Office—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	2,210
23. Government Statist—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,974
24. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	39,000
25. Children's Welfare, &c.—Salaries, Contingencies, and Maintenance .. .. .	34,430
26. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	9,923
27. Police—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	61,270
28. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	3,885
29. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	362
30. Department of Labour—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	2,898

Division No.		£
31.	Education—Salaries .. .. .	182,000
32.	„ Contingencies and Miscellaneous .. .. .	22,884
33.	„ Pensions, &c. .. .. .	9
34.	„ Works and Buildings .. .. .	2,000
35.	„ Endowments and Grants .. .. .	39,642
36.	„ Exceptional Expenditure .. .. .	36
37.	Attorney-General—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	11,679
38.	„ „ Pensions, &c. .. .. .	21
39.	Solicitor-General—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	7,400
40.	Treasury—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,812
41.	„ Miscellaneous .. .. .	101,000
42.	„ Transport, &c. .. .. .	550
43.	„ Unforeseen Expenditure .. .. .	60
44.	„ Payments to Railway Department .. .. .	10,000
45.	„ Hospitals and Charities .. .. .	27,500
46.	„ Grants .. .. .	209
47.	„ Pensions, &c. .. .. .	80
48.	„ Exceptional Expenditure .. .. .	50
49.	Premier's Office—Salaries, Contingencies, and Agent-General .. .. .	1,078
50.	State Superannuation Board—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	282
51.	„ „ „ Pensions, &c. .. .. .	6
52.	Taxation Office—Administration—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	2,768
53.	„ „ Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	12,114
54.	Curator—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	458
55.	Government Printer—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	10,277
56.	„ „ Miscellaneous .. .. .	242
57.	Lands—Survey, Settlement, &c.—Salaries, Contingencies, &c. .. .. .	8,870
58.	„ Miscellaneous .. .. .	6,400
59.	„ Botanic and Domain Gardens, &c.—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,360
61.	„ Works and Buildings .. .. .	235
62.	Public Works—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	4,360
63.	„ „ Works and Buildings .. .. .	11,000
64.	„ „ Road Works and Bridges .. .. .	300
65.	Ports and Harbours—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	2,060
66.	„ „ Works, &c. .. .. .	1,600
67.	Mines—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,850
68.	„ Miscellaneous .. .. .	1,040
69.	Forests—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	6,436
70.	State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c. .. .. .	28,381
71.	Agriculture—Administrative—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	948
72.	„ Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	4,233
73.	„ Maffra Beet Sugar Factory .. .. .	9,000
74.	Horticulture—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	2,388
75.	Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	7,660
76.	Export Development—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	4,833
77.	Marketing .. .. .	21
78.	Public Health—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	15,440
79.	„ „ Grants .. .. .	200
80.	Railways—Working Expenses, &c. .. .. .	708,666
81.	„ Pensions, &c. .. .. .	272
82.	„ Railway Construction Branch .. .. .	612
83.	State Coal Mine—Working Expenses .. .. .	46,666
	Total .. .. .	£1,481,884

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

5. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Frost reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1931-32 the sum of £1,481,884 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Hogan and Mr. Webber do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

6. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).—Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million four hundred and eighty-one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 16 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

And then the House, at forty-seven minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

A. J. PEACOCK,  
Speaker.

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 23.

TUESDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.—Mr. Hogan, by leave, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Tunnecliffe, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to make necessary Provision for carrying out a Plan agreed on by the Commonwealth and the States for meeting the grave Financial Emergency existing in Australia, re-establishing Financial Stability, and restoring Industrial and General Prosperity*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
  - Railways Act 1928—
  - Copy of Award No. 29.—The Margins above the Basic Salary payable to Officers in certain Grades during the year 1931, made by the Railways Classification Board, dated 4th June, 1931; together with Copy of Report of the Railways Commissioners thereon.
  - Copy of Orders made by the Railways Classification Board, dated 4th June, 1931, relating to certain Matters arising out of Awards Nos. 8, 20, and 26.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read:—
 

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 10.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to approve an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania of the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Parts respectively relating to the Conversion of the Internal Public Debts of the Commonwealth and the States.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 30th June, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
5. DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 10.  
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Brownbill reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—
 

*Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to approve an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania of the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Parts respectively relating to the Conversion of the Internal Public Debts of the Commonwealth and the States.*

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. Hogan and Mr. Tunnecliffe do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.  
Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to approve an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania of the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Parts respectively relating to the Conversion of the Internal Public Debts of the Commonwealth and the States*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Cremean*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at forty minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*  
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A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

## No. 24.

## WEDNESDAY, 1ST JULY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
  2. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—  
That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Dunstan*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day, and that Mr. Dunstan have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
  3. FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Hogan*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
  4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 1) without amendment.
  5. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—  
That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
  6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 19 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
- And then the House, at seventeen minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

## No. 25.

## THURSDAY, 2ND JULY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. SUPPLY—"GRIEVANCE DAY."—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate, negatived.  
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 11.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

" *An Act to authorize the City of Preston to construct and provide certain Permanent Works and Undertakings in lieu of certain other Permanent Works and Undertakings.*"

" *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million four hundred and eighty-one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.*"

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 2nd July, 1931.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
- And then the House, at twelve minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 26.

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TUESDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. STATE COAL MINE INQUIRY BOARD.—Motion made and question—That the maximum expenditure of the Board of Inquiry appointed to inquire into and report upon certain matters affecting the State Coal Mine be fixed at Fifty pounds (£50) *Mr. Tunnecliffe*—put and agreed to.
3. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Cotter*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act relating to the Sale or Supply of Liquor on Good Friday.*”
5. LICENSING BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Blackburn the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 27.

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WEDNESDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at forty minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*  
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A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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## No. 28.

THURSDAY, 9TH JULY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Murphy, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Committee of Public Accounts (Country Roads Board); with Appendices and Minutes of Evidence. Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Fisheries Act 1928.—Notice of Intention to repeal the Proclamations respecting the Use of Long Lines in Port Phillip Bay.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Tuesday next, and No 2 until Thursday, 30th July instant.
5. FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Amendment proposed—That all the words after “That” be omitted with the view of inserting the following words :—“this House is of opinion that the plan for the carrying out of which this Bill seeks to make provision is sectional and unjust in its immediate incidence, imposes a burden which in its subsequent distribution throughout the community will oppress the poor and relieve the rich, and will not attain its declared objects of re-establishing financial stability and restoring industrial and general prosperity, and that no plan will attain these objects or satisfy this House and the country which does not provide for the exaction from every person enjoying wealth beyond the needs of himself and of his dependants of a just contribution, the burden of which should be so distributed as to remedy the present inequalities of income and to ensure that there shall be neither superfluity nor want” (*Mr. Blackburn*).

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

The House divided.<sup>8</sup>

Ayes, 36.			Noes, 9.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind		Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Solly
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Linton		Mr. Cook	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Manifold		Mr. Cotter	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McKenzie		Mr. Holland	
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Menzies		Mr. Murphy	Mr. Frost
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Moncur		Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pennington			
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Pollard			
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Satchell			
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Toutcher			
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Tunnecliffe			
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Wallace			
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Webber			
Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Wettenhall			
Mr. Hogan				
Mr. Hyland				
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>			
Mr. Jewell				
Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon			
Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Maltby			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion made and question—That the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—be now adjourned (*Mr. Menzies*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifty-eight minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 29.

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TUESDAY, 14TH JULY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
  2. **NON-PAYING RAILWAY LINES—OUYEN TO MURRAYVILLE.**—Mr. Dunstan, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of any changes that might with advantage be made in connexion with the operation of the Ouyen to Murrayville line, or in connexion with freights and fares, revenue, working expenses, and interest charges credited or debited to this line; and any other matters that appear to the Committee to be relevant to the inquiry; together with Minutes of Evidence and Map.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
  3. **FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Dunstan*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
  4. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
  5. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.
- And then the House, at forty-six minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 30.

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WEDNESDAY, 15TH JULY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the Workers' Compensation (Transfer of Funds) Bill without amendment.
3. **INDETERMINATE SENTENCES BILL.**—Mr. Tunnecliffe obtained leave, with Mr. Slater, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Sub-section (5) of Section Five hundred and twenty-five and Sub-section (1) of Section Five hundred and twenty-nine of the 'Crimes Act 1928'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. **FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
5. **PETITION.**—Mr. Drakeford presented a Petition from the President, Vice-Presidents, and other members of the Victorian Teachers' Union, praying that the President and Vice-Presidents of the Victorian Teachers' Union be heard on behalf of themselves and other members at the Bar of the House in opposition to the Financial Emergency Bill.  
Motion made and question—That the Petition be read (*Mr. Drakeford*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.  
The Petition was read by the Clerk.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
Motion made and question proposed—That the Petitioners be heard by the President and Vice-Presidents of the Victorian Teachers' Union at the Bar of the House in opposition to the Financial Emergency Bill (*Mr. Drakeford*)—and, after debate—  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

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6. **FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.**—Debate resumed on question—That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Cremean*)—put and agreed to.  
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 31.

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THURSDAY, 16TH JULY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **PETITION.**—Mr. Cotter presented a Petition from certain traders in Bridge-road, Richmond, praying that the House will not pass into law the provisions of the Factories and Shops Bill relating to the closing of shops in the Metropolitan District on Friday evenings, but will amend the Bill so as to allow the shops to remain open on Friday evenings as at present.  
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. **FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
 Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Frost*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.  
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
4. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 20 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 32.

TUESDAY, 21st JULY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **NON-PAYING RAILWAY LINES—COLAC TO CROWES.**—Mr. Dunstan, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of any changes that might with advantage be made in connexion with the operation of the Colac to Crowes line, or in connexion with freights and fares, revenue, working expenses, and interest charges credited or debited to this line; and any other matters that appear to the Committee to be relevant to the inquiry; together with Minutes of Evidence and Map.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
  - Apprenticeship Acts.—Apprenticeship Commission of Victoria—Further Amendment of Printing Trades Regulations (No. 2).
  - Motor Car Acts.—Regulations rescinded; new Regulations made.
  - Public Service Act 1928—
    - Regulations.—Professional Division, Chapter II.—Departments of Chief Secretary, Public Instruction, Lands and Survey, Public Works, Mines, and Public Health.
    - Regulations.—Classification of General Division, Chapter VII.—Departments of Public Works and Public Health.
4. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—
 

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.* *Message No. 12.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

*“ An Act to make provision for giving effect so far as relates to Victoria to a certain Resolution with respect to Workmen’s Compensation adopted by an Imperial Conference held in London in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.”*

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 21st July, 1931.
5. **FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.  
Question—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	Mr. McKenzie
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Downward	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Slater
Mr. Everard	Mr. Tcutcher
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace
Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hyland	
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Kent Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Lieut.-Col. Knox	
Mr. Lind	Mr. Cain
Mr. Linton	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 11.

Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cotter	
Mr. Drakeford	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Frost
Mr. Keane	Mr. Hayes

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly and committed; considered in Committee.

Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.

6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after No. 3.
7. **DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT BILL.**—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Hogan*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 4 to 21 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at fifty-four minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

No. 33.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND JULY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER—"GRIEVANCE DAY."**—Motion made and question—That Standing Order No. 273c be suspended for to-morrow so far as it requires that the first Order of the Day on every third Thursday shall be either Supply or Ways and Means and that on that Order of the Day being read the question shall be proposed that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. Timnecliffe* for *Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.
3. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 13.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to make necessary Provision for carrying out a Plan agreed on by the Commonwealth and the States for meeting the grave Financial Emergency existing in Australia, re-establishing Financial Stability, and restoring Industrial and General Prosperity.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 30th June, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

4. **FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 13.  
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Brownbill reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to make necessary Provision for carrying out a Plan agreed on by the Commonwealth and the States for meeting the grave Financial Emergency existing in Australia, re-establishing Financial Stability, and restoring Industrial and General Prosperity.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Bill further considered in Committee.

And having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

THURSDAY, 23RD JULY, 1931.

Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.

5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 21 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until this day.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past Three o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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THURSDAY, 23RD JULY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—  
That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time, after debate.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
3. FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 21 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifty-four minutes past Nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 35.

TUESDAY, 28TH JULY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—  

Friendly Societies—Fifty-third Annual Report on.—Report of the Government Statist relating to the Period of twelve months ended 30th June, 1930 ; to which are appended Valuations of Societies, Numerical and Financial Summaries of the Returns furnished by the Secretaries, &c.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read:—  

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 14.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1930-31, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 28th July, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 18 inclusive be postponed until after No. 19.
5. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1930-31.—The House, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
7. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.
8. YALLOURN POWER STATION—DEFECTS IN BOILER DRUMS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Report of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria on Investigation into Defects in Boiler Drums, Yallourn Power Station (*Mr. Cain*)—put and agreed to.
9. PAPER.—Mr. Cain presented—  

Yallourn Power Station—Report on Investigation into Defects in Boiler Drums.—Return to the foregoing Order.

Ordered to lie on the Table.
10. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Debt Conversion Agreement Bill without amendment.

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12. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1930-31.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Brownbill reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That a sum not exceeding £867,336 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1930-31, viz. :—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.							£	£
Division No.								
1.	Legislative Council	...	...	...	...	8		
6.	Parliamentary Printing	...	...	...	...	3,100		
11.	Chief Secretary's Office—Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c.	...	...	...	...	1,841		
12.	"    "    "    Grants	...	...	...	...	110		
15.	State Accident Insurance Office	...	...	...	...	193		
18.	Government Shorthand Writer	...	...	...	...	130		
24.	Hospitals for the Insane	..	..	..	..	150		
25.	Children's Welfare Department	...	...	...	...	14,000		
27.	Police	...	...	...	...	66		
						<hr/>	19,598	
II.—LABOUR.								
30.	Department of Labour	...	...	...	...		2,471	
III.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.								
31.	Education—Salaries	...	...	...	...	425		
32.	"    Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	6,113		
						<hr/>	6,538	
IV.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND SOLICITOR-GENERAL.								
38A.	Attorney-General	...	...	...	...	6		
39.	Solicitor-General	...	...	...	...	400		
						<hr/>	406	
V.—TREASURER.								
40.	Treasury—Contingencies	...	...	...	...	180		
41.	"    Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	114,380		
44.	"    Payments to Railway Department	...	...	...	...	20,000		
45.	"    Hospitals and Charities	...	...	...	...	13,672		
46.	"    Grants	...	...	...	...	425		
48.	"    Exceptional	...	...	...	...	47,919		
50.	State Superannuation Board	...	...	...	...	50		
52.	Taxation Office—Administration	...	...	...	...	655		
55.	"    "    Probate Duties, Stamp Duties, and Entertainments	...	...	...	...	928		
	Tax	...	...	...	...			
						<hr/>	198,209	
VI.—LANDS AND SURVEY.								
59.	Land Settlement—Salaries, Contingencies, &c.	...	...	...	...	453,981		
60.	"    "    Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	750		
63.	Works and Buildings	...	...	...	...	1,000		
						<hr/>	455,731	
VII.—PUBLIC WORKS, MINES, AND IMMIGRATION.								
67A.	Public Works	...	...	...	...	708		
74.	Immigration	...	...	...	...	175		
						<hr/>	883	
VIII.—FORESTS.								
75.	Forests Commission	...	..	..	..		2,000	
X.—AGRICULTURE.								
77.	Agriculture—Administrative	...	...	...	...	500		
79.	Maffra Beet Sugar Factory	...	...	...	...	48,000		
82.	Stock and Dairy	...	...	...	...	3,006		
83.	Export Development and Produce Inspection	...	..	..	..	2,131		
						<hr/>	53,637	
XII.—RAILWAYS AND STATE COAL MINES.								
87.	Railways	...	...	...	...		127,863	
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					Total	...	£867,336	

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 3 to 18 inclusive be postponed until after No. 20.
14. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.  
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.  
Mr. Brownbill reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—  
*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1930–31 the sum of £867,336 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.  
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. Tunnecliffe and Mr. Lemmon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
15. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).**—Mr. Tunnecliffe then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Eight hundred and sixty-seven thousand three hundred and thirty-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty and One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 3 to 18 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.  
Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow :—  
*Unemployment Relief Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*

And then the House, at fifty-nine minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 36.

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WEDNESDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **PAPER.**—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Lands Compensation Act 1928.—Return under Section 37 showing particulars connected with the Purchase of Land and Amount paid therefor by the State Electricity Commission for the period 1st July, 1930, to 30th June, 1931.
3. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 15.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“ *An Act to approve an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania of the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Parts respectively relating to the Conversion of the Internal Public Debts of the Commonwealth and the States.* ”

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 29th July, 1931.

4. FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 20 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 37.

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THURSDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
  2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 2) without amendment.
  3. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Cremean*)—and, after debate—  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Linton*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday, 20th August next.
  4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, No. 2 be postponed until Thursday, 20th August next, and Nos. 3 and 4 and the Orders of the Day, Government Business, until Tuesday next.
  5. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.
- And then the House, at thirty-one minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 38

TUESDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—  
Harbor Boards Act 1928.—Amended Regulations relating to Elections of Elected Members of the Warrnambool Harbor Board.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read:—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 16.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz.:—

*“An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Eight hundred and sixty-seven thousand three hundred and thirty-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty and One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.”*

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 30th July, 1931.

4. FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress; to sit again this day.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—SUPPLY.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read:—

1931.

VICTORIA.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE, 1931-32.

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 17.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the month of August, in the year 1931-32, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 4th August, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimate, to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive be postponed until after Nos. 19 and 20.
7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported this day.  
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Brownbill reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That a sum not exceeding £1,169,674 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1931–32, viz. :—

Division No.		£
1.	Legislative Council—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	70
2.	Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	792
3.	Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	64
4.	Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	120
5.	Engineers and Gardeners—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	119
6.	Parliamentary Printing .. ..	1,160
7.	The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	223
8.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	414
9.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	860
10.	„ „ Miscellaneous .. ..	250
11.	„ „ Pensions, &c. .. ..	6,100
13.	Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	617
14.	Explosives—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	513
15.	State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries .. ..	282
17.	Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	535
18.	Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	146
19.	The Governor's Office—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	25
20.	Inebriates Institution—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. ..	326
21.	Observatory—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	253
22.	Audit Office—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	1,355
23.	Government Statist—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	1,490
24.	Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. ..	32,500
25.	Children's Welfare, &c.—Salaries, Contingencies, and Maintenance .. ..	33,800
26.	Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	8,500
27.	Police—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. ..	41,040
28.	Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. ..	3,358
29.	Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	200
30.	Department of Labour—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	2,290
31.	Education—Salaries .. ..	155,000
32.	„ Contingencies and Miscellaneous .. ..	20,000
33.	„ Pensions, &c. .. ..	9
34.	„ Works and Buildings .. ..	800
36.	„ Exceptional Expenditure .. ..	47
37.	Attorney-General—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	10,230
38.	„ „ Pensions, &c. .. ..	20
39.	Solicitor-General—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	6,500
40.	Treasury—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	1,400
41.	„ Miscellaneous .. ..	20,530
42.	„ Transport, &c. .. ..	500
43.	„ Unforeseen Expenditure .. ..	50
44.	„ Payments to Railway Department .. ..	10,000
45.	„ Hospitals and Charities .. ..	26,000
46.	„ Grauts .. ..	170
47.	„ Pensions, &c. .. ..	72
48.	„ Exceptional Expenditure .. ..	100
49.	Premier's Office—Salaries, Contingencies, and Agent-General .. ..	917
50.	State Superannuation Board—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. ..	238
51.	„ „ „ Pensions, &c. .. ..	5
52.	Taxation Office—Administration—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	2,642
53.	„ „ Salaries and Miscellaneous .. ..	5,970
54.	Curator—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	328
55.	Government Printer—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. ..	8,996
56.	„ „ Advertising .. ..	242
57.	Lands—Survey, Settlement, &c.—Salaries, Contingencies, &c. .. ..	5,913
58.	„ Miscellaneous .. ..	6,236
59.	„ Botanic and Domain Gardens, &c.—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	1,119
61.	„ Works and Buildings .. ..	220
62.	Public Works—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	3,585
63.	„ „ Works and Buildings .. ..	8,000
64.	„ „ Road Works and Bridges .. ..	200
65.	Ports and Harbours—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	1,489
66.	„ „ Works, &c. .. ..	1,500
67.	Mines—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	1,490
68.	„ Miscellaneous .. ..	1,040
69.	Forests—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. ..	4,800
70.	State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c. .. ..	18,667
71.	Agriculture—Administrative—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	947
72.	„ Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. ..	4,049
73.	„ Maffra Beet Sugar Factory .. ..	1,000
74.	Horticulture—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. ..	1,767
75.	Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. ..	6,128

Division No.	£
76. Export Development—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	4,337
77. Marketing .. .. .	21
78. Public Health—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	5,998
79. „ „ Grants .. .. .	200
80. Railways—Working Expenses, &c. .. .. .	647,000
81. „ Pensions, &c. .. .. .	250
82. „ Railway Construction Branch .. .. .	550
83. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses .. .. .	35,000
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>£1,169,674</b>

And, after debate, the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

8. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Brownbill reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1931–32 the sum of £1,169,674 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Slater and Mr. Lemmon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

9. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).**—Mr. Slater then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million one hundred and sixty-nine thousand six hundred and seventy-four pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

10. **FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.**—Further considered in Committee.

Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive and Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2.

12. **PETITION OF VICTORIAN TEACHERS' UNION.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the Petitioners be heard by the President and Vice-Presidents of the Victorian Teachers' Union at the Bar of the House in opposition to the Financial Emergency Bill; debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Bennett	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Downward	Mr. Solly
Mr. Drakeford	
Mr. Burnett Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hyland	
Mr. Keane	Mr. Cook
Mr. Lind	Mr. Frost

Noes, 31.

Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Linton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Menzies
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Difiey	Mr. Webber
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Hayes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Lemmon
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Maltby

And so it passed in the negative.

13. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Returning the Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers' Relief Bill and, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, suggesting an amendment.

Ordered—That the said suggested amendment be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.

14. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 3) without amendment.

15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive and the Order of Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
Speaker.

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WEDNESDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
     Constitution Statute.—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 and 19 Vict.,  
     Cap. 55, Act No. 3660, and Act No. 3945 during the year 1930–31.
3. FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
     And having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

THURSDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1931.

- Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Government Business, Nos. 2 to 21 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until this day.
  5. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until this day, at half-past One o'clock (*Mr. Slater*)—put and agreed to.
- And then the House, at Eight o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

THURSDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
  2. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past One o'clock (*Mr. Slater*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
  3. FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
     Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.
  4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 21 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
- And then the House, at fifty-eight minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 41.

TUESDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Education Act 1928.—Statement of Accounts respecting Provision of Meals for Children of the State Schools for the year 1930-31.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 18.

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

*“An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million one hundred and sixty-nine thousand six hundred and seventy-four pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.”*

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 7th August, 1931.

4. FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; recommitted, after debate, to a Committee of the whole House in respect of clauses 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 23, and 24, the headings to Parts III. and IV., and clauses II, KK, LL, MM, OO, SS, TT, UU, CCC, XX, YY, ZZA, DDD, EEE, FFF, GGG, and HHH; reconsidered in Committee.

And having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

WEDNESDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1931.

Bill reported with further amendments; recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of clause 3, all the clauses in Part III. and the heading thereto, and clause AAA; reconsidered in Committee and reported with further amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to.

Motion made and question—That the Clerk be authorized to re-number the clauses and sub-sections consequent on the omission and insertion of new clauses and sub-sections in Committee, and to make any necessary re-numbering of the Parts and Divisions of the Bill (*Mr. Slater*)—put and agreed to.

Motion made and question—That this Bill be now read a third time (*Mr. Slater*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Mauifold
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Old
Mr. Downward	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Everard	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Slater
Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber
Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Wettenhall
Lieut-Colonel Knox	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Linton	Mr. Cain
Mr. Luxton	Mr. Lemmon

Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cook	
Mr. Cotter	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Drakeford	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Frost
Mr. Reid	Mr. Hjorth

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read the third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to provide Protection for Trustees in connexion with the Conversion of Securities under the Commonwealth Act known as the ‘Commonwealth Debt Conversion Act 1931’ and to make certain other provisions with respect to Trusts and Trustees, and for other purposes.*”

6. TRUSTEE BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Slater the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee.

Committee reported progress; to sit again this day.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 21 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until this day.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until this day, at half-past Five o’clock (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.

And then the House, at six minutes past Three o’clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 42.

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WEDNESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.

2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Friendly Societies Act 1928 and Trade Unions Act 1928.—Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1930.

Hawkers and Pedlers Acts.—Hawkers and Pedlers Regulations 1931.

Public Service Act 1928.—Regulations.—Professional Division, Chapter II.—Department of Public Instruction.

3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER—“GRIEVANCE DAY.”—Motion made and question—That Standing Order No. 273C be suspended for to-morrow so far as it requires that the first Order of the Day on every third Thursday shall be either Supply or Ways and Means and that on that Order of the Day being read the question shall be proposed that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.

4. TRUSTEE BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after No. 3.

6. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said suggested amendment is as follows :—

Clause 8, sub-clause (3), paragraph (*d*), omit this paragraph.

Motion made and question—That this House do make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council (*Mr. Slater*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after No. 4.

8. INDETERMINATE SENTENCES BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 5 to 21 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at thirty-six minutes past Nine o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
Speaker.

No. 43.

THURSDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Frost 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, "The action of the Government in discontinuing in many cases the payment of the miners phthisis allowance."  
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve members approved of the proposed discussion—  
Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Frost*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
3. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
4. **DAIRY PRODUCE BILL.**—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Pollard*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Lieut.-Col. Knox*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
5. **UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.**—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.
6. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the amendment made by the Assembly in clause 8 of the Trustee Bill, disagreeing with the amendment made by the Assembly in clause 6, but making an amendment in the said clause.

And the said amendment is as follows:—

Amendment made by Assembly.	How dealt with by Council.
<p>Clause 6, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), line 33, omit "law" and insert "paragraphs (a) and (b) of sub-section (1) of section four of the <i>Trustee Act</i> 1928."</p>	<p>Disagreed with, but the following amendment made in the clause:— Clause 6, sub-clause (1), paragraph (a), lines 30-34, omit words beginning with "subject to" and ending "trust moneys" and insert "in any of the securities authorized by paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) of section four of the <i>Trustee Act</i> 1928 notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the instrument creating the trust or subject to anything to the contrary contained in the instrument creating the trust in any other security authorized by law for the investment of trust moneys."</p>

Motion made and question—That this House do not insist on its amendment in clause 6 disagreed with by the Legislative Council and do agree to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the said clause (*Mr. Slater*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them accordingly.

7. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Bill, including the amendment made by the Assembly which was suggested by the Council, with amendments.  
Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration on Tuesday next.
8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 18 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
9. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifty-six minutes past Five o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
Speaker.

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 54.

TUESDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

Business Names Act 1928.—Regulations prescribing Fees and Forms.  
Money Lenders Act 1928.—Regulations—Registration of Money Lenders.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read:—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 19.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz.:—

*“An Act to provide Protection for Trustees in connection with the Conversion of Securities under the Commonwealth Act known as the ‘Commonwealth Debt Conversion Act 1931’ and to make certain other provisions with respect to Trusts and Trustees, and for other purposes.”*

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 14th August, 1931.

4. LANDLORD AND TENANT (RENT REDUCTION) BILL.—Mr. Slater, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Tunnecliffe, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Reduction for a certain Period of the Rent payable in respect of certain Leases, and for other purposes*”: and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Wettenhall 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, “The necessity for immediate action on the part of the Government to prevent the adulteration of woollen goods with cotton.”
- Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—  
Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Wettenhall*)—put and, after debate, negatived.

6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—TREASURY OVERDRAFTS BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read:—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 20.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Treasury Overdrafts Act 1930*.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 18th August, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

7. TREASURY OVERDRAFTS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor’s Message, No. 20.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Brownbill reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Treasury Overdrafts Act 1930*.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Tunnecliffe and Mr. Slater do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Tunnecliffe then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Treasury Overdrafts Act 1930’*”: and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Two o'clock (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

And then the House, at forty-seven minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

No. 45.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. ORDER OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Motion made and question—That the Sessional Order fixing the order of business for to-morrow be suspended for that day so far as to allow Government Business to be proceeded with during the whole of the sitting (*Mr. Cain* for *Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
3. POLICE OFFENCES (TROTTING RACKS) BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Cain, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Bailey, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Holding of certain Trotting Races at Agricultural Shows*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after Nos. 3 and 4.
6. LANDLORD AND TENANT (RENT REDUCTION) BILL.—Motion made, by leave, and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Slater*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
7. TREASURY OVERDRAFTS BILL.—Motion made, by leave, and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 5 to 21 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifty-five minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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THURSDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST. 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
  2. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.
  3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 20 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next, Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive until Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September next, and No. 4 until Tuesday next.
  4. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Two o'clock (*Mr. Cain*)—put and agreed to.  
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.
- And then the House, at fifteen minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 47.

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TUESDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Cain presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—  
Coal Mines Regulation Act 1928—Annual Report of the Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Board for the year 1930.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

Apprenticeship Acts.—Apprenticeship Commission of Victoria.—Further Amendment of Carpentry and Joinery Regulations (No. 2).

Cultivation Advances Act 1930.—Regulations.—Applications by Cultivators for Advances, &c.

Fisheries Act 1923.—Notice of Intention—

To alter the Bag Limit for Trout.

To prohibit all Fishing in or the Taking of Fish from Portions of the Moorabool and Barwon Rivers from 1st May to 31st August in each year.

To prohibit all Fishing in or the Taking of Fish from Portion of the Kangaroo Creek near Bullarto.

Public Service Act 1928—

Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Joseph Alphonsus Lowrey, from the Fifth to the Fourth Class, in the Department of Law.

Regulations.—Professional Division, Chapter II.—Department of Law.

Regulations.—Classification of General Division, Chapter VII.—Department of Treasurer.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 21 inclusive be postponed until after No. 22.
4. WAYS AND MEANS—STAMP DUTIES (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.  
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.  
Mr. Brownbill reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

*Resolved—*

1. That on from and after the first day of September One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and until the twenty-sixth day of September One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one inclusive there shall be charged and paid for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors upon and for the instruments hereinafter specified the stamp duties hereinafter specified:—

RECEIPTS FOR SALARY AND WAGES—

- (i) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than One pound and not amounting to Two pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each £1 of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of £1 not being less than 10s.—a stamp duty of One penny:

- (ii) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than Two pounds and (save as otherwise expressly provided in the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and this Resolution) not more than Six pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each 6s. of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of 6s.—a stamp duty of One penny:

Provided that stamp duty shall not be payable hereunder on any receipt for payment of any amount of salary or wages of less than One pound or (save as otherwise expressly provided as aforesaid) more than Six pounds in all in respect of any week, and where payment of salary or wages is made for more than a week, then in calculating the amount of such salary or wages upon which stamp duty is payable any payment in respect of any week of less than One pound or (save as otherwise expressly provided as aforesaid) more than Six pounds shall not be taken into account.

2. That any person whose income for the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1930, is £312 or less and consists wholly or in part of salary or wages shall (notwithstanding that his salary or wages after the said 30th day of June in respect of any period for which he has been paid is or are at a rate exceeding £312 per annum) be liable to pay stamp duty at the rate or rates aforesaid on the whole of his salary or wages received on or after the said first day of September.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Tunnecliffe and Mr. Cain do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

5. STAMPS (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF) BILL.—Mr. Cain then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Temporary Continuation of the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time. Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

6. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress; to sit again this day.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Bill and, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, suggesting amendments.

And the said suggested amendments are as follow:—

1. Clause 2, lines 5–6, omit “twenty-sixth day of September” and insert “tenth day of October.”

2. Clause 4, line 16, omit “twenty-sixth day of September” and insert “tenth day of October.”

Mr. Speaker said:—“It is my duty to point out that the suggested amendments are an infringement of sub-section (2) of section thirty-six of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*.”

Motion made and question—That this House declines to entertain the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council, as they are an infringement of sub-section (2) of section thirty-six of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, which provides that the Council may not suggest any omission or amendment the effect of which will be to increase any proposed charge or burden on the people (*Mr. Cain*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Indeterminate Sentences Bill without amendment.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Financial Emergency Bill and, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, suggesting amendments.

And the said suggested amendments are as follow:—

1. Clause 7, line 4, after “The Governor” insert—

“; or

The Judges of the Supreme Court”.

2. „ line 10, omit “The Judges of the Supreme Court”.

3. „ lines 34–6, omit “but does not include office cleaners in receipt of pay at a rate not exceeding Two pounds two shillings a week”.

4. „ line 37, after “whomsoever” insert “(other than the Registrar of Friendly Societies)”.

5. „ page 7, line 6, after “Act” insert “and except as to the last proviso to sub-section (2) of section ten hereof”.

6. Clause 8, at the end of the clause add—

“Provided further that where, owing to the absence of any officer from his employment without pay by reason of the operation of any system of the rationing of employment (whether by means of arrangements for leave of absence without pay or otherwise) or owing to the absence of any officer from his employment on leave without pay or on reduced pay by reason of illness, the actual pay of any such officer during the period to which this Part applies is less than would otherwise have been the case, the percentage deduction in accordance with the First Schedule which is applicable to the officer shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Part, be that which is appropriate to the sum which would have been his pay during that period if he had been absent from his employment as aforesaid and this Part had not been passed; but until the end of that period or his ceasing to be an officer during that period, the appropriate percentage deduction in accordance with the First Schedule shall be provisionally applied to the rate of pay which he would have received during that period if he had not been absent from his employment as aforesaid and this Part had not been passed; and at the end of that period or on his ceasing to be an officer as aforesaid the necessary adjustments shall be made and any moneys deducted in excess shall be refunded to him accordingly.”

And, after debate—

Suggested amendments Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive not made.

Suggested amendments Nos. 4 to 6 inclusive made.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Two o'clock (*Mr. Cain*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
11. **UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.**—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress; to sit again this day.
12. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Returning the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Bill and, on the consideration of the Report of the Committee, suggesting amendments. Ordered—That the said suggested amendments be taken into consideration this day.
13. **WAYS AND MEANS—STAMP DUTIES (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF).**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day. Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee. Mr. Brownbill reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That in lieu of the Resolution agreed to this day the following Resolution be adopted:—

1. That on from and after the first day of September One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and until the tenth day of October One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one inclusive there shall be charged and paid for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors upon and for the instruments hereinafter specified the stamp duties hereinafter specified:—

RECEIPTS FOR SALARY AND WAGES—

- (i) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than One pound and not amounting to Two pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each £1 of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of £1 not being less than 10s.—a stamp duty of One penny:

- (ii) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than Two pounds and (save as otherwise expressly provided in the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and this Resolution) not more than Six pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each 6s. of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of 6s.—a stamp duty of One penny:

Provided that stamp duty shall not be payable hereunder on any receipt for payment of any amount of salary or wages of less than One pound or (save as otherwise expressly provided as aforesaid) more than Six pounds in all in respect of any week, and where payment of salary or wages is made for more than a week, then in calculating the amount of such salary or wages upon which stamp duty is payable any payment in respect of any week of less than One pound or (save as otherwise expressly provided as aforesaid) more than Six pounds shall not be taken into account.

2. That any person whose income for the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1930, is £312 or less and consists wholly or in part of salary or wages shall (notwithstanding that his salary or wages after the said 30th day of June in respect of any period for which he has been paid is or are at a rate exceeding £312 per annum) be liable to pay stamp duty at the rate or rates aforesaid on the whole of his salary or wages received on or after the said first day of September.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

14. **STAMPS (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF) BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council in this Bill on the consideration of the Report of the Committee having been read, the said suggested amendments are as follow:—
1. Clause 2, lines 5–6, omit “twenty-sixth day of September” and insert “sixth day of September.”
  2. Clause 4, line 16, omit “twenty-sixth day of September,” and insert “sixth day of September.”

Motion made and question—That this House do make the said suggested amendments with the following modifications in the Bill:—

Clause 2, lines 5–6, omit “twenty-sixth day of September” and insert “tenth day of October.”

Clause 4, line 16, omit “twenty-sixth day of September” and insert “tenth day of October.”

(*Mr. Cain*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

15. **UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.**—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress: to sit again to-morrow.
16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 21 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at fifty-eight minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
Speaker.

## No. 48.

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WEDNESDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Bill, including the amendments suggested by the Council as modified and made by the Assembly, without amendment.
3. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to. Ordered, after debate—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Financial Emergency Bill and, on the consideration of the Report of the Committee, suggesting amendments. Ordered—That the said suggested amendments be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Slater, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 21.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“ *An Act to provide for the Temporary Continuation of the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts.*”

“ *An Act to amend Sub-section (5) of Section Five hundred and twenty-five and Sub-section (1) of Section Five hundred and twenty-nine of the ‘Crimes Act 1928.’*”

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 26th August, 1931.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 22 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at thirty-seven minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 49.

THURSDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—  
Health Act 1928—  
Amending Boarding and Lodging House Regulations 1931.  
General Sanitary Regulations 1931.  
Amending Food and Drug Standards Regulations 1931 (No. 2).
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the Order of the Day, General Business.
4. WRONGS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to. Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

5. FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council in this Bill on the consideration of the Report of the Committee having been read, the said suggested amendments are as follow :—

1. Clause 7, line 4, after "The Governor" insert—

“; or

The Judges of the Supreme Court.”

2. „ line 10, omit "The Judges of the Supreme Court.”

3. „ page 6, line 28, after "expenses" insert "or attendance fees of members of the Committee of Public Accounts or the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways who represent electoral districts described as 'Urban' or 'Country' in the Seventeenth Schedule to *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928.*"

And, after debate—Suggested amendments not made.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 11 inclusive be postponed until after No. 12.

7. COUNTRY ROADS BILL.—Read the third time, after debate.

Motion made and question proposed—That the following amendment be made in this Bill :—

Clause 2, at the beginning of the clause insert the following new sub-section:—

“(1) In paragraphs (d) and (e) of section sixty of the *Country Roads Act 1928* before the words 'State highways' (wherever occurring) there shall be inserted the words 'main roads or.'”

—(*Mr. Linton*)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Linton the following amendment was, after debate, made in this Bill :—

Clause 2, lines 11–12, omit "2. At the end of section sixty of the *Country Roads Act 1928*" and insert—

"2. (1) In paragraphs (d) and (e) of section sixty of the *Country Roads Act 1928* for the words 'State highways' (wherever occurring) there shall be substituted the words 'main roads.'

(2) At the end of the said section sixty.”

On the motion of Mr. Webber the following further amendments were made in this Bill :—

Clause 2, page 2, line 1, omit "made under this section" and insert "so made."

„ page 2, line 6, omit "or regulations proposed to be made under this section" and insert "proposed to be made under the said paragraphs (d) or (e)."

„ page 2, line 8, omit "or regulations."

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 11 inclusive and 13 to 23 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past Two o'clock (*Mr. Webber*)—put and agreed to.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 50

TUESDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
  - Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th June, 1931.
  - Fisheries Act 1928.—Notice of Intention to revoke the Proclamation relating to Fishing in Baala Creek and Numurkah "Sand Hole."
  - Geelong Harbor Trust Act 1928.—Accounts of the Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners for the year 1930.
  - Marriage Act 1928.—Guardians of Minors Regulations.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 20 inclusive be postponed until after No. 21.

4. WAYS AND MEANS—UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF TAXES AND STAMP DUTIES.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day. Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Old reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—

*Resolved—*

That in lieu of Parts B and C of the Resolution agreed to on the 11th day of June, 1931, the following Resolution be adopted :—

PART B.—

1. That on from and after the 11th day of October, 1931, and until the 9th day of July, 1932, inclusive, there shall, subject to the provisions of the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and this Part of this Resolution, be charged and paid for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors upon and for the instruments hereinafter specified the stamp duties hereinafter specified :—

RECEIPTS FOR SALARY AND WAGES—

- (i) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than One pound and not amounting to Two pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each £1 of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of £1 not being less than 10s.—a stamp duty of One penny :

- (ii) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than Two pounds and not amounting to Four pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each 5s. of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of 5s.—a stamp duty of One penny :

- (iii) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than Four pounds and (save as otherwise expressly provided) not more than Six pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each 4s. of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of 4s.—a stamp duty of One penny :

Provided that stamp duty shall not be payable under the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and this Part of this Resolution on any receipt for payment of any amount of salary or wages of less than One pound or (save as otherwise expressly provided in the said Acts or this Part of this Resolution) more than Six pounds in all in respect of any week, and where payment of salary or wages is made for more than a week, then in calculating the amount of such salary or wages upon which stamp duty is payable any payment in respect of any week of less than One pound or (save as otherwise expressly provided in the said Acts or this Part of this Resolution) more than Six pounds shall not be taken into account.

2. That any person whose taxable income (within the meaning of the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* as in operation before the 31st day of December, 1930) for the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1930, is £312 or less and consists wholly or in part of salary or wages shall (notwithstanding that his salary or wages after the said 30th day of June in respect of any period for which he has been paid is or are at a rate exceeding £312 per annum) be liable to pay stamp duty as aforesaid on the whole of his salary or wages received on or after the said 11th day of October.

PART C.—

That for the purposes of the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and Part A of the Resolution agreed to on the 11th day of June, 1931, and Part B of this Resolution section eighteen of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* shall be read and construed and have effect as if after the reference therein to the last-mentioned Act there were added a reference to the legislation proposed to be enacted in order to carry the purposes of this Resolution into effect.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

5. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—Read the third time, after debate.

On the motion of Mr. Cain the following amendments were, after debate, made in this Bill :—

New Clause B, page 5, omit this clause.

New Clause V, page 5, omit this clause.

New Clause Y, pages 6–7, omit this clause.

New Clause A, page 7, line 15, after “ provided ” omit “ always ”.

New Clause C, lines 23–27, omit “ thirty-first day of August the thirtieth day of November the twenty-eighth day of February and the thirty-first day of May ” and insert “ thirtieth day of September the thirty-first day of December the thirty-first day of March and the thirtieth day of June.”

New Clause C, page 7, lines 34–35, omit “ such report shall be forthwith circulated among the members of Parliament ” and insert “ the Minister shall cause such report to be circulated forthwith among the members of both Houses of Parliament ”.

New Clause U, page 7, line 38, before “ in ” insert “ four days’ work ”.

Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—

New Clause D, lines 16–17, omit “ but shall not exceed One pound per week ” and insert “ at such rate of wages as is in the opinion of the Board usually paid for such work in the district in which such work is to be performed to an employé for whom the employer provides board and lodging.”

—(Mr. Cain)—and, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton	Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McKenzie
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold	Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Cain	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Moncur	Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Downard	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Frost	Mr. Webber
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Glowrey	
Mr. Everard		Mr. Burnett Gray	
Mr. Hyland		Mr. Hayes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kent Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Jackson	
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Cremean
Mr. Lind	Mr. Maltby	Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Cain the following further amendments were, after debate, made in this Bill :—

New Clause D, page 9, line 22, before “ The farmer ” insert “ In addition to the pecuniary remuneration paid as aforesaid ”.

“ page 9, lines 24–25, omit “ draining or subdividing of the land ” and insert “ or draining of the land or the subdividing thereof ”.

“ page 9, line 33, before “ remuneration ” insert “ pecuniary ”.

“ page 9, line 36, after “ advance ” insert “ by the Crown ”.

“ page 9, lines 41–42, omit “ as a debt due to the Crown ”.

“ page 10, line 4, omit “ such ” and insert “ the said last-mentioned ”.

Clause 10, sub-section (2), after “ *Amendment Act 1930* ” insert “ and the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931.*”

Clause 13, after " *Amendment Act 1930* " insert " and section two of the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931.*"

„ omit " first day of September " and insert " eleventh day of October."

„ omit " thirtieth day of June " and insert " ninth day of July."

Clause 14, after " *Amendment Act 1930* " insert " and amended by section four of the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931.*"

„ omit " thirtieth day of June " and insert " ninth day of July."

Clause 15, after " 1930 " insert " as amended by the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931.*"

„ line 26, omit " words ' under this Act ' " and insert " figures ' 1931. ' "

New Clause G, page 14, at the end of the clause insert the following sub-section :—

" (3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other Part, this Part shall remain in operation until Parliament otherwise provides "

New Clause O, page 16, line 23, omit " Act " and insert " Part ".

New Clause R, page 17, transfer this clause to follow clause H.

On the motion of Mr. Blackburn the following further amendment was, after debate, made in this Bill :—

New Clause I, at the end of the clause insert the following new sub-section :—

" (4) Nothing in paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) of this section shall apply to any collection made among its members by a trade union or other association of employes or by the members thereof for the relief of unemployed members of such trade union or association or their dependants."

Motion made and question—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—

New Clause K, insert the following new sub-section :—

" (4) The religious or political opinions of any applicant for a licence or of any holder of a licence shall not be a ground for refusing his application or (as the case may be) for revoking his licence."

—(Mr. Blackburn)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane	Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Bennett	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cain	Mr. Reid	Mr. Cleary	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell	Mr. Coyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly	Mr. Diffey	Mr. Old
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Webber	Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Glowrey		Mr. Everard	
Mr. Burnett Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. J. A. Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Frost	Mr. Hyland	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Maltby
		Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

On the motion of Mr. Blackburn the following further amendment was, after debate, made in this Bill :—

New Clause P, at the end of the clause insert the following new sub-section :—

" (2) No proceedings shall be taken against any person for a first offence by him against this Part or the regulations except by direction of the Chief Commissioner of Police."

Mr. Cain offered the following new clauses to be added to the Bill :—

*Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause A1 :—*

V. At the end of paragraph (c) of sub-section (2) of section seven of the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* there shall be inserted the following words :—

" including sustenance at the rate of Five shillings per week to unemployed male persons over the age of fifteen years and under the age of twenty-one years receiving instruction (approved for the purposes of the Unemployment Relief Acts by the Unemployment Relief Works Board) in agricultural horticultural viticultural dairying pastoral or other like pursuits and trades.

Sums for providing works for the relief of unemployment under paragraph (c) hereof may be paid either by way of advances or by way of grants."

*Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 6 :—*

Y. (1) There may out of the Unemployment Relief Fund be paid such sums as the Governor in Council from time to time determines to enable the Closer Settlement Board to acquire by agreement blocks of private land, but the price paid therefor shall in no case exceed the amount actually paid to the Crown for such land.

(2) All lands so acquired shall thereupon become Crown land as if the same had never at any time been alienated by the Crown, and in addition to the lands referred to in section six of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* shall be available for the settlement of suitable persons in accordance with the said section.

And the said clauses were read a second and third time and added to the Bill.

Mr. Burnett Gray offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

*Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 7 :—*

AB. For the purpose of more effectively providing for the relief of unemployment it is hereby enacted as follows :—

(1) Any taxpayer may—

(a) upon presentation to the Comptroller of Stamps of the receipt for any unemployment relief tax paid by him during the financial year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two ; or

(b) upon satisfying the said Comptroller that he has paid during any period falling within that year stamp duties under the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts—

be entitled to receive from such Comptroller coupons the face value of which does not exceed the amount of such unemployment relief tax or stamp duties (as the case may be).

(2) Such coupons—

(a) shall be in the prescribed form ;

(b) shall be issued in the following denominations—Two shillings and sixpence, Five shillings, Ten shillings, and One pound ;

(c) shall state thereon the last day upon which such coupons are redeemable as hereinafter provided ; and

(d) shall be transferable by delivery.

(3) Such coupons shall be available for the payment in respect of labour only performed by persons who are unemployed and registered at any Government Labour Bureau, but such coupons shall not be available for such purposes unless such person is engaged at a Government Labour Bureau in respect of that labour.

(4) Upon presentation of such coupons by the person so engaged at such bureau the face value of such coupons shall be paid to such person in money which shall be provided out of the Unemployment Relief Fund.

(5) No coupon so presented at a Government Labour Bureau after the date stated thereon for the redemption thereof shall be redeemed.

(6) Any person who uses any coupon otherwise than as provided in this section or in any regulations made thereunder shall be liable to a penalty of not more than One hundred pounds.

(7) In this section " Government Labour Bureau " means any place provided by the Government of Victoria for the registration of persons for employment.

(8) The Governor in Council may make regulations for or with respect to matters and things necessary or expedient for carrying this section into effect.

(9) This section shall come into operation on the first day of October One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Burnett Gray*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the further consideration of amendments after the third reading be postponed until this day, and that Mr. Burnett Gray have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Financial Emergency Bill and, on the consideration of the question that the Bill be read a third time, suggesting amendments.

And the said suggested amendments are as follow :—

1. Clause 7, line 4, after " The Governor " insert—  
" ; or

The Judges of the Supreme Court."

2. ,, line 10, omit " The Judges of the Supreme Court ".

3. Clause 11, sub-section (2), at the end of the sub-section insert—

" but nothing in this sub-section shall apply to any Member of Parliament who represents an electoral district described as ' Urban ' or ' Country ' in the Seventeenth Schedule to *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928* and who is a member of the Committee of Public Accounts.

(3) In any case where during the period to which this Part applies the total amount of the reimbursement of expenses of any Member of Parliament—

(a) who represents an electoral district described as ' Urban ' or ' Country ' in the Seventeenth Schedule to *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928* ; and

(b) who is a member of the Committee of Public Accounts—

calculated at the rate in operation before the coming into operation of the *Special and Other Appropriations Reduction Act 1930* and of any pay (within the meaning of this Part) received by him as such out of the consolidated revenue for the discharge of duties other than those for which such reimbursement is made is an amount comprised in any group set out in the First Schedule the percentage reduction applicable to such group shall apply to such pay which shall be reduced accordingly."

And, after debate—

Suggested amendments Nos. 1 and 2 not made.

Suggested amendment No. 3 made.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive be postponed until after No. 20.
8. **SUPPLY—BUDGET.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress; to sit again this day.
9. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ESTIMATES FOR 1931-32.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan and the same was read:—

1931.

VICTORIA.

## ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1931-32.

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.**Message No. 22.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1931-32, in lieu of the Estimates of Expenditure for the first two months of the year 1931-32, transmitted on the 25th June, 1931, and the 4th August, 1931, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 1st September, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

10. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Brownbill reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution;—

*Resolved*—That a sum not exceeding £1,085,451 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1931-32, viz. :—

Division No.		£
1.	Legislative Council—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	70
2.	Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	792
3.	Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	62
4.	Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	180
5.	Engineers and Gardeners—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	114
6.	Parliamentary Printing .. .. .	1,000
7.	The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	224
8.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	474
9.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	870
10.	"    "    Miscellaneous .. .. .	220
11.	"    "    Pensions, &c. .. .. .	6,100
13.	Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	480
14.	Explosives—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	535
15.	State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries .. .. .	292
17.	Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	250
18.	Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	130
19.	The Governor's Office—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	24
20.	Inebriates Institution—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	265
21.	Observatory—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	240
22.	Audit Office—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,380
23.	Government Statist—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,700
24.	Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	31,700
25.	Children's Welfare, &c.—Salaries, Contingencies, and Maintenance .. .. .	32,830
26.	Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	8,500
27.	Police—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	49,000
28.	Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	3,180
29.	Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	202
30.	Department of Labour—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	2,377
31.	Education—Salaries .. .. .	160,000
32.	"    Contingencies and Miscellaneous .. .. .	18,000
33.	"    Pensions, &c. .. .. .	9
34.	"    Works and Buildings .. .. .	700
36.	"    Exceptional Expenditure .. .. .	47
37.	Attorney-General—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	9,900
38.	"    "    Pensions, &c. .. .. .	20
39.	Solicitor-General—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	6,470
40.	Treasury—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,700
41.	"    Miscellaneous .. .. .	133,500
42.	"    Transport, &c. .. .. .	400
43.	"    Unforeseen Expenditure .. .. .	50
44.	"    Payments to Railway Department .. .. .	10,000
45.	"    Hospitals and Charities .. .. .	25,000
46.	"    Grants .. .. .	180
47.	"    Pensions, &c. .. .. .	79

Division No.	£
48. Treasury—Exceptional Expenditure .. .. .	130
49. Premier's Office—Salaries, Contingencies, and Agent-General .. ..	977
50. State Superannuation Board—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous	241
51. " " " Pensions, &c. .. .. .	5
52. Taxation Office—Administration—Salaries and Contingencies .. ..	2,003
53. " " " Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	8,009
54. Curator—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	382
55. Government Printer—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. ..	9,287
56. " " " Advertising .. .. .	200
57. Lands—Survey, Settlement, &c.—Salaries, Contingencies, &c. .. ..	6,024
58. " " " Miscellaneous .. .. .	5,473
59. " " " Botanic and Domain Gardens, &c.—Salaries and Contingencies	1,126
61. " " " Works and Buildings .. .. .	191
62. Public Works—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	3,615
63. " " " Works and Buildings .. .. .	8,000
65. Ports and Harbours—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,776
66. " " " Works, &c. .. .. .	1,850
67. Mines—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,495
68. " " " Miscellaneous .. .. .	888
69. Forests—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	5,200
70. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c. .. ..	17,250
71. Agriculture—Administrative—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,039
72. " " " Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	3,656
73. " " " Maffra Beet Sugar Factory .. .. .	1,000
74. Horticulture—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	1,621
75. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	5,783
76. Export Development—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	3,919
77. Marketing .. .. .	13
78. Public Health—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	4,860
79. " " " Grants .. .. .	1,975
80. Railways—Working Expenses, &c. .. .. .	460,000
81. " " " Pensions, &c. .. .. .	217
83. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses .. .. .	18,000
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>£1,085,451</b>

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

11. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Brownbill reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1931-32 the sum of £1,085,451 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Hogan and Mr. Tunnecliffe do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

12. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 4).**—Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million and eighty-five thousand four hundred and fifty-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

13. **PAPER.**—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1931.

14. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the Financial Emergency Bill, including the amendments made by the Assembly which were suggested by the Council, with amendments.

Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.

15. **UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.**—Order read for the further consideration of amendments after the third reading; debate resumed on new clause AB (for new clause see p. 70 *ante*.)

Question—That new clause AB be now read a second time—put and, after debate, negatived.

Mr. Hyland offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

AC. (1) Every male person to whom any sum of money is paid by way of sustenance pursuant to the provisions of the Unemployment Relief Acts shall on demand and in return for such sustenance perform work for the municipality within whose boundaries such sustenance is received.

(2) The amount of such work shall be calculated on the basis of the rate of pay prescribed by section nine of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* as amended by this Act.

(3) Every demand under sub-section (1) hereof shall be by writing under the hand of the municipal clerk in each municipal district, and shall indicate the nature of such work and the place at which the same is to be performed.

(4) Any person who wilfully disobeys any such demand without reasonable excuse shall thereafter be disentitled to receive sustenance pursuant to the aforesaid Acts.

And, after debate—

Question—That new clause AC be now read a second time—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Maltby	Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Manifold	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Reid
Mr. Coyle	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Cain	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Cook	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Downward	Mr. Moncur	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Webber
Mr. Everard	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Drakeford	
Mr. Hyland		Mr. Frost	
Mr. Kent Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Cremean
Mr. Linton	Mr. Old	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—New clause read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. Cain the following amendment was made in this clause :—

Sub-section (4), after “thereafter” insert “unless the Minister otherwise directs.”

And the said clause, as amended, was read the third time and added to the Bill.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow :—

*Financial Emergency Bill—Amendments of the Legislative Council—To be considered.*

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

No. 51.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER—“GRIEVANCE DAY.”—Motion made and question—That Standing Order No. 273c be suspended for to-morrow so far as it requires that the first Order of the Day on every third Thursday shall be either Supply or Ways and Means and that on that Order of the Day being read the question shall be proposed that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.
3. WHEAT AND FLOUR ACQUISITION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Slater*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Pennington*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered, after debate—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

4. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments are as follow :—

1. Clause 2, line 4, omit "alone" and insert "with or without any other justice or justices."
2. Clause 3, line 25, after "dwelling" insert "but does not include a charge creating and charging an annuity".
3. " lines 26-30, omit the interpretation of "Mortgagor" and insert "'Mortgagor' means a mortgagor under such a mortgage and includes any person lawfully claiming through him".
4. Clause 5, lines 10-13, omit "to any dwelling the tenant or mortgagor of which is a farmer entitled under the provisions of Part II. to apply for a protection certificate under that Part or".
5. Clause 6, lines 17-18, omit "(other than a tenant of a religious body or charitable institution)".
6. " line 25, omit "occupying a dwelling".
7. " line 27, before "mortgagor" insert "mortgaged by such".
8. " line 35, after "and" insert "(if practicable)".
9. " page 4, line 19, after "nothing" insert "belonging to the tenant or the tenant's wife or husband (as the case may be)".
10. " page 4, line 21, after "rent" insert "by the landlord".
11. " page 4, lines 21-2, omit "or repossessed under the terms of any hire purchase or other agreement."
12. " page 4, lines 27-9, omit "landlord or mortgagee or owner or vendor under any hire purchase or other agreement (as the case may be)" and insert "mortgagee relating to the payment of principal money interest or rent".
13. " page 4, lines 30-34, paragraph (c), omit this paragraph.
14. " page 4, line 35, after "remedy" insert "(as the case may be)".
15. " page 4, line 39, after "refused" insert—  
"Provided that when such stay or suspension shall terminate then such landlord or mortgagee shall have the full time permitted by the law relating thereto wherein to exercise have or take any such distress proceeding or remedy."
16. Clause 8, line 32, after "order" insert "and during such time as the mortgagor duly complies with the requirements of the second proviso to this sub-section".
17. " line 33, after "nothing" insert "belonging to the tenant or the tenant's wife or husband (as the case may be)".
18. " line 35, after "rent" insert "by the landlord".
19. " lines 35-6, omit "or repossessed under the terms of any hiring or other agreement".
20. " page 6, lines 1-3, omit "landlord or mortgagee or owner or vendor under any hire purchase or other agreement (as the case may be)" and insert "mortgagee relating to the payment of principal money interest or rent".
21. " page 6, paragraph (c), omit this paragraph.
22. " page 6, line 24, after "remedy" insert "(as the case may be)".
23. " page 6, lines 32-3, omit "tenant or mortgagor (as the case may be)" and insert "mortgagor".
24. " page 6, line 34, after "keep" insert "or cause to be kept".
25. " page 6, line 36, omit "landlord" and insert "mortgagee".
26. " page 6, line 38, after "cleanliness" insert "and if he so desire to do or cause to be done any act matter or thing to put the same into a proper state or in good order and cleanliness and to charge the cost thereof as part of his mortgage security against the mortgagor".
27. Clause 9, line 15, omit "two years in arrear".
28. " line 28, omit "two years" and insert "twelve months".
29. Clause 11, lines 38-9, omit "which is likely to be of a permanent nature" and insert "for more than one calendar month."
30. Clause 13, line 20, after "operation" insert—  
"Provided that when such stay or suspension shall terminate then such landlord or mortgagee shall have the full time permitted by the law relating thereto wherein to exercise have or take any such distress proceedings or remedy."
31. Clause 13, line 21, after "Provided" insert "further".
32. " lines 23-6, omit "has expired or has otherwise ceased to have effect or is about to expire or otherwise cease to have effect" and insert "is about to expire or otherwise cease to have effect or within one month after such expiry or ceasing to have effect".
33. " insert the following new paragraph to follow paragraph (a) :—  
"( ) when a protection order under this Part is about to expire or otherwise cease to have effect or within one month after such expiry or ceasing to have effect the mortgagee may apply to the court for an order that the arrears due in respect of rent or principal and interest at the date of such expiry or ceasing to have effect shall be paid in such manner as the court may decide."
34. " line 33, after "landlord" insert "mortgagor."
35. " line 36, after "landlord" insert "mortgagor."
36. " line 40, omit "applicant" and insert "tenant or mortgagor".
37. " line 42, omit "applicant" and insert "tenant or mortgagor".

38. Clause 19, line 5, omit " a " and insert " the " .
39. " line 14, omit " a " and insert " the " .
40. Clause 21, page 11, at the end of sub-clause (4) add " and no land shall be specified in such certificate unless at the time the application is made the farmer is engaged (whether on his own account or under a share farming agreement) in agricultural horticultural viticultural dairying or pastoral operations on such land nor shall the rights and remedies of the mortgagee or unpaid vendor of any land (except his right to sue the farmer personally for payment of the principal or interest secured by the mortgage or the unpaid purchase money or interest thereon) be suspended or affected by this Act or any protection certificate unless such land is specified in a protection certificate."
41. " page 12, line 35, after " charge " insert " (not being a charge creating and charging an annuity) " .
42. " page 13, line 10, after " suspended " insert—  
 " Provided that any of the aforesaid persons may at any time prior to the issue of a protection certificate give to the farmer one month's notice in writing of his intention to exercise any remedies available to him and the farmer shall not be entitled to a certificate thereafter unless he applies for the same within one month after his receipt of such notice."
43. Clause 21, page 13, sub-clause (12), omit this sub-clause.
44. Clause 23, omit this clause.
45. Clause 24, line 7, omit " each " and insert " the " .
46. " line 8, omit " to any board " .
47. " line 11, omit " any " and insert " the " .
48. Clause 25, line 14, omit " Any " and insert " The " .
49. Clause 26, line 19, omit " a " and insert " the " .
50. " line 24, omit " any board " and insert " the board " .
51. Clause 27, sub-clause (1), omit this sub-clause and insert—  
 (1) The property of the farmer shall be dealt with by the board for the benefit of the farmer and his creditors as hereinafter mentioned.  
 (2) As soon as may be after a protection certificate has been issued to any farmer a meeting of creditors of such farmer shall be called by the board at which meeting a committee of three or five persons shall be appointed by a majority in number and value of the creditors present at the meeting and any creditor may be represented at the meeting by any person duly appointed in writing by such creditor.  
 (3) If the creditors present at the meeting fail so to appoint a committee the board may appoint such a committee.  
 (4) If in the opinion of the board a committee fails to carry out its duties the board may appoint another committee and on such appointment being made the first-mentioned committee shall go out of office.  
 (5) No member of any such committee shall receive any remuneration in respect of his services as a member.  
 (6) The committee may elect its own chairman and otherwise regulate its own proceedings.  
 (7) The committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the board and the farmer.  
 (8) The board and the farmer (subject in the case of a share-farmer to any agreement between the share-farmer and the owner of the land as to the working of the land) shall have regard to the advice given by the committee.  
 (9) Where the farmer fails or neglects to comply with any advice given to him by the committee the board may order the farmer to comply with such advice with or without such modifications as it thinks fit and the farmer shall comply with such order.  
 (10) If the farmer fails or neglects to comply with any such order to the satisfaction of the board the board may apply to the court for the cancellation of the protection certificate."
52. Clause 28, line 8, omit " such " and insert " the " .
53. " line 10, after " board " insert " and on proof of due notice of such application to the farmer to whom the certificate was issued and after considering any representations made by such farmer " .
54. " add the following new sub-clause :—  
 " (2) On the application of any mortgagee or unpaid vendor or lessor of any land specified in a protection certificate (of which intended application at least seven days' previous notice in writing shall be given to the farmer and to the board) the Court—  
 (a) shall amend the protection certificate by deleting therefrom the specification of any land originally specified therein on which the farmer has ceased to be engaged (whether on his own account or under a share-farming agreement) in agricultural horticultural viticultural dairying or pastoral operations and thereupon the rights and remedies of the mortgagee unpaid vendor or lessor of such land except his right to sue the farmer personally for payment of the principal or interest secured by the mortgage or the unpaid purchase money or interest thereon or the rent (as the case may be) shall cease to be suspended by virtue of the protection certificate ;  
 (b) may cancel the protection certificate."
55. Clause 29, line 13, omit " such " and insert " the " .
56. Clause 30, lines 17-18, after " Registrar-General " insert " and also (where the land is under the Transfer of Land Acts) in the office of the Registrar of Titles."

57. Clause 30, insert the following new sub-clause to follow sub-clause (1) :—

“( ) There shall be entered on the list of protection certificates and orders extending the same required by this Act to be kept in the office of the prothonotary of the Supreme Court and of every registrar of county courts and of every clerk of petty sessions a record of every cancellation of a protection certificate notified in the *Government Gazette* under this section.”

58. Clause 30, lines 28–30, omit “ has ceased to have effect or is about to cease to have effect ” and insert “ is about to expire or otherwise cease to have effect or within one month after such expiry or ceasing to have effect.”

59. „ line 32, after “ such ” insert “ expiry or ”.

60. „ page 19, line 5, after “ specifies ” insert “ and upon such terms as to securing and retaining the assets of the farmer as the court may prescribe.”

61. „ page 19, line 6, after “ instalment ” insert “ or observance of any such terms.”

62. „ page 19, line 16, after “ certificate ” insert “ or an order made under this section ”.

63. „ page 19, line 22, omit “ the certificate ” and insert “ such certificate or order.”

64. Clause 31, sub-clause (1), line 26, omit “ appropriate.”

65. „ sub-clause (1), line 28, omit “ such ” and insert “ the.”

66. „ sub-clause (2), omit this sub-clause and insert the following new sub-clause :—

“(2) In giving any such directions the board shall so far as practicable make such provision as will in the opinion of the board secure in the following order of priority :—

(a) firstly—

the allowance to the farmer (if he continues his operations as a farmer on the land forming or included in the property) of an amount which in the opinion of the board is a living allowance for the farmer his wife and such of his children (if any) residing on the farm or engaged in essential production and working on the farm as are not paid wages ; and

the repayment of any amount advanced by the Crown the Board of Land and Works the Closer Settlement Board or the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission by way of sustenance or living allowance ;

(b) secondly—the payment (whether to the Crown the Board of Land and Works the Closer Settlement Board the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission or any other person) of the cost of seed cornsacks twine fertilizers power-fuel fodder lubricants sheep-dip spraying material and substances used for the cure or prevention of animal or plant diseases and insurance premiums on crops and of duplicates for implements and machinery, and a reasonable amount for the use on the farm of farm implements and machinery not owned by the farmer, and the cost of wages in respect of assistance essential for cropping harvesting and shearing ;

(c) thirdly—

in the case of a farmer who is a lessee and who is not a farmer referred to in section thirty-four of this Act—the payment of rent accruing due during the currency of the certificate ; and

in the case of a farmer referred to in section thirty-four of this Act or to whom advances which have not been repaid have been made under any Act relating to cultivation advances or any other Act authorizing advances to farmers—the repayment of advances, with interest thereon at a rate not exceeding Five pounds per centum per annum, made *bona fide* with the consent of the board after the commencement of this Act by any person carrying on business to the farmer for the purpose of enabling or assisting such farmer to carry on his business as a farmer ; and in the case of any other farmer—the repayment of advances, with interest thereon at a rate not exceeding Five pounds per centum per annum, made *bona fide* after the commencement of this Act (and, if a protection certificate is in operation, with the consent of the board) to the farmer for such purpose ; and

the payment to any first mortgagee of the land, for each full year of the currency of the protection certificate, of one year's interest in respect of the mortgage (whether legal or equitable) at a rate not exceeding Five pounds per centum per annum ;

(d) fourthly—the payment to the Crown of an amount equal to Five per centum of the outstanding principal amount due by the farmer to the Crown the Board of Land and Works the Closer Settlement Board or the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission in respect of land and advances ;

(e) fifthly—the payment for each full year of the currency of the protection certificate—

to the mortgagee under any registered mortgage of stock—of one year's interest payable in respect of the mortgage of stock at a rate not exceeding Five pounds per centum per annum ; and

to the holder of any second mortgage on the land given for the purpose of securing the repayment of money lent or the payment of the balance of purchase money of the land—of an amount equal to one year's interest payable in respect of such mortgage at the rate payable thereunder or at the like rate to that paid to the first mortgagee (whichever rate is the less); and

in the discretion of the board, of a sum in reduction of the amount of the arrears of payment due by the farmer to any storekeeper at the date of the issue of the protection certificate, together with interest (where payable) on the amount of such arrears at a rate not exceeding Five pounds per centum per annum;

(f) sixthly—the payment for each full year of the currency of the protection certificate—

to the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission of an amount equal to the water rate due for the current year; and

to the Crown and any local or public authority—of rates (other than water rates aforesaid) taxes and annual charges for the current year;

(g) seventhly—the payment of any balance rateably among creditors:

Provided that notwithstanding anything in paragraphs (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) or (g) of this sub-section the board in giving any directions as aforesaid shall so far as practicable make provision so that any income arising from live stock purchased by the farmer after the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one shall after the deduction therefrom of a reasonable amount for the agistment of such live stock be applied towards the payment of any debt due by the farmer in respect of the purchase money of such live stock together with interest (where payable) on such debt at a rate not exceeding Five pounds per centum per annum from the date when such debt became due."

67. Clause 32, page 22, line 1, omit "appropriate".

68. " page 22, line 5, omit "such" and insert "the".

69. " page 22, line 6, omit "such" and insert "the".

70. Clause 33, sub-clause (1), omit this sub-clause and insert—

"(1) There shall be contributed towards the cost of the administration of this Part an amount equivalent to two and one one-half per centum of the net amount realized by the board and available for payment and application under section thirty-one of this Act (other than payments made to the Crown the Board of Land and Works the Closer Settlement Board the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria and the farmer under paragraph (a) of sub-section (2) of section thirty-one of this Act) which the board is hereby authorized to deduct from such net amount aforesaid."

71. Clause 34, line 39, omit "a" and insert "the".

72. " page 23, line 7, omit "a" and insert "the".

73. " page 23, add the following new sub-clause:—

"(2) Nothing in this section shall prejudice or affect the exercise in relation to any lessee mentioned in this section by the Farmers Relief Board or any other person of the powers and authorities conferred upon such board or person by section twenty-nine of this Act."

74. Clause 36, at the end of the clause add—

"Provided however that the mortgagor or tenant who is entitled to the benefit or protection of this Act may consent to the exercise by the mortgagee lessor or vendor under a contract of sale of land or grantee of a bill of sale or owner under a hiring or hire purchase agreement or vendor under a contract of sale and of letting and hiring or a grantee of any other security over his property of any power given to him but such consent shall not be effective unless the consent is in writing and witnessed by a solicitor of the Supreme Court who certifies in writing that the consent is given by his advice and that he is not the solicitor for such mortgagee lessor vendor or grantee as aforesaid."

INSERT THE FOLLOWING NEW CLAUSES:—

*In place of clause 23—*

75. A. (1) For the purposes of this Part there shall be a board to be called the Farmers Relief Board.

(2) The board shall be appointed by the Governor in Council and shall consist of three members one of whom shall be a person nominated by the body known as the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce and one of whom shall be a farmer nominated by the body known as the Chamber of Agriculture who has had practical experience as such.

(3) If any default in nomination is made for a period of fourteen days after a request to nominate by the Minister the Governor in Council may appoint an eligible person to be a member without nomination.

(4) The Governor in Council shall appoint one of the members to be chairman of the board.

(5) The board shall be a body corporate by the name of the "Farmers Relief Board" with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall by that name be capable in law of suing and being sued, and subject to and for the purposes of this Part of purchasing holding selling leasing or taking on lease exchanging or disposing of real or personal property and of doing all such other acts and things as bodies corporate may by law do and suffer.

(6) The appointment of the board shall be notified in the *Government Gazette* and on publication of the notification the board shall be deemed to be duly constituted and incorporated.

(7) If any member of the board—

(a) is absent without leave of the board from three consecutive meetings of the board; or

(b) by writing under his hand addressed to the Minister resigns his office as a member—

his seat on the board shall thereupon become vacant.

(8) Subject to this Part the Governor in Council may appoint a qualified person to fill any vacancy in the board however arising. Such person shall be nominated by the body by whom the person vacating such position was nominated.

(9) Any proceedings of the board or of any person appointed as chairman or member shall not be invalid by reason of any defect in the appointment or nomination of such chairman or member or (so long as there is a quorum) by reason of there being any vacancy in the number of members at the time of such proceedings.

(10) A quorum of the board shall consist of two members; and all or any powers of the board may be exercised by the majority of the members at a meeting of the board duly held at which there is a quorum, but in the case of an equality of votes upon any matter at any meeting of the board the determination of the matter shall be postponed to a meeting of the board at which the full number of members is present.

(11) At every meeting of the board the chairman or in his absence any member elected by the members present to act as chairman of such meeting shall preside.

(12) The board shall cause proper minutes of its proceedings to be kept.

(13) Every member of the board shall be reimbursed for any travelling expenses reasonably and actually incurred by him in the discharge of his duties under this Part and any such member who is not in receipt of any salary or remuneration from the Crown or any Government Department shall be entitled to receive an attendance fee of One guinea for each meeting of the board attended by him at which a quorum is present but no such member shall be entitled to receive more than one attendance fee in respect of any one day or more than Two hundred and fifty pounds for attendance fees in any financial year.

(14) The board shall cause true and regular accounts to be kept and duly audited as prescribed.

(15) No member of the Parliament of Victoria or of the Parliament of the Commonwealth may be nominated or appointed a member of the board.

To follow clause 27—

76. D. (1) As soon as practicable after the end of each month the farmer shall forward to such committee a true and correct statement in writing showing what produce of the farm has been used thereon during such month which statement shall be taken into consideration by the board in allotting him a living allowance in accordance with the provisions of this Part.

(2) The farmer shall at the same time forward to the committee a true and correct statement in writing of sales of the produce of the farm during such month, and shall forward forthwith to the committee all moneys received by him as the proceeds of such sales.

(3) Such statements and all moneys received by the committee from the farmer shall be transmitted forthwith to the board.

77. THE SCHEDULE.—Omit the Schedule.

And, after debate, the said amendments were read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. Slater and, after debate—

Amendment No. 1 disagreed with.

Amendment No. 2 agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 3 to 7 inclusive disagreed with.

Amendments Nos. 8 to 12 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment No. 13 disagreed with, but the following amendment made in the clause:—

Clause 6, page 4, sub-section (4), paragraph (c), lines 30-31, omit "the landlord or the mortgagee or the owner or vendor (as the case may be)" and insert "the mortgagee".

Amendment No. 14 agreed to.

Amendment No. 15 disagreed with, but the following amendments made in Clause 14:—

Clause 14, line 13, after "during which" insert "any stay or suspension of any distress proceeding or remedy hereinbefore referred to or".

" line 14, after "order" insert "or any order made under the last preceding section".

" line 16, after "by the" omit "protection order" and insert "stay or suspension or by any such order".

" at the end of the clause insert the following sub-section:—

"(2) Notwithstanding anything in this or any other Act or any regulations or rules thereunder or any rules of court, when any such stay or suspension terminates or any such protection order or order made under the last preceding section expires or otherwise ceases to have effect and a landlord or mortgagee has less than fourteen days thereafter wherein to exercise have or take any such distress proceeding or remedy as is hereinbefore referred to, he shall have fourteen days thereafter wherein to exercise have or take such distress proceeding or remedy."

Amendment No. 16 agreed to, with the following amendment :—

Omit “and during such time as” and insert “and if during such operation”.

Amendments Nos. 17 to 20 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment No. 21 disagreed with, but the following amendments made in the clause :—

Clause 8, sub-section (3), page 6, paragraph (c), lines 4–5, omit “the landlord or the mortgagee or the owner or vendor (as the case may be)” and insert “the mortgagee”.

„ sub-section (3), page 6, paragraph (c), line 6, after “dwelling” insert “or anything therein contained or on the land which is the site and curtilage thereof”.

Amendments Nos. 22 to 25 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment No. 26 agreed to, with the following amendment :—

Omit “a proper state or in good order” and insert “reasonable order”.

Amendments Nos. 27 and 28 disagreed with.

Amendment No. 29 agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 30 and 31 disagreed with.

Amendments Nos. 32 to 39 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment No. 40 agreed to with the following amendment :—

Omit “by this Act” and insert “by this Part.”

Amendment No. 41 agreed to.

Amendment No. 42 agreed to, with the following amendment :—

Omit “of the aforesaid persons” and insert “such mortgagee vendor person lessor grantee of a bill of sale holder of a lien owner purchaser or other grantee”.

Amendment No. 43—

Motion made and question proposed—That this amendment be agreed to (*Mr. Slater*)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made and question—That this amendment be disagreed with (*Mr. Glowrey*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Hyland
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Bond	Mr. Lind
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Cain	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Cook	Mr. Old
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Downward	Mr. Solly
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Glowrey	
Mr. Burnett Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Holland	Mr. McAdam

Mr. Angus	Mr. Pollard
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Slater
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Everard	Mr. Webber
Mr. Kent Hughes	
Mr. Lemmon	
Mr. Linton	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. J. A. Gray
Mr. Menzies	Lieut.-Col. Knox

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Amendment disagreed with.

On the motion of Mr. Slater and, after debate—

Amendments Nos. 44 to 50 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment No. 51 agreed to with the following amendment :—

Sub-section (2), omit “shall be called” and insert “may be called.”

Amendment No. 52 agreed to.

Amendment No. 53 disagreed with, but the following amendment made in the clause :—

Clause 28, lines 10–11, omit “may on the application of the board cancel the certificate” and insert “on the application of the board (of which intended application notification shall be given by the clerk of petty sessions to the farmer and to the creditors) and if satisfied that it is advisable to cancel the certificate may cancel the same”.

Amendment No. 54 disagreed with, but the following amendment made in the clause :—

Clause 28, at the end of the clause insert the following sub-sections :—

“(2) If on the application of any creditor (of which intended application notification shall be given by the clerk of petty sessions to the farmer and to the board and to the other creditors) the court is satisfied that for any cause whatsoever it is advisable to cancel any protection certificate, the court may cancel the certificate.

(3) If on the application of any mortgagee or unpaid vendor or lessor of any land specified in a protection certificate (of which intended application notification shall be given by the clerk of petty sessions to the farmer and to the board and to

the other creditors) the court is satisfied that the farmer has ceased to be engaged (whether on his own account or under a share-farming agreement) in agricultural horticultural viticultural dairying or pastoral operations on any land originally specified in the protection certificate, the court may amend the protection certificate by deleting therefrom the specification of such land; and thereupon the rights and remedies of the mortgagee unpaid vendor or lessor of such land (except his right to sue the farmer personally for payment of the principal or interest secured by the mortgage or for the unpaid purchase money or interest thereon or the rent, as the case may be), shall cease to be stayed or suspended in respect to such land".

Amendment No. 55 agreed to, but the following amendments made in the clause:—

- Clause 29, line 12, after "creditor" omit "or the" and insert "of a".  
 " line 13, after "certificate" insert "or on the application of such farmer".  
 " line 15, omit "any" and insert "the".

Amendments Nos. 56 and 57 agreed to.

Amendment No. 58 agreed to, but the following amendments made in the clause:—

- Clause 30, sub-section (2), line 22, after "certificate" insert "expires or otherwise".  
 " sub-section (2), page 19, line 1, before "ceasing" insert "expiry or".

Amendment No. 59 agreed to.

Amendment No. 60 agreed to, with the following amendment:—

- Omit "may prescribe" and insert "prescribes".

Amendment No. 61 agreed to.

Amendment No. 62 disagreed with, but the following amendment made in the clause:—

- Clause 30, sub-section (3), lines 16–17, omit "ceases to have any effect" and insert "expires or otherwise ceases to have any effect or when an order under this section is cancelled".

Amendments Nos. 63 to 65 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment No. 66—

On the motion of Mr. Slater the following amendments were, after debate, made in this amendment:—

- Paragraph (a), omit "on the land forming or included in the property" and insert "on his farm".  
 Paragraph (a), at the end of the paragraph insert "and any payments for medical services recommended by the board."  
 Paragraph (c), arrange as a new sub-paragraph all the words beginning "in the case of any other farmer" and ending "for such purpose; and".  
 Paragraph (e), omit "at the rate payable thereunder or at the like rate to that paid to the first mortgagee (whichever rate is the less)" and insert "at a rate not exceeding Five pounds per centum per annum".  
 Paragraph (e), at the end of the paragraph insert "and".

Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this amendment:—

- Paragraph (f), omit "(f) sixthly—the payment for each full year of the currency of the protection certificate".

—(Mr. Slater).

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Council's amendment—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Manifold	Mr. Bailey	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Moncur	Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Downward	Mr. Old	Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Everard	Mr. Pennington	Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Webber
Mr. Kent Hughes		Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Linton	Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Maltby	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Cain
		Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon

And so it passed in the negative.

On the motion of Mr. Slater the following further amendments were made in this amendment:—

- Paragraph (f), after "charges for the current year;" insert "and".  
 Paragraph (g), omit "(g) seventhly" and insert "(f) sixthly".  
 In the proviso, omit "(f) or (g)" and insert "or (f)".

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Slater and, after debate—

Amendments Nos. 67 to 69 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment No. 70 disagreed with, but the following amendment made in the clause :—

Omit sub-section (1) and insert the following sub-section :—

“(1) When in accordance with the provisions of this Part any moneys payable to the farmer by any person have been paid to the board there shall be deducted therefrom by the board as a contribution towards the cost of the administration of this Part an amount equivalent to two and one-half per centum of all amounts paid by the board out of such moneys in accordance with the said provisions other than amounts paid—

(a) to the farmer as a living allowance ; and

(b) to the Crown the Board of Land and Works the Closer Settlement Board the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission and the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria”.

Amendments Nos. 71 and 72 agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 73 and 74 disagreed with.

Amendment No. 75 agreed to.

Amendment No. 76—

On the motion of Mr. Glowrey the following amendment was, after debate, made in this amendment :—

Sub-section (1), before “As soon as” insert “In any particular case where the Board so requires of the farmer in writing”.

On the motion of Mr. Slater the following further amendments were made in this amendment :—

Sub-section (2), omit “and shall forward forthwith to the committee all moneys received by him as the proceeds of such sales”.

Sub-section (3), omit “and all moneys”.

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Slater—

Amendment No. 77 agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 21 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

6. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 4) without amendment.

And then the House, at fifty-three minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 52.

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THURSDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **POLICE OFFENCES (TROTting RACES) BILL.**—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to ; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
3. **MEDICAL BILL.**—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.

4. **TREASURY OVERDRAFTS BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 19 inclusive be postponed until after the Order of the Day, General Business.

6. **WRONGS BILL.**—Read the third time, after debate.

On the motion of Mr. Blackburn the following amendments were made in this Bill :—

Clause 7, sub-section (1), line 2, omit “other injury” and insert “any other injury or any damage or loss whatsoever.”

Clause 8, sub-sections (1) and (2), omit these sub-sections and insert the following new sub-section :—

“(1) Notwithstanding any rule of law to the contrary where two or more persons are jointly liable in respect of any tort then (subject to any right of indemnity which any one or more of such persons may have against the other or others of them) each of such persons shall be entitled to recover contribution as in cases of contract from the other or others of them.”

Clause 8, sub-section (3), line 27, omit “(3)” and insert “(2)”.

Mr. Blackburn offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

A. (1) Where by the separate wrongful acts, neglects or defaults of two or more independent tortfeasors loss of life or any other injury or any damage or loss whatsoever is caused to any other person and a proportion of the damages is recovered against one of such tortfeasors which exceeds the proportion in which he was in fault he may recover by way of contribution the amount of the excess from the other tortfeasors to the extent to which those tortfeasors were respectively in fault :

Provided that no amount shall be so recovered which could not by reason of any statutory or contractual limitation of or exemption from liability or which could not for any other reason have been recovered in the first instance as damages by the persons entitled to sue therefor.

(2) In addition to any other remedy provided by law the persons entitled to any contribution as provided by sub-section (1) of this section shall for the purpose of recovering the contribution have, subject to the provisions of this Act, the same rights and powers as the persons entitled to sue for damages in the first instance.

And the said clause was read a second and third time and added to the Bill.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

7. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 23.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million and eighty-five thousand four hundred and fifty-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.*”

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 3rd September, 1931.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next at half-past Two o'clock (*Mr. Bailey*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 19 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

And then the House, at twenty-one minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 53.

TUESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments are as follow :—
  1. Clause 10, page 10, lines 18–19, omit “when this Part ceases to continue in force” and insert “on from and after the third day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two”.
  2. Clause 14, page 14, insert the following new sub-clauses to follow sub-clause (2):—
 

“( ) For the purposes of any reduction of interest under this Part such interest shall be deemed to accrue from day to day.

( ) The provisions of this Part with respect to mortgages given to and moneys lodged on fixed deposit with societies registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928* shall with such adaptations as are necessary extend and apply to mortgages given to and moneys lodged on fixed deposit with any corporation with respect to which the Treasurer of Victoria (if he thinks fit) certifies by notice published in the *Government Gazette* that he is satisfied that the greater part of the business carried on by the corporation is similar to that carried on by such societies but this sub-section shall only apply to such of the said mortgages as relate to the erection of houses.”
  3. Clause 15, line 21, after “overdraft” insert “or to mortgages given to a society registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928*”.
  4. „ lines 25–6, omit “fixed by proclamation of the Governor in Council published in the *Government Gazette*” and insert “fixed by resolution of each of the two Houses of Parliament”.
  5. Clause 16, line 31, after “overdraft” insert “or mortgages given to a society registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928* or mortgages given as security for moneys granted by a mutual life assurance company to a member by way of loan on his policy with the company”.
  6. „ lines 33–5, paragraph (b), omit this paragraph and insert—
 

“(b) to all mortgages existing on the appointed day and given as security for moneys granted by a bank on overdraft or given to a society registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928*”.
  7. Clause 17, line 18, omit “whether”.
  8. „ line 23, after “authority” insert “under any mortgage or to any municipality in respect of any amount due by any person under Division ten of Part XIX. of the *Local Government Act 1928* in respect of which amount such person has under section five hundred and eighty-two of that Act requested such municipality to accept payment thereof by instalments”.
  9. „ at the end of the clause add the following new sub-clauses :—
 

“(3) Subject to the provisions of the last preceding sub-section this Division shall not apply to interest payable to or by the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria.

(4) This Division shall not apply to any mortgage given to any society registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928* and known as a Starr-Bowkett Society.”
  10. Clause 18, omit this clause and insert the following new clause in place thereof :—
 

A. (1) Any mortgagor by notice in the prescribed form may apply to the court at any time within twelve months after the coming into operation of this Part for reduction in the rate of interest payable under his mortgage.

(2) A copy of every such notice shall be served as prescribed upon the mortgagees who shall be given an opportunity to show cause why the application should not be granted.

(3) Where it is not shown to the court that there are good and sufficient reasons applying to the transaction for modifying the provisions contained in the next succeeding sub-section in relation thereto the court shall make an order as is in such sub-section provided but if the court be satisfied that—

(a) the mortgagee has already reduced the interest payable under the mortgage ;  
or

(b) that there are good and sufficient reasons as aforesaid—  
then the court may make an order modifying or excluding the operation of such provisions in relation to such mortgage and may make such order (if any) as to costs as it thinks fit and the amount of any costs so ordered shall be specified in such order.

(4) Unless as is last hereinbefore provided the court shall otherwise order on any such application it shall direct that the mortgage shall for a period of three years from such date not earlier than the coming into operation of these provisions as the court may order be construed and take effect as if it were a term of the mortgage that on and from the date so ordered or (in the case of a bank overdraft or in the case of a mortgage given to a society registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928*) on and from the appointed day the interest payable under the mortgage shall be reduced at a rate which shall be not more than Three shillings for every One pound of such interest.

(5) On the hearing of any application made pursuant to the provisions of this section the court may but without in any wise limiting the generality of its powers in respect to any such application take into consideration—

(a) the date terms and conditions of repayment of the mortgage ;

(b) the extent to which an order for relief (if any) has already been granted pursuant to any other Act of Parliament ;

(c) any hardship that would be inflicted on the mortgagee by the making of any such order taking into consideration the economic and financial conditions prevailing at the time of execution of the mortgage and any relative or other like considerations ; and

(d) any other factors and circumstances either generally or in any particular case as the court may deem fit and proper to allow justice to be done in respect to any such application.

(6) If the court is satisfied that the application has been occasioned by the refusal of the mortgagor to accept a reasonable offer of reduction by the mortgagee or there are not good and sufficient reasons warranting the granting of any such application the court may order the mortgagor to pay costs.

(7) The provisions of this section or any order under this Division shall not operate so as to reduce the interest payable under any mortgage to a rate less than Five pounds per centum per annum.

(8) Every application under this section to a court of petty sessions shall be made to the court of petty sessions held nearest to the location of the property which is the subject of the mortgage.

(9) If any mortgagee holds a mortgage as a trustee—

(a) such mortgagee shall not be deemed to be guilty of a breach of trust by reason only of his *bona fide* failure to appear on an application under this section ;  
and

(b) the court in making any order as to costs under this section shall have regard *inter alia* to the fiduciary position of such mortgagee as trustee.

(10) Every order made under this Division by the Supreme Court or a judge thereof or any county court or a judge thereof shall be final and conclusive and no appeal shall lie in respect thereof but an appeal shall lie to the Supreme Court or any county court in respect of any order made under this Division by a court of petty sessions.

(11) Default in payment of any moneys secured by a mortgage shall not be deemed to be a good and sufficient reason within the meaning of sub-section (3) of this section unless the court is satisfied —

(a) that at the time of such default the mortgagor had the means and ability to make such payment and made such default without reasonable excuse ; or

(b) that at the time of the application the mortgagor has the means and ability to make such payment and continues such default without reasonable excuse.

11. Clause 20, lines 11-12, omit "to the extent of such payment".

12. " lines 18-19, after "overdraft" insert "or in the case of a mortgage given to a society registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928*".

13. Clause 22, line 12, after "overdraft" insert "or to mortgages given to a society registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928*".

14. " lines 16-17, omit "fixed by proclamation of the Governor in Council published in the *Government Gazette*" and insert "fixed by resolution of each of the two Houses of Parliament".

15. Clause 23, lines 20-21, after "overdraft" insert "or mortgages given to a society registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928* or mortgages given as security for moneys granted by a mutual life assurance company to a member by way of loan on his policy with the company".

16. Clause 23, lines 23-5, paragraph (b), omit this paragraph and insert—

“(b) to all mortgages existing on the appointed day and given as security for moneys granted by a bank on overdraft or given to a society registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928*.”

17. Clause 24, line 39, omit “or”.

18. „ line 43, after “society” insert “or (d) to any hire purchase agreement relating to chattels”.

19. Clause 25, omit this clause and insert the following new clause in place thereof :—

BB. (1) Where any interest accrued due and payable under a mortgage is not in arrear or is not more than six months in arrear, but otherwise the mortgagor's covenants other than for payment of principal moneys have been performed, such mortgagor may apply to the court upon summons for an order that the mortgagee shall not within the period of twelve months after the coming into operation of this Part exercise in respect of the property comprised in the mortgage any power of sale or foreclosure or other remedy for enforcing payment of the principal moneys thereby secured or interest (if any) in arrear at the time of such application.

(2) Subject to this section, upon service on the mortgagee of the summons in respect of such application and pending the decision of the court thereon no power of sale or foreclosure or other remedy for enforcing payment of such principal moneys or interest shall without leave of the court be exercised by the mortgagee in respect of the property comprised in the mortgage; and if any such remedy is or before the service of the said summons has been commenced it shall be and is hereby declared to be stayed and suspended accordingly until the order upon such summons is made.

(3) If upon the hearing of any such summons the mortgagor satisfies the court—

(a) that he is unable to redeem the property either from his own moneys or by borrowing at a rate of interest not exceeding Six per centum per annum; and

(b) that the value of the property is not seriously diminishing and that the mortgagee's security is not otherwise in jeopardy—

the court shall make an order in accordance with sub-section (1) of this section.

(4) Such order may if the court is satisfied that the mortgagor is able to repay a portion of the principal moneys secured by the mortgage direct that such order shall not take effect except upon payment within such time as the court directs of so much of the principal moneys as the court directs.

(5) At any time when an order made under sub-section (3) of this section is in force the mortgagee may apply to the court upon summons for the setting aside of such order and if the mortgagee satisfies the court—

(a) that the mortgagor is able to redeem the property either from his own moneys or by borrowing at a rate of interest not exceeding Six per centum per annum; or

(b) that the value of such property is seriously diminishing or that the mortgagee's security is otherwise in jeopardy—

the court may set aside such order accordingly.

(6) Every application made under this section to a court of petty sessions shall be made to the court of petty sessions held nearest to the location of the property which is the subject of the mortgage.

(7) The provisions of this section shall not in the case of a mortgage of land affect any power of sale of a mortgagee in possession where possession was taken by the mortgagee before the coming into operation of this Part or, in the case of a bank overdraft, before the appointed day.

20. Clause 26, lines 37-9, omit “fixed by proclamation of the Governor in Council published in the *Government Gazette*” and insert “fixed by resolution of each of the two Houses of Parliament”.

21. Clause 27, lines 42-3, omit “Fifteen shillings and sixpence” and insert “Seventeen shillings”.

22. Clause 29, line 23, omit “Four shillings and sixpence” and insert “Three shillings”.

23. Clause 35, sub-clause (1), omit this sub-clause and insert the following new sub-clauses :—

“(1) In any case under this Part where a court of petty sessions for any reason decides not to adjudicate the Supreme Court or a judge thereof or any county court or a judge thereof notwithstanding anything in this Part may adjudicate.

(2) Subject to this Part the provisions of the *Justices Act 1928* with respect to service of summonses and with respect to complaints for causes of action determinable summarily shall so far as applicable and with such adaptations as are necessary extend and apply to service of summonses and to proceedings under this Part.

(3) The power of the Governor in Council to make rules under section five of the *Justices Act* 1928 shall include power to make rules regulating the procedure of courts of petty sessions and appeals therefrom under this Part."

24. Clause 36, lines 37-8, omit "prescribing the forms to be used (and all such forms or forms to the like effect shall be sufficient in law) and all such other" and insert "prescribing such".
25. Clause 43, line 35, after "1927" insert "and the *Debt Conversion Agreement Act* 1931".
26. ,, line 37, omit "Agreement" and insert "Agreements".

INSERT THE FOLLOWING NEW CLAUSES:—

*To follow clause 18—*

27. AA. (1) Where a trustee before the date of the passing of this Act has advanced trust money on a mortgage security or where any person is a trustee for any money which has before that date been advanced by any other person upon a mortgage security and such security if taken by a trustee at the time of investment was a proper advance in all respects under the trust, it shall be lawful for but not obligatory upon the trustee to renew such mortgage either as to the whole or part of the money advanced or to accept a new mortgage over the same security to secure the whole or part of such money for such period or successive periods and at such fair and reasonable rate of interest as the trustee thinks fit but not exceeding five years at any time notwithstanding that the money remaining due exceeds three-fifths of the capital value of the property:

Provided that at the time of granting such renewal or accepting such new mortgage the interest payable in respect of the mortgage has been paid, and that the rents payable in respect of the mortgaged property, if occupied by a tenant, or the rents which could be obtained for the property if occupied by the mortgagor or other person entitled to the equity of redemption of the property, as shown by the report of a person whom the trustee believed to be an able practical surveyor or valuer instructed and employed independently of any owner of the property, whether the surveyor or valuer carried on business in the locality where the property is situate or elsewhere, after deducting all rates therefrom equal or exceed the interest payable in respect of the mortgage moneys; and, where such rents are less than the interest payable in respect of the mortgage moneys, the trustee may allow the whole or part of the money advanced to stand over so long as such fair and reasonable rate of interest as the trustee thinks fit is duly paid.

(2) The rate of interest payable under such mortgage security as reduced under this Division shall be deemed to be a fair and reasonable rate for any renewal of mortgage or new mortgage as aforesaid.

(3) In this section "trustee" includes executor or administrator.

*To follow clause 15—*

28. B. So far as relates to mortgages given as security for moneys granted on overdraft by any corporation with respect to which the Treasurer of Victoria certifies by notice published in the *Government Gazette* that he is satisfied that such corporation in connexion with its business lends money on overdraft to persons engaged in pastoral or like pursuits this Division shall come into operation on such day (not being earlier than the first day of October One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and hereinafter in this Division referred to as "the prescribed day") as is fixed by proclamation of the Governor in Council published in the *Government Gazette*.

*To follow clause 22—*

29. C. So far as relates to mortgages given as security for moneys granted on overdraft by any corporation with respect to which the Treasurer of Victoria certifies by notice published in the *Government Gazette* that he is satisfied that such corporation in connexion with its business lends money on overdraft to persons engaged in pastoral or like pursuits this Division shall come into operation on such day (not being earlier than the first day of October One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and hereinafter in this Division referred to as "the prescribed day") as is fixed by proclamation of the Governor in Council published in the *Government Gazette*.

And the said amendments were read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. Slater—

Amendment No. 1 agreed to.

Amendment No. 2—dealt with in parts as under—

Amendment to insert "( ) For the purposes of any reduction of interest under this Part such interest shall be deemed to accrue from day to day" agreed to.

Motion made and question proposed—That all the words and figures after "day to day" in this amendment be omitted (*Mr. Slater*)—and, after debate—

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Council's amendment—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Cleary	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Coyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Downward	Mr. Old
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Everard	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Glowrey	
Mr. Burnett Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Maltby

Noes, 23.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cain	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holland	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Pollard

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Amendment agreed to.

Amendment No. 3—

Motion made and question—That this amendment be disagreed with (*Mr. Slater*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cain	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Pollard
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Webber

Noes, 25.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cleary	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Old
Mr. Downward	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Glowrey	
Mr. Burnett Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Maltby

And so it passed in the negative.—Amendment agreed to.

Amendment No. 4—

Motion made and question—That this amendment be disagreed with (*Mr. Slater*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Webber
Mr. Burnett Gray	
Mr. Hayes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Cain
Mr. McAdam	Mr. McKenzie

Noes, 23.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cleary	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Old
Mr. Downward	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Glowrey	
Mr. J. A. Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Linton	Mr. Maltby

And so it passed in the negative.—Amendment agreed to.

Amendment No. 5—

Motion made and question proposed—That this amendment be disagreed with (*Mr. Slater*)—and, after debate—

Amendment dealt with in parts as under—

Question—That the amendment to insert the words and figures “or mortgages given to a society registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928*” be disagreed with—put and negatived.

Question—That the amendment to insert the words “or mortgages given as security for moneys granted by a mutual life assurance company to a member by way of loan on his policy with the company” be disagreed with—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

Amendment No. 6—

Motion made and question—That this amendment be disagreed with (*Mr. Slater*)—put and negatived.—Amendment agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Slater and, after debate—

Amendment No. 7 agreed to.

Amendment No. 8 disagreed with.

Amendment No. 9 agreed to.

Amendment No. 10 disagreed with, but the following amendment made in the clause :—

Clause 18, insert the following sub-section to follow sub-section (3) :—

“(4) On the hearing of any application made pursuant to the provisions of this section the court may take into consideration—

(a) the extent to which an order for relief (if any) in payment of interest in respect of the mortgage has already been granted pursuant to any other Act of Parliament; and

(b) any other factors and circumstances either generally or in any particular case as the court may deem fit and proper to allow justice to be done in respect to any such application.”

Amendment No. 11 agreed to.

Amendment No. 12—

Motion made and question—That this amendment be disagreed with (*Mr. Slater*)—put and negatived.—Amendment agreed to.

Amendment No. 13—

Motion made and question—That this amendment be disagreed with (*Mr. Slater*)—put and negatived.—Amendment agreed to.

Amendment No. 14—

Motion made and question—That this amendment be disagreed with (*Mr. Slater*)—put and negatived.—Amendment agreed to.

Amendment No. 15—

Motion made and question proposed—That this amendment be disagreed with (*Mr. Slater*).

Amendment dealt with in parts as under—

Question—That the amendment to insert the words and figures “or mortgages given to a society registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928*” be disagreed with—put and negatived.

Question—That the amendment to insert the words “or mortgages given as security for moneys granted by a mutual life assurance company to a member by way of loan on his policy with the company” be disagreed with—put and agreed to.

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

Amendment No. 16—

Motion made and question—That this amendment be disagreed with (*Mr. Slater*)—put and negatived.—Amendment agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Slater and, after debate—

Amendment No. 17 agreed to.

Amendment No. 18 agreed to with the following amendment :—

After “chattels” insert “which in the opinion of the court are of a wasting character.”

Amendment No. 19 agreed to with the following amendment :—

New Clause BB, at the end of the clause add the following sub-section :—

“(8) In hearing and determining any application under this section the court may take into consideration any relief already received by or granted to the applicant under or pursuant to any other Act.”

Amendment No. 20—

Motion made and question—That this amendment be disagreed with (*Mr. Slater*)—put and negatived.—Amendment agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Slater and, after debate—

Amendments Nos. 21 and 22 disagreed with.

Amendments Nos. 23 to 27 inclusive agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 28 and 29 disagreed with.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

3. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
4. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
Speaker.

No. 54.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—  
Factories and Shops Act 1928.—Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Shops for the year 1930.  
State Savings Bank Act 1928.—The State Savings Bank of Victoria—Report, Statements, Returns, &c., for the year ended 30th June, 1931.—Ordered to be printed.
3. **LANDLORD AND TENANT (RENT REDUCTION) BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
4. **WHEAT AND FLOUR ACQUISITION BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Wettenhall*)—put and, after debate—The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Moncur	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Old	Mr. Cook	Mr. Solly
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Webber
Lieut-Col. Knox		Mr. Burnett Gray	
Mr. Luxton	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Hayes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macfarlan		Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Maltby	Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Cain
Mr. Manifold	Mr. Pennington	Mr. Reid	Mr. McAdam

And the numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the "Noes."

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate on original question resumed.

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Wettenhall*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and that Mr. Wettenhall have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

5. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to some of the amendments of the Assembly on the amendments of the Council in the Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Bill (some with amendments and some with consequential amendments in the Bill), disagreeing with others of the said amendments, not insisting on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly but insisting on others of the said amendments, agreeing to the amendments made by the Assembly in the Bill and making other amendments in the Bill.  
Ordered—That the said Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.

6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 16 inclusive be postponed until tomorrow.
7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at three minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
Speaker.

THURSDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
  - Children's Welfare Department and Reformatory Schools.—Report of the Secretary and Inspector for the year 1930.
  - Health Act 1928.—Cleanliness (Food) Regulations 1931.
  - Public Service Act 1928—
    - Regulations.—Classification of General Division, Chapter VII.—Department of Chief Secretary.
    - Regulations.—Travelling Allowances.—Chapter IX. repealed ; Chapter IX. substituted.
3. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT (QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORS) BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Mackrell*)—and, after debate—Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Brownbill*)—put and agreed to. Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 to 5 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifty minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 56.

TUESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Apprenticeship Acts.—Apprenticeship Commission of Victoria.—Amendment of Plastering Regulations (No. 2).

3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the amendments of the Assembly on the amendments of the Council in the Financial Emergency Bill, not insisting on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly but insisting on others of the said amendments, agreeing to the amendments made by the Assembly in the Bill, and making other amendments in the Bill.

And the said amendments are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

10. Clause 18, omit this clause and insert the following new clause in place thereof :—

A. (1) Any mortgagor by notice in the prescribed form may apply to the court at any time within twelve months after the coming into operation of this Part for reduction in the rate of interest payable under his mortgage.

(2) A copy of every such notice shall be served as prescribed upon the mortgagee who shall be given an opportunity to show cause why the application should not be granted.

(3) Where it is not shown to the court that there are good and sufficient reasons applying to the transaction for modifying the provisions contained in the next succeeding sub-section in relation thereto the court shall make an order as is in such sub-section provided but if the court be satisfied that—

- (a) the mortgagee has already reduced the interest payable under the mortgage ; or
- (b) that there are good and sufficient reasons as aforesaid—

then the court may make an order modifying or excluding the operation of such provisions in relation to such mortgage and may make such order (if any) as to costs as it thinks fit and the amount of any costs so ordered shall be specified in such order.

(4) Unless as is last hereinbefore provided the court shall otherwise order on any such application it shall direct that the mortgage shall for a period of three years from such date not earlier than the coming into operation of these provisions as the court may order be construed and take effect as if it were a term of the mortgage that on and from the date so ordered or (in the case of a bank overdraft or in the case of a mortgage given to a society registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928*) on and from the appointed day the interest payable under the mortgage shall be reduced at a rate which shall be not more than Three shillings for every One pound of such interest.

(5) On the hearing of any application made pursuant to the provisions of this section the court may but without in any wise limiting the generality of its powers in respect to any such application take into consideration—

- (a) the date terms and conditions of repayment of the mortgage ;
- (b) the extent to which an order for relief (if any) has already been granted pursuant to any other Act of Parliament ;

Disagreed with by Assembly, but the following amendment made in the clause :—

Clause 18, insert the following sub-section to follow sub-section (3) :—

“(4) On the hearing of any application made pursuant to the provisions of this section the court may take into consideration—

- (a) the extent to which an order for relief (if any) in payment of interest in respect of the mortgage has already been granted pursuant to any other Act of Parliament ; and

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(c) any hardship that would be inflicted on the mortgagee by the making of any such order taking into consideration the economic and financial conditions prevailing at the time of execution of the mortgage and any relative or other like considerations; and

(d) any other factors and circumstances either generally or in any particular case as the court may deem fit and proper to allow justice to be done in respect to any such application.

(6) If the court is satisfied that the application has been occasioned by the refusal of the mortgagor to accept a reasonable offer of reduction by the mortgagee or there are not good and sufficient reasons warranting the granting of any such application the court may order the mortgagor to pay costs.

(7) The provisions of this section or any order under this Division shall not operate so as to reduce the interest payable under any mortgage to a rate less than Five pounds per centum per annum.

(8) Every application under this section to a court of petty sessions shall be made to the court of petty sessions held nearest to the location of the property which is the subject of the mortgage.

(9) If any mortgagee holds a mortgage as a trustee—

(a) such mortgagee shall not be deemed to be guilty of a breach of trust by reason only of his *bona fide* failure to appear on an application under this section; and

(b) the court in making any order as to costs under this section shall have regard *inter alia* to the fiduciary position of such mortgagee as trustee.

(10) Every order made under this Division by the Supreme Court or a judge thereof or any county court or a judge thereof shall be final and conclusive and no appeal shall lie in respect thereof but an appeal shall lie to the Supreme Court or any county court in respect of any order made under this Division by a court of petty sessions.

(11) Default in payment of any moneys secured by a mortgage shall not be deemed to be a good and sufficient reason within the meaning of sub-section (3) of this section unless the court is satisfied—

(a) that at the time of such default the mortgagor had the means and ability to make such payment and made such default without reasonable excuse; or

(b) that at the time of the application the mortgagor has the means and ability to make such payment and continues such default without reasonable excuse.

22. Clause 29, line 23, omit "Four shillings and sixpence" and insert "Three shillings".

## How dealt with.

(b) any other factors and circumstances either generally or in any particular case as the court may deem fit and proper to allow justice to be done in respect to any such application."

Not insisted on by Council, amendment made by Assembly in clause 18 agreed to, and the following consequential amendment made in the clause:—

Clause 18, sub-clause (4), omit "the last preceding sub-section" and insert "this section".

Disagreed with by Assembly.—  
Not insisted on by Council, but the following amendment made in the clause:—

Clause 29, at the end of the clause insert the following new sub-clause:—

"(2) Nothing in this section shall until the day on which the provisions of Division one are proclaimed to apply to interest payable to or by public or local authorities apply to any such debentures or credit foncier debenture stock held by any public or local authority."

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

INSERT THE FOLLOWING NEW CLAUSES:—

To follow clause 15—

28. B. So far as relates to mortgages given as security for moneys granted on overdraft by any corporation with respect to which the Treasurer of Victoria certifies by notice published in the *Government Gazette* that he is satisfied that such corporation in connexion with its business lends money on overdraft to persons engaged in pastoral or like pursuits this Division shall come into operation on such day (not being earlier than the first day of October One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and hereinafter in this Division referred to as "the prescribed day") as is fixed by proclamation of the Governor in Council published in the *Government Gazette*.

To follow clause 22—

29. C. So far as relates to mortgages given as security for moneys granted on overdraft by any corporation with respect to which the Treasurer of Victoria certifies by notice published in the *Government Gazette* that he is satisfied that such corporation in connexion with its business lends money on overdraft to persons engaged in pastoral or like pursuits this Division shall come into operation on such day (not being earlier than the first day of October One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and hereinafter in this Division referred to as "the prescribed day") as is fixed by proclamation of the Governor in Council published in the *Government Gazette*.

Disagreed with by Assembly. --  
Insisted on by Council.

On the motion of Mr. Slater and after debate—

Amendment No. 10—Council's consequential amendment in clause 18 agreed to.

Amendment No. 22—Council's amendment to insert new sub-clause (2) agreed to.

Amendment No. 28—Disagreement not insisted on, and Council's amendment to insert new clause B to follow clause 15 agreed to with the following amendment:—

After "that such corporation" insert "(hereinafter in this Division referred to as a 'pastoral company')";

and with the following consequential amendments in the Bill:—

Clause 16, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), line 30, after "bank" insert "or a pastoral company".

„ sub-section (1), line 32, omit "and".

„ sub-section (1), at the end of the sub-section as amended insert the following new paragraph:—

“ ; and

(c) to all mortgages existing on the prescribed day and given as security for moneys granted by a pastoral company on overdraft.”

„ sub-section (2), line 37, after "bank" insert "or a pastoral company".

„ sub-section (2), line 40, after "appointed day" insert "or the prescribed day (as the case may be)".

„ sub-section (2), page 15, line 3, after "appointed day" insert "or the prescribed day (as the case may be)".

Clause 18, sub-section (1), line 29, after "bank" insert "or pastoral company".

„ sub-section (1), line 30, after "appointed day" insert "or the prescribed day (as the case may be)".

„ sub-section (3), line 39, after "bank" insert "or pastoral company".

„ sub-section (3), line 40, after "appointed day" insert "or the prescribed day (as the case may be)".

Clause 19, line 40, after "bank" insert "or a pastoral company".

„ page 17, lines 3-5, omit "(where such a mortgage has been given after the said day and is existing on the appointed day)" and insert "(where such a mortgage has been given to a bank after the said thirtieth day of June and is existing on the appointed day or where such a mortgage has been given to a pastoral company after the said thirtieth day of June and is existing on the prescribed day)".

Clause 20, sub-section (2), line 18, after "bank" insert "or pastoral company".

„ sub-section (2), line 19, after "appointed day" insert "or the prescribed day (as the case may be)".

Clause 14, page 13, line 13, in the interpretation of "Mortgage", after "bank" insert "or corporation".

Amendment No. 29—Disagreement not insisted on, and Council's amendment to insert new clause C to follow clause 22 agreed to with the following amendment:—

After "that such corporation" insert "(hereinafter in this Division referred to as a 'pastoral company')";

and with the following consequential amendments in the Bill :—

- Clause 23, sub-section (1), line 20, after "bank" insert "or a pastoral company".
- „ sub-section (1), line 22, omit "and".
- „ sub-section (1), at the end of the sub-section as amended insert the following new paragraph :—

“; and

(c) to all mortgages existing on the prescribed day and given as security for moneys granted by a pastoral company on overdraft.”

- „ sub-section (2), line 27, after "bank" insert "or a pastoral company.”
- „ sub-section (2), line 30, after "appointed day" insert "or the prescribed day (as the case may be).”
- „ sub-section (2), line 34, after "appointed day" insert "or the prescribed day (as the case may be).”

New Clause BB, sub-section (7), omit "bank overdraft, before the appointed day" and insert "bank or pastoral company overdraft before the appointed day or the prescribed day (as the case may be).”

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

4. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to some of the amendments of the Assembly on the amendments of the Council (some with amendments and some with consequential amendments in the Bill), disagreeing with others of the said amendments, not insisting on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly but insisting on others of the said amendments, agreeing to the amendments made by the Assembly and making other amendments in this Bill having been read, the said amendments are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clause 2, line 4, omit "alone" and insert "with or without any other justice or justices."</li> <li>5. Clause 6, lines 17-18, omit "(other than a tenant of a religious body or charitable institution)".</li> </ul>  | } | <p>Disagreed with by Assembly.—Insisted on by Council.</p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16. Clause 8, line 32, after "order" insert "and during such time as the mortgagor duly complies with the requirements of the second proviso to this sub-section".</li> </ul>  | } | <p>Agreed to by Assembly with the following amendment :—<br/>Omit "and during such time as" and insert "and if during such operation".<br/>Amendment of Assembly disagreed with by Council.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>27. Clause 9, line 15, omit "two years in arrear".</li> <li>28. „ line 28, omit "two years" and insert "twelve months".</li> </ul>   | } | <p>Disagreed with by Assembly.—Insisted on by Council.</p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30. Clause 13, line 20, after "operation" insert—<br/>"Provided that when such stay or suspension shall terminate then such landlord or mortgagee shall have the full time permitted by the law relating thereto wherein to exercise have or take any such distress proceedings or remedy."</li> </ul>   | } | <p>Disagreed with by Assembly.<br/>Not insisted on by Council, but the following amendment made in the clause :—<br/>Clause 13, line 21, after "Act" insert "or any law".</p>                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>31. Clause 13, line 21, after "Provided" insert "further".</li> </ul>  | } | <p>Disagreed with by Assembly.—Insisted on by Council.</p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>43. Clause 21, page 13, sub-clause (12), omit this sub-clause.</li> <li>51. Clause 27, sub-clause (1), omit this sub-clause and insert—<br/>" (1) The property of the farmer shall be dealt with by the board for the benefit of the farmer and his creditors as hereinafter mentioned.<br/> (2) As soon as may be after a protection certificate has been issued to any farmer a meeting of creditors of such farmer shall be called by the board at which meeting a committee of three or five persons shall be appointed by a majority in number and value of the creditors present at the meeting and any creditor may be represented at the meeting by any person duly appointed in writing by such creditor.<br/> (3) If the creditors present at the meeting fail so to appoint a committee the board may appoint such a committee.<br/> (4) If in the opinion of the board a committee fails to carry out its duties the board may appoint another committee and on such appointment being made the first mentioned committee shall go out of office.<br/> (5) No member of any such committee shall receive any remuneration in respect of his services as a member.</li> </ul> | } | <p>Disagreed with by Assembly.—Insisted on by Council.</p>  |

**Amendments made by the Legislative Council.**

(6) The committee may elect its own chairman and otherwise regulate its own proceedings.

(7) The committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the board and the farmer.

(8) The board and the farmer (subject in the case of a share-farmer to any agreement between the share-farmer and the owner of the land as to the working of the land) shall have regard to the advice given by the committee.

(9) Where the farmer fails or neglects to comply with any advice given to him by the committee the board may order the farmer to comply with such advice with or without such modifications as it thinks fit and the farmer shall comply with such order.

(10) If the farmer fails or neglects to comply with any such order to the satisfaction of the board the board may apply to the court for the cancellation of the protection certificate."

66. Clause 31, sub-clause (2), omit this sub-clause and insert the following new sub-clause :—

"(2) In giving any such directions the board shall so far as practicable make such provision as will in the opinion of the board secure in the following order of priority—

(a) firstly—

the allowance to the farmer (if he continues his operations as a farmer on the land forming or included in the property) of an amount which in the opinion of the board is a living allowance for the farmer his wife and such of his children (if any) residing on the farm or engaged in essential production and working on the farm as are not paid wages ; and

the repayment of any amount advanced by the Crown the Board of Land and Works the Closer Settlement Board or the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission by way of sustenance or living allowance ;

(b) secondly—the payment (whether to the Crown the Board of Land and Works the Closer Settlement Board the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission or any other person) of the cost of seed cornsacks twine fertilizers power-fuel fodder lubricants sheep-dip spraying material and substances used for the cure or prevention of animal or plant diseases and insurance premiums on crops and of duplicates for implements and machinery, and a reasonable amount for the use on the farm of farm implements and machinery not owned by the farmer, and the cost of wages in respect of assistance essential for cropping harvesting and shearing ;

(c) thirdly—

in the case of a farmer who is a lessee and who is not a farmer referred to in section thirty-four of this Act—the payment of rent accruing due during the currency of the certificate ; and

in the case of a farmer referred to in section thirty-four of this Act or to whom advances which have not been repaid have been made under any Act relating to cultivation advances or any other Act authorizing advances to farmers—the repayment of advances, with interest thereon at a rate not exceeding Five pounds per centum per annum, made *bona fide* with the consent of the board after the commencement of this Act by any person carrying on business to the farmer for the purpose of enabling or assisting such farmer to carry on his

**How dealt with.**

Agreed to by Assembly with the following amendment :—

Sub-section (2) omit "shall be called" and insert "may be called".

Amendment of Assembly disagreed with by Council.

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business as a farmer; and in the case of any other farmer—the repayment of advances, with interest thereon at a rate not exceeding Five pounds per centum per annum, made *bona fide* after the commencement of this Act (and, if a protection certificate is in operation, with the consent of the board) to the farmer for such purpose; and

the payment to any first mortgagee of the land, for each full year of the currency of the protection certificate, of one year's interest in respect of the mortgage (whether legal or equitable) at a rate not exceeding Five pounds per centum per annum;

(d) fourthly—the payment to the Crown of an amount equal to Five per centum of the outstanding principal amount due by the farmer to the Crown the Board of Land and Works the Closer Settlement Board or the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission in respect of land and advances;

(e) fifthly—the payment for each full year of the currency of the protection certificate—

to the mortgagee under any registered mortgage of stock—of one year's interest payable in respect of the mortgage of stock at a rate not exceeding Five pounds per centum per annum; and

to the holder of any second mortgage on the land given for the purpose of securing the repayment of money lent or the payment of the balance of purchase money of the land—of an amount equal to one year's interest payable in respect of such mortgage at the rate payable thereunder or at the like rate to that paid to the first mortgagee (whichever rate is the less); and

in the discretion of the board, of a sum in reduction of the amount of the arrears of payment due by the farmer to any storekeeper at the date of the issue of the protection certificate, together with interest (where payable) on the amount of such arrears at a rate not exceeding Five pounds per centum per annum;

(f) sixthly—the payment for each full year of the currency of the protection certificate—

to the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission of an amount equal to the water rate due for the current year; and to the Crown and any local or public authority—of rates (other than water rates aforesaid) taxes and annual charges for the current year;

(g) seventhly—the payment of any balance rateably among creditors:

Provided that notwithstanding anything in paragraphs (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) or (g) of this sub-section the board in giving any directions as aforesaid shall so far as practicable make provision so that any income arising from live stock purchased by the farmer after the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one shall after the deduction therefrom of a reasonable amount for the agistment of such live stock be applied towards the payment of any debt due by the farmer in respect of the purchase money of such live stock together with interest (where payable) on such debt at a rate not exceeding Five pounds per centum per annum from the date when such debt became due."

## How dealt with.

Agreed to by Assembly with the following amendments:—

Paragraph (a), omit "on the land forming or included in the property" and insert "on his farm".

Paragraph (a), at the end of the paragraph insert "and any payments for medical services recommended by the board".

Paragraph (e), arrange as a new sub-paragraph all the words beginning "in the case of any other farmer" and ending "for such purpose; and".

Paragraph (e), omit "at the rate payable thereunder or at the like rate to that paid to the first mortgagee (whichever rate is the less)" and insert "at a rate not exceeding Five pounds per centum per annum".

Paragraph (e), at the end of the paragraph insert "and".

Paragraph (f), omit "(f) sixthly—the payment for each full year of the currency of the protection certificate".

Paragraph (f), after "charges for the current year;" insert "and".

Paragraph (g), omit "(g) seventhly" and insert "(f) sixthly".

In the proviso, omit "(f) or (g)" and insert "or (f)".

Amendments of Assembly agreed to by Council with the following amendment, viz.:—

Omit "any payments for medical services recommended by the board" and insert "in any case approved by the board payment to any legally qualified medical practitioner for professional services" and the following further amendment made:—

Paragraph (c), omit "section thirty-four" wherever occurring and insert "section thirty-five".

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## 74. Clause 36, at the end of the clause add—

“ Provided however that the mortgagor or tenant who is entitled to the benefit or protection of this Act may consent to the exercise by the mortgagee lessor or vendor under a contract of sale of land or grantee of a bill of sale or owner under a hiring or hire purchase agreement or vendor under a contract of sale and of letting and hiring or a grantee of any other security over his property of any power given to him but such consent shall not be effective unless the consent is in writing and witnessed by a solicitor of the Supreme Court who certifies in writing that the consent is given by his advice and that he is not the solicitor for such mortgagee lessor vendor or grantee as aforesaid.”

*Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 27 :—*

76. D. (1) As soon as practicable after the end of each month the farmer shall forward to such committee a true and correct statement in writing showing what produce of the farm has been used thereon during such month which statement shall be taken into consideration by the board in allotting him a living allowance in accordance with the provisions of this Part.
- (2) The farmer shall at the same time forward to the committee a true and correct statement in writing of sales of the produce of the farm during such month, and shall forward forthwith to the committee all moneys received by him as the proceeds of such sales.
- (3) Such statements and all moneys received by the committee from the farmer shall be transmitted forthwith to the board.

## How dealt with.

Disagreed with by Assembly.

Not insisted on by Council but the following amendment made in the clause, viz. :—

Clause 36, at the end of the clause insert the following new sub-clause :—

“(2) For the purpose of hearing and determining any application under this Act for a protection order or a protection certificate the court without affecting the generality of its powers under this Act may take into consideration any relief already received by or granted to the applicant under or pursuant to any other Act”.

Agreed to by Assembly with the following amendments :—

Sub-section (1), before “As soon as” insert “In any particular case where the board so requires of the farmer in writing”.

Sub-section (2), omit “and shall forward forthwith to the committee all moneys received by him as the proceeds of such sales”.

Sub-section (3), omit “and all moneys”.

Amendments of Assembly in new clause D agreed to by Council and the following amendments made in new clause D and clause 34 of the Bill :—

New clause D, sub-clause (2), omit “at the same time forward to the committee” and insert “as soon as practicable after the end of each month forward to the committee or (if there is no committee) to the board”.

New clause D, at the end of the clause insert the following new sub-clauses :—

“(4) Notwithstanding anything in section twenty-seven of this Act the farmer may in any one month without the consent of the board dispose of any of his property if the total value of all property so disposed of during such month does not exceed One pound.

(5) In any case where the total amount payable to the farmer in respect of any transaction does not exceed the sum of One pound such sum may notwithstanding anything in section thirty-two of this Act be paid to the farmer, who shall forward the same forthwith to the board”.

Clause 34, line 40, after “twenty-seven” omit “twenty-eight and thirty-one to thirty-three” and insert “to twenty-nine and thirty-two to thirty-four”.

Clause 34, page 23, line 8, after “twenty-seven” omit “twenty-eight and thirty-one to thirty-three” and insert “to twenty-nine and thirty-two to thirty-four”.

On the motion of Mr. Slater and after debate—

Amendment No. 1—

Disagreement with Council's amendment insisted on.

Amendment No. 5—

Motion made and question proposed—That this House insist on disagreeing with the Council's amendment (*Mr. Slater*)—and, after debate, by leave withdrawn.

Motion made and question—That this House do not insist on disagreeing with the Council's amendment (*Mr. Slater*)—put and agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Slater and after debate—

Amendment No. 16—

Assembly's amendment on Council's amendment not insisted on, but Council's amendment now disagreed with.

Amendment No. 27—

Disagreement with Council's amendment not insisted on.

Amendment No. 28—

Disagreement with Council's amendment insisted on.

Amendments Nos. 30 and 31—

Council's amendment to insert " or any law " after " Act " in clause 13 agreed to.

Amendment No. 43—

Disagreement with Council's amendment not insisted on.

Amendment No. 51—

Assembly's amendment on Council's amendment not insisted on, and Council's amendment now agreed to with the following amendments:—

Sub-section (2), omit " shall be called " and insert " may and upon the request in writing of a majority in number and value of such creditors shall be called ".

Sub-section (9), at the end of the sub-section insert the following new sub-section:—

" ( ) Where there is no such committee appointed the board may advise the farmer with respect to his farming operations and if the farmer fails or neglects to comply with such advice the board may order the farmer to comply with such advice and the farmer shall comply with such advice."

Amendment No. 66—

Council's amendment on Assembly's amendments in Council's amendment and the further amendment made by the Council agreed to.

Amendment No. 74—

Council's amendment to insert new sub-section (2) agreed to.

Amendment No. 76—

Motion made and question proposed—That this House do agree to the amendments made by the Council in new clause D and clause 34 of the Bill with the following amendments:—

In new sub-sections (4) and (5) of new clause D omit " One pound " (wherever occurring) and insert " Five pounds " ;

and with the following consequential amendments:—

New clause D—At the beginning of the clause omit " D " and insert " 28. "

Re-number all the subsequent clauses of the Bill.

—(*Mr. Slater*)—and, after debate—

Amendment proposed—That the word " Five " be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word " Fifty " (*Mr. Alnutt*)—and, after debate—

Question—That the word " Five " proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put. The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Noes, 14.

Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Linton	Mr. Alnutt	Mr. Lind
Mr. Bond	Mr. Luxton	Mr. Angus	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Cleary	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Cain	Mr. Manifold	Mr. Coyle	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Cook	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Diffey	
Mr. Cotter	Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Dunstan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Reid	Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Everard	Mr. Satchell	Mr. Hyland	Mr. Old
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly		
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe		
Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Webber		
Mr. Hayes			
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Hjorth		
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Maltby		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original motion agreed to.

Council's amendments, as amended, agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

5. LANDLORD AND TENANT (RENT REDUCTION) BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 18 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
Speaker.

No. 57.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Police Offences (Trotting Races) Bill without amendment.
3. WHEAT AND FLOUR ACQUISITION BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
Question—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Bond	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Old
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Reid
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Downward	Mr. Slater
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Hyland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Keane	Mr. Tunnecliffe

Noes, 9.

Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Sir Stanley Argyle	
Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. J. A. Gray
Mr. Maltby	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Manifold	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after No. 3.
5. LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 4 be postponed until after No. 5.
7. DAIRY PRODUCE BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Hyland*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2, 4, and 6 to 17 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
Speaker.

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 THURSDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the amendments of the Assembly on the amendments of the Council in the Financial Emergency Bill to insert new clauses B and C and agreeing to the consequential amendments made by the Assembly in the Bill.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Not insisting on their amendments in the Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Bill with which the Assembly insist on disagreeing and not insisting on their amendment in clause 8 now disagreed with by the Assembly, agreeing to the amendments now made by the Assembly on the amendments of the Council and agreeing to the consequential amendments made by the Assembly.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Treasury Overdrafts Bill and, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, suggesting an amendment.  
And the said suggested amendment is as follows :—  
Clause 2, line 17, omit “ thirty-three ” and insert “ thirty-two ”.  
On the motion of Mr. Hogan and, after debate—Suggested amendment made.  
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.
5. DAIRY PRODUCE BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. McKenzie*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifty-seven minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 59.

TUESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. FINES UNDER MILK AND DAIRY, FERTILIZERS, HEALTH (PURE FOOD), FACTORIES, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AND BAKERS AND MILLERS ACTS.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return up to the 30th September, 1931, in continuation of the previous return, showing separately all fines imposed under—(a) the Milk and Dairy Supervision Act ; (b) the Fertilizers Act ; (c) the pure food provisions of the Health Act ; (d) the Factories and Shops Act ; (e) the Weights and Measures Act ; (f) the Bakers and Millers Act, specifying—

Name of Person or Firm fined.	Nature of Offence.	Amount of Fine.	Locality where Offence committed.

Together with totals and with summary of offences, fines, &c., under each Act, as furnished in the return presented to this House on the 27th November, 1930 (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 24.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“ *An Act relating to the Holding of certain Trotting Races at Agricultural Shows.* ”

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 22nd September, 1931.

4. SUPPLY—BUDGET.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—FINANCIAL EMERGENCY BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Slater, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 25.*

Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly for their consideration the following amendments which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled “ *An Act to make necessary Provision for carrying out a Plan agreed on by the Commonwealth and the States for meeting the grave Financial Emergency existing in Australia, re-establishing Financial Stability, and restoring Industrial and General Prosperity* ” :—

- Clause 19, sub-section (1), after “ overdraft ” insert “ or in the case of a mortgage given to a society registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928* ”.
- “ sub-section (3), after “ overdraft ” insert “ or in the case of a mortgage given to a society registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928* ”.
- Clause 24, omit “ or to mortgages given to a society registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928* ”.
- Clause 26, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), omit “ or mortgages given to a society registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928* ”.
- “ sub-section (1), paragraph (b), omit “ or given to a society registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928* ”.

Clause 28, sub-section (1), omit " Where any interest accrued due and payable under a mortgage is not in arrear or is not more than six months in arrear, but otherwise the mortgagor's covenants " and insert—

" Where under a mortgage—

(a) any interest accrued due and payable is not in arrear ; or

(b) not more than six months' interest accrued due and payable is in arrear—

but otherwise the mortgagor's covenants " .

Clause 30, before " The payment at " insert the expression " (1) " .

„ omit " Part " and insert " Division " .

„ at the end of the clause insert the following sub-section :—

" (2) This Division shall come into operation on such day (not being earlier than the first day of October One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one) as is fixed by resolution of each of the two Houses of Parliament " .

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 22nd September, 1931.

On the motion of Mr. Slater the House, after debate, agreed to the said amendments, and ordered that His Excellency's Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

6. **SUPPLY—BUDGET.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at forty-three minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

No. 60.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Bailey presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—  
Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Returns of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth and purchased for the use of the following Department during the period from 1st July, 1930, to 30th June, 1931 :—  
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.  
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission (River Murray Works).  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1928.—Report and Statement of Accounts of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board for the year ended 30th June, 1931.
3. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—  
Agreeing to the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Financial Emergency Bill.  
Agreeing to the Treasury Overdrafts Bill, including the amendment made by the Assembly which was suggested by the Council, without amendment.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Slater, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 26.*

Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly for their consideration the following amendments which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide Temporary Relief to Unemployed Lessees Mortgagors and Purchasers under Contracts of Sale of Dwelling-houses and to Farmers in respect of Debts and for other purposes*" :—

Clause 27, sub-section (1), omit "mentioned" and insert "provided".

„ sub-section (10), omit "advice" (where last occurring) and insert "order".

Clause 39, after "matter" omit "anything" and insert "or thing".

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 23rd September, 1931.

On the motion of Mr. Slater the House agreed to the said amendments, and ordered that His Excellency's Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

5. ADJOURNMENT—ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW DAY.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.
6. VACUUM OIL COMPANY BILL.—Mr. Bailey obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Vacuum Oil Company Proprietary Limited*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW-GROUNDS BILL.—Mr. Bailey obtained leave, with Mr. Slater, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Use of certain Lands in the Parish of Dousta Galla known as the Royal Agricultural Show Grounds for Purposes of Recreation Entertainment or Amusement in addition to the Purposes provided for in certain Orders in Council and Crown Grants relating to the said Lands, the Application of the Net Profits of such Use of the said Lands, and the Validation of the Transfers of certain Lands previously forming Portions of the said Royal Agricultural Show Grounds*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. SUPPLY—BUDGET.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.
9. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Bill.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at forty-seven minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 61.

TUESDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented—

Finance, 1930-31.—The Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Moneys, year ended 30th June, 1931, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General and by the Documents specified in the Fifty-fifth Section of the Audit Act.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Fisheries Act 1928.—Notice of Intention to prohibit all Fishing in or the Taking of Fish from Portion of the Little Coliban River, &c., until 1st November, 1932.

3. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same were read :—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 27.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“ *An Act to make necessary provision for carrying out a Plan agreed on by the Commonwealth and the States for meeting the grave Financial Emergency existing in Australia, re-establishing Financial Stability, and restoring Industrial and General Prosperity.*”

“ *An Act to provide Temporary Relief to Unemployed Lessees Mortgagors and Purchasers under Contracts of Sale of Dwelling-houses and to Farmers in respect of Debts and for other purposes.*”

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 24th September, 1931.

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 28.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“ *An Act to amend the ' Treasury Overdrafts Act 1930.'*”

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 29th September, 1931.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Unemployment Relief Amendment Bill and, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, suggesting amendments.

Ordered—That the said suggested amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.

5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply ; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Brownbill reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That a sum not exceeding £1,019,458 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1931-32, viz. :—

Division No.

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	70
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	792
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	58
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	130
5. Engineers and Gardeners—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	113
6. Parliamentary Printing .. .. .	500
7. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	215
8. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	470
9. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	870

Division No							
10.	Chief Secretary's Office—Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	200	
11.	"    "    Pensions, &c.	..	..	..	..	5,400	
13.	Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Contingencies	..				275	
14.	Explosives—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	535	
15.	State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries	..	..	..	..	285	
17.	Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	340	
18.	Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	110	
19.	The Governor's Office—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	22	
20.	Inebriates Institution—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous	..				260	
21.	Observatory—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	260	
22.	Audit Office—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	1,385	
23.	Government Statist—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	1,953	
24.	Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous	..				31,850	
25.	Children's Welfare, &c.—Salaries, Contingencies, and Maintenance	..				31,132	
26.	Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	8,300	
27.	Police—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	49,000	
28.	Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	3,212	
29.	Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	202	
30.	Department of Labour—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	2,200	
31.	Education—Salaries	..	..	..	..	165,127	
32.	"    Contingencies and Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	17,881	
33.	"    Pensions, &c.	..	..	..	..	9	
34.	"    Works and Buildings	..	..	..	..	700	
35.	"    Endowments and Grants	..	..	..	..	31,500	
36.	"    Exceptional Expenditure	..	..	..	..	30	
37.	Attorney-General—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	9,943	
38.	"    "    Pensions, &c.	..	..	..	..	17	
39.	Solicitor-General—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	6,320	
40.	Treasury—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	1,750	
41.	"    Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	12,500	
42.	"    Transport, &c.	..	..	..	..	400	
43.	"    Unforeseen Expenditure	..	..	..	..	50	
44.	"    Payments to Railway Department	..	..	..	..	10,000	
45.	"    Hospitals and Charities	..	..	..	..	20,000	
46.	"    Grants	..	..	..	..	180	
47.	"    Pensions, &c.	..	..	..	..	71	
48.	"    Exceptional Expenditure	..	..	..	..	100	
49.	Premier's Office—Salaries, Contingencies, and Agent-General	..	..	..	..	972	
50.	State Superannuation Board—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous	..				249	
51.	"    "    Pensions, &c.	..	..	..	..	5	
52.	Taxation Office—Administration—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	1,968	
53.	"    "    Salaries and Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	4,919	
54.	Curator—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	380	
55.	Government Printer—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous	..				9,287	
56.	"    "    Advertising	..	..	..	..	200	
57.	Lands—Survey, Settlement, &c.—Salaries, Contingencies, &c.	..				5,499	
58.	"    Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	5,473	
59.	"    Botanic and Domain Gardens, &c.—Salaries and Contingencies	..				1,126	
61.	"    Works and Buildings	..	..	..	..	191	
62.	Public Works—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	4,050	
63.	"    "    Works and Buildings	..	..	..	..	8,000	
64.	"    "    Road Works and Bridges	..	..	..	..	100	
65.	Ports and Harbours—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	1,710	
66.	"    "    Works, &c.	..	..	..	..	1,500	
67.	Mines—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	1,163	
68.	"    Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	850	
69.	Forests—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	5,200	
70.	State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c.	..	..	..	..	17,250	
71.	Agriculture—Administrative—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	914	
72.	"    "    Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	3,629	
73.	"    "    Maffra Beet Sugar Factory	..	..	..	..	2,500	
74.	Horticulture—Salaries and Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	1,588	
75.	Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	5,653	
76.	Export Development—Salaries and Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	3,855	
77.	Marketing	..	..	..	..	13	
78.	Public Health—Salaries and Contingencies	..	..	..	..	13,511	
79.	"    "    Grants	..	..	..	..	200	
80.	Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	..	..	..	..	460,000	
81.	"    "    Pensions, &c.	..	..	..	..	217	
82.	"    "    Railway Construction Branch	..	..	..	..	569	
83.	State Coal Mine—Working Expenses	..	..	..	..	40,000	
	<b>Total</b>	..	..	..	..	<b>£1,019,458</b>	

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive be postponed until after No. 19.

7. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.  
 Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.  
 Mr. Brownbill reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—  
*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1931–32 the sum of £1,019,458 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.  
 And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
 Ordered—That Mr. Hogan and Mr. Bailey do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
8. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 5).**—Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million and nineteen thousand four hundred and fifty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after No. 7.
10. **ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW-GROUNDS BILL.**—Order for second reading read; Bill ruled a Private Bill.  
 Motion made, by leave, and question—That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill (*Mr. Bailey*)—put and agreed to.  
 Bill read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amended title, which title is as follows:—  
 “*A Bill to provide for the Use of certain Lands in the Parish of Dousta Galla forming Portion of the Royal Agricultural Show Grounds for Purposes of Recreation Entertainment or Amusement in addition to the Purposes provided for in certain Orders in Council and Crown Grants relating to the said Lands, the Application of the Net Profits of such Use of the said Lands, and the Validation of the Transfers of certain Lands previously forming Portions of the said Royal Agricultural Show Grounds.*”  
 Bill, as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to; read the third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
11. **UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council on the consideration of this Bill in Committee having been read, the said suggested amendments are as follow:—

1. Clause 3, sub-clause (3), paragraph (b), omit the schedule and insert the following schedule:—

“**SCHEDULE.**

The tax shall be calculated on the taxable income of each taxpayer as hereinafter provided.

The tax shall be payable on each £1 of the taxable income and shall be calculated as follows:—

Amount of Taxable Income.	Rates per £1.
Not less than £52 but not amounting to £104 ..	One and two-tenths pence
Not less than £104 but not amounting to £208 ..	Three and one-quarter pence
Not less than £208 but not exceeding £312 ..	Four pence
Exceeding £312 but not exceeding £400 ..	Four and one-quarter pence
Exceeding £400 but not exceeding £500 ..	Four and one-half pence
Exceeding £500 but not exceeding £600 ..	Four and three-quarter pence
Exceeding £600 but not exceeding £700 ..	Five pence
Exceeding £700 but not exceeding £750 ..	Five and one-third pence
Exceeding £750 but not exceeding £800 ..	Five and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £800 but not exceeding £900 ..	Six pence
Exceeding £900 but not exceeding £1,000 ..	Six and one-third pence
Exceeding £1,000 but not exceeding £1,100 ..	Six and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £1,100 but not exceeding £1,200 ..	Seven pence
Exceeding £1,200 but not exceeding £1,300 ..	Seven and one-third pence
Exceeding £1,300 but not exceeding £1,400 ..	Seven and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £1,400 but not exceeding £1,500 ..	Eight pence
Exceeding £1,500 but not exceeding £1,600 ..	Eight and one-third pence
Exceeding £1,600 but not exceeding £1,700 ..	Eight and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £1,700 but not exceeding £1,800 ..	Nine pence
Exceeding £1,800 but not exceeding £1,900 ..	Nine and one-third pence
Exceeding £1,900 but not exceeding £2,000 ..	Nine and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £2,000 but not exceeding £2,100 ..	Ten pence
Exceeding £2,100 but not exceeding £2,200 ..	Ten and one-third pence
Exceeding £2,200 but not exceeding £2,300 ..	Ten and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £2,300 but not exceeding £2,400 ..	Eleven pence
Exceeding £2,400 but not exceeding £2,500 ..	Eleven and one-third pence
Exceeding £2,500 but not exceeding £2,600 ..	Eleven and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £2,600 but not exceeding £2,700 ..	Twelve pence
Exceeding £2,700 but not exceeding £2,800 ..	Twelve and one-third pence
Exceeding £2,800 but not exceeding £2,900 ..	Twelve and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £2,900 but not exceeding £3,000 ..	Thirteen pence
Exceeding £3,000 .. .. .	Thirteen and two-thirds pence

2. Clause 4, line 7, omit " five " and insert " ten ".
3. „ line 12, omit " approved " and insert " recommended ".
4. „ at the end of the clause insert the following new sub-clause :—
  - " (5) Every such advance shall be subject to the following conditions :—
    - (a) The rates of pay in respect of any such works as are referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of sub-section (2) of this section shall be those prescribed by sub-section (6) of section nine of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* as amended by this Act;
    - (b) Upon any breach of the foregoing condition the whole of such advance shall immediately become payable to the Permanent Unemployment Relief Fund referred to in sub-section (3) of this section and shall be recoverable summarily before any court of petty sessions."
5. Clause 7, lines 20-21, omit " twenty-one years receiving instruction " and insert " eighteen years receiving from a farmer practical instruction ".
6. Clause 9, lines 34-5, omit " to whom any sum of money is paid by way of " and insert " who receives ".
7. „ line 37, after " work " insert " (of such a class as is prescribed either generally or in any particular case by Order of the Governor in Council published in the *Government Gazette*) ".
8. „ page 6, line 6, before " person " insert " such ".
9. „ page 6, lines 7-8, omit " unless the Minister otherwise directs ".
10. Clause 13, line 7, after " Fund " insert " on the recommendation of the Unemployment Relief Board ".
11. Clause 15, line 36, after " Board " insert " and the amounts paid out of the Unemployment Relief Fund for works for the relief of unemployment and for sustenance for persons out of employment and for other purposes."
12. Clause 16, omit this clause and insert—
 

" 16. For sub-section (6) of section nine of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* there shall be substituted the following sub-section :—

  - (6) (a) The work allotted to persons employed on any works for the relief of unemployment shall in all cases be as recommended by the Board.
  - (b) Notwithstanding any determination of any wages board or the Court of Industrial Appeals and subject to the provisions of section eighteen of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1931* the rates of pay for such work shall not be greater than as hereinafter specified—
    - (i) in the case of married men on whose earnings other persons are ordinarily dependent—
 

Fifty-two shillings per week of forty-eight hours or, in any week in which less than forty-eight hours is worked, One shilling and twopence per hour up to twenty-four hours' work and One shilling per hour thereafter;
    - (ii) in the case of married women on whose earnings other persons are ordinarily dependent—
 

Forty shillings per week of forty-eight hours or, in any week in which less than forty-eight hours is worked, Elevenpence per hour up to twenty-four hours' work and Ninepence per hour thereafter;
    - (iii) in the case of all adult male persons other than those specified in sub-paragraph (i) hereof—
 

Thirty-six shillings per week of forty-eight hours or, in any week in which less than forty-eight hours is worked, Tenpence per hour up to twenty-four hours' work and Eightpence per hour thereafter;
    - (iv) in the case of all adult female persons other than those specified in sub-paragraph (ii) hereof—
 

Twenty-four shillings per week of forty-eight hours or, in any week in which less than forty-eight hours is worked, Sevenpence per hour up to twenty-four hours' work and Fivepence per hour thereafter;
    - (v) in the case of male persons and female persons under the age of twenty-one years—
 

not more than two-thirds of the amounts specified in sub-paragraphs (iii) and (iv) hereof respectively.

- (c) Overtime work shall be avoided as far as possible but where unavoidable shall be paid for at the ordinary rates hereinbefore specified.
- (d) In any case in which it is necessary to do so for the purpose of giving effect to any of the provisions of the Unemployment Relief Acts, the Minister shall make application or cause application to be made as soon as practicable to the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for the suspension or variation of any award of such Court or of any industrial agreement under any Commonwealth Act.
- (e) In any case in which the rate of pay under any award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration or any industrial agreement under any Commonwealth Act or any determination of a wages board or the Court of Industrial Appeals is lower than the corresponding rate of pay hereinbefore specified the lower rate of pay shall be paid."

13. Clause 18, line 37, omit "developmental."

Suggested amendment No. 1—

Mr. Speaker said:—"I feel it my duty to direct the attention of the House to Suggested Amendment No. 1, which proposes to substitute for the schedule of taxation contained in clause 3 a new schedule. The schedule as it left this House set out a number of groups or amounts of taxable income and fixed the rate of tax for each group or amount. In the new schedule suggested by another place the grouping of taxable incomes has been changed, and the rate of tax on some incomes will be decreased, while on others it will be increased, though I believe the total amount raised under either schedule would be about the same. I remember well that after the Kyabram movement as a result of a conference between the two Houses The Constitution Act Amendment Act was passed. Sub-section (2) of section 36 of that Act provides—

'The Council may once at each of the undermentioned stages of a Bill which the Council cannot alter return such Bill to the Assembly suggesting by Message the omission or amendment of any items or provisions therein. And the Assembly may if it thinks fit make any of such omissions or amendments with or without modifications:

Provided that the Council may not suggest any omission or amendment the effect of which will be to increase any proposed charge or burden on the people.'

As Speaker of this House I am of the opinion that the Council is not acting within its powers in suggesting an amendment to increase the rate of tax on any group or amount of taxable income set out in the Bill as passed by this House. The alteration suggested by the Council in effect means an increase in the rates of taxation affecting certain of our citizens as passed by this House. I felt it my duty to call the attention of Honorable Members to the matter, and, having done so, I leave it entirely in the hands of the House."

Motion made and question proposed—That this House do make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council (*Mr. Cain*)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made and question—That this House declines to entertain the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council, as it is an infringement of sub-section (2) of section 36 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, which provides that the Council may not suggest any omission or amendment the effect of which will be to increase any proposed charge or burden on the people (*Mr. Cain*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.—Suggested amendment not entertained.

On the motion of Mr. Cain—Suggested amendments Nos. 2 and 3 made.

Suggested amendment No. 4—Motion made and question—That this House do not make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council (*Mr. Cain*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Bond	Mr. McKenzie	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Bennett	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Cleary	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell	Mr. Coyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Slater	Mr. Diffey	Mr. Old
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Solly	Mr. Downward	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Webber	Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burnett Gray		Mr. Kent Hughes	
Mr. Hayes	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Lind	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Linton	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Reid		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Suggested amendment not made.

Ordered—That the further consideration of amendments suggested by the Legislative Council in this Bill be postponed until to-morrow.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive and 8 to 18 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at ten minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

No. 62.

WEDNESDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. NON-PAYING RAILWAY LINES—BAIRNSDALE TO ORBOST.—Mr. Dunstan, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of any changes that might with advantage be made in connexion with the operation of the Bairnsdale to Orbost line, or in connexion with freights and fares, revenue, working expenses, and interest charges credited or debited to this line; and any other matters that appear to the Committee to be relevant to the inquiry; together with Minutes of Evidence and Map.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Mackrell 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, "The shortage of shipping accommodation for primary products and the high freights ruling for same and the necessity for immediate action on the part of the Government in this connexion."  
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—  
Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Mackrell*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
4. VACUUM OIL COMPANY BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Bailey*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday, 14th October next.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Royal Agricultural Show-grounds Bill with amendments.  
And the said amendments are as follow :—
  1. Preamble, page 2, line 24, omit "purposes" and insert "purpose."
  2. " " page 3, line 1, omit "by" and insert "for."
 And the said amendments were read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.
6. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—Order read for the further consideration of the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council on the consideration of this Bill in Committee (for amendments see pp. 107–9 *ante*).  
On the motion of Mr. Cain and after debate—  
Suggested amendment No. 5 not made.  
Suggested amendment No. 6 made.  
Suggested amendment No. 7—  
Motion made and question proposed—That this House do make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council with the following modification :—After "*Gazette*" in the Council's amendment insert "Provided that the Governor in Council shall not approve of any class of work which before the passing of this Act was actually or usually performed by persons employed as members of the regular staff of any municipality" (*Mr. Cain*)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.  
Ordered—That the further consideration of Suggested Amendment No. 7 and the consideration of Nos. 8 and 9 be postponed until this day.

On the motion of Mr. Cain—Suggested amendments Nos. 10 and 11 made.

Suggested amendment No. 12—

Motion made and question—That this House do not make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council (*Mr. Cain*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Linton
Mr. Bond	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Prendergast	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Cain	Mr. Satchell	Mr. Bennett	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly	Mr. Coyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Diffey	Mr. Old
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Webber	Mr. Downward	
Mr. Hayes		Mr. Dunstan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Everard	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Holland	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Hyland	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Reid		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Suggested amendment not made.

On the motion of Mr. Cain and after debate—Suggested amendment No. 13 not made.

Suggested amendment No. 9—

Motion made and question—That this House do not make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council (*Mr. Cain*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Bond	Mr. Satchell	Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Diffey	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Webber	Mr. Everard	Mr. Old
Mr. Hayes		Mr. Burnett Gray	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Hyland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holland	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Lind	
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Luxton	Mr. Linton
		Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Manifold

And so it passed in the negative.—Suggested amendment made.

On the motion of Mr. Cain—Suggested amendment No. 8 made.

Suggested amendment No. 7 further considered—

Motion made and question proposed—That this House do make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council with the following modification :—After "*Gazette*" in the Council's amendment insert "but not being work which before the passing of this Act was being performed by members of the regular staff of any municipality or was part of the current year's programme of work of any such municipality." (*Mr. Cain*)—and, after debate—

Amendment proposed—That the words "before the passing of this Act was being performed by members of the regular staff of any municipality or" be omitted (*Mr. Manifold*).

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.		Noes, 11.	
Mr. Bond	Mr. Satchell	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly	Mr. Diffey	Mr. Old
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Webber	Mr. Everard	
Mr. Burnett Gray		Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hayes	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Maltby	
Mr. Hogan		Mr. Manifold	Mr. Linton
Mr. Holland	Mr. Cremean	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Luxton
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. McAdam		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main motion agreed to.—Suggested amendment made with a modification.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 5) without amendment.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 19 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
Speaker.

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 THURSDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. CHARITABLE RELIEF WORK AND SOCIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES.—Motion made and question proposed—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the following questions:—(a) The cost of charitable relief work; (b) the introduction of a scheme for co-ordinating the various social service activities; (c) the prevention of overlapping and imposition; (d) the need for the establishment of correctional institutions; and (e) the training of social service workers; such Committee to consist of seven members, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to sit on days on which the House does not meet, to move from place to place, and to report the minutes of evidence from time to time; three to be the quorum (*Mr. Holland*)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.
3. PRIMARY AND SECONDARY INDUSTRIES—COST OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION.—Motion made and question proposed—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the question of the cost of—(a) production in primary industries; (b) production in secondary industries; and (c) distribution of products connected therewith; such Committee to consist of seven members, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to sit on days on which the House does not meet, to move from place to place, and to report the minutes of evidence from time to time; four to be the quorum (*Mr. McAdam*)—and, after debate—  
 Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Brownbill*)—put and agreed to.  
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
4. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented—  
 Finance, 1930–31.—The Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Moneys, year ended 30th June, 1931, accompanied by the Documents specified in the Fifty-fifth Section of the Audit Act.—In substitution of the said Statement and Documents laid on the Table of the House, 29th September last. (For presentation of Auditor-General's Report, see p. 105 *ante*.)  
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day General Business, and the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at forty-two minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
 Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
 Speaker.

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 64.

TUESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Fire Brigades Act 1928.—Country Fire Brigades Board.—Report for the year ended 30th June, 1931 ; together with Statements of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities, for that period.

Workers' Compensation Act 1928.—State Accident Insurance Office.—Report, Profit and Loss Account, and Balance-sheet for year ended 30th June, 1931.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 29.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

*“ An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million and nineteen thousand four hundred and fifty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.”*

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 1st October, 1931.

4. SUPPLY—BUDGET.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
6. DAIRY PRODUCE BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the question be now put (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and negatived.  
Bill read a second time after further debate.  
Motion made and question—That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee (*Mr. Burnett Gray*)—put and negatived.  
Bill committed ; considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Unemployment Relief Amendment Bill and, on the consideration of the Report of the Committee, suggesting amendments ; also acquainting the Legislative Assembly that, in the opinion of the Legislative Council, the amendment suggested in clause 3 of the Bill is not an infringement of the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 36 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, which provides that the Council may not suggest any omission or amendment the effect of which will be to increase any proposed charge or burden on the people.  
Ordered—That the said suggested amendments be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.

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(200 copies.)

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2, 3, and 5 to 16 inclusive be postponed until after No. 17.

9. **WAYS AND MEANS—UNEMPLOYMENT STAMP DUTIES.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lieut.-Col. KNOX reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

*Resolved—*

1. That on from and after the eleventh day of October One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and until the seventh day of November One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one inclusive there shall be charged and paid for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors upon and for the instruments hereinafter specified the stamp duties hereinafter specified:—

**RECEIPTS FOR SALARY AND WAGES—**

(i) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than One pound and not amounting to Two pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each £1 of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of £1 not being less than 10s.—a stamp duty of One penny:

(ii) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than Two pounds and not amounting to Four pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each 5s. of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of 5s.—a stamp duty of One penny:

(iii) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than Four pounds and (save as otherwise expressly provided) not more than Six pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each 4s. of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of 4s.—a stamp duty of One penny:

Provided that stamp duty shall not be payable under the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and this Resolution on any receipt for payment of any amount of salary or wages of less than One pound or (save as otherwise expressly provided in the said Acts or this Resolution) more than Six pounds in all in respect of any week, and where payment of salary or wages is made for more than a week, then in calculating the amount of such salary or wages upon which stamp duty is payable any payment in respect of any week of less than One pound or (save as otherwise expressly provided in the said Acts or this Resolution) more than Six pounds shall not be taken into account.

2. That any person whose taxable income (within the meaning of the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* as in operation before the 31st day of December, 1930) for the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1930, is £312 or less and consists wholly or in part of salary or wages shall (notwithstanding that his salary or wages after the said 30th day of June in respect of any period for which he has been paid is or are at a rate exceeding £312 per annum) be liable to pay stamp duty as aforesaid on the whole of his salary or wages received on or after the said 11th day of October.

3. That for the purposes of the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and this Resolution section eighteen of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* as amended by the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931* shall be read and construed and have effect as if after the reference therein to the last-mentioned Act there were added a reference to the legislation proposed to be enacted in order to carry the purposes of this Resolution into effect.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Hogan and Mr. Cain do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

10. **STAMPS (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF) BILL (No. 2).**—Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and to provide for the Temporary Continuation thereof*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment: as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2, 3, and 5 to 16 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at thirty-six minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

## No. 65.

WEDNESDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Health Act 1928.—Ninth Report of the Commission of Public Health, 1930–31.

3. FINANCIAL EMERGENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL.—Mr. Slater obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend Part III. of the ‘ Financial Emergency Act 1931 ’* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Webber obtained leave, with Mr. Lemmon, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Supervision and Regulation of Factories and Shops and to other Industrial Matters* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
5. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council in this Bill on the consideration of the Report of the Committee having been read, the said suggested amendments are as follow :—

1. Clause 3, sub-clause (3), paragraph (b), omit the schedule and insert the following schedule :—

## “ SCHEDULE.

The tax shall be calculated on the taxable income of each taxpayer as hereinafter provided.

The tax shall be payable on each £1 of the taxable income and shall be calculated as follows :—

Amount of Taxable Income.	Rates per £1.
Not less than £52 but not amounting to £104 ..	One and two-tenths pence
Not less than £104 but not amounting to £208 ..	Three and one-quarter pence
Not less than £208 but not exceeding £312 ..	Four pence
Exceeding £312 but not exceeding £400 ..	Four and one-quarter pence
Exceeding £400 but not exceeding £500 ..	Four and one-half pence
Exceeding £500 but not exceeding £600 ..	Four and three-quarter pence
Exceeding £600 but not exceeding £700 ..	Five pence
Exceeding £700 but not exceeding £750 ..	Five and one-third pence
Exceeding £750 but not exceeding £800 ..	Five and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £800 but not exceeding £900 ..	Six pence
Exceeding £900 but not exceeding £1,000 ..	Six and one-third pence
Exceeding £1,000 but not exceeding £1,100 ..	Six and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £1,100 but not exceeding £1,200 ..	Seven pence
Exceeding £1,200 but not exceeding £1,300 ..	Seven and one-third pence
Exceeding £1,300 but not exceeding £1,400 ..	Seven and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £1,400 but not exceeding £1,500 ..	Eight pence
Exceeding £1,500 but not exceeding £1,600 ..	Eight and one-third pence
Exceeding £1,600 but not exceeding £1,700 ..	Eight and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £1,700 but not exceeding £1,800 ..	Nine pence
Exceeding £1,800 but not exceeding £1,900 ..	Nine and one-third pence
Exceeding £1,900 but not exceeding £2,000 ..	Nine and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £2,000 but not exceeding £2,100 ..	Ten pence
Exceeding £2,100 but not exceeding £2,200 ..	Ten and one-third pence
Exceeding £2,200 but not exceeding £2,300 ..	Ten and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £2,300 but not exceeding £2,400 ..	Eleven pence
Exceeding £2,400 but not exceeding £2,500 ..	Eleven and one-third pence
Exceeding £2,500 but not exceeding £2,600 ..	Eleven and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £2,600 but not exceeding £2,700 ..	Twelve pence
Exceeding £2,700 but not exceeding £2,800 ..	Twelve and one-third pence
Exceeding £2,800 but not exceeding £2,900 ..	Twelve and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £2,900 but not exceeding £3,000 ..	Thirteen pence
Exceeding £3,000 .. .. .	Thirteen and two-thirds pence ”

2. Clause 4, at the end of the clause insert the following new sub-clause :—

“ (5) Every such advance shall be subject to the following conditions :—

(a) The rates of pay in respect of any such works as are referred to in sub-paragraph (c) of sub-section (2) of this section shall be those prescribed by sub-section (6) of section nine of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* as amended by this Act ;

(b) Upon any breach of the foregoing condition the whole of such advance shall immediately become payable to the Permanent Unemployment Relief Fund referred to in sub-section (3) of this section and shall be recoverable summarily before any court of petty sessions.”

3. Clause 7, lines 20–21, omit “ twenty-one years receiving instruction ” and insert “ eighteen years receiving from a farmer practical instruction.”

4. Clause 9, sub-clause (1), omit “ but not being work which before the passing of this Act was being performed by members of the regular staff of any municipality or was part of the current year’s programme of work of any such municipality.”

5. Clause 10, at the end of the clause insert—

“ Provided that during the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two not more than forty-five per centum of the total sum paid out of the Unemployment Relief Fund shall be expended in providing sustenance for persons out of employment.”

6. Clause 16, omit this clause and insert—

“ 16. For sub-section (6) of section nine of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* there shall be substituted the following sub-section :—

‘ (6) (a) The work allotted to persons employed on any works for the relief of unemployment shall in all cases be as recommended by the Board.

(b) Notwithstanding any determination of any wages board or the Court of Industrial Appeals and subject to the provisions of section eighteen of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1931* the rates of pay for such work shall not be greater than as hereinafter specified—

(i) in the case of married men on whose earnings other persons are ordinarily dependent—

Fifty-two shillings per week of forty-eight hours or, in any week in which less than forty-eight hours is worked, One shilling and twopence per hour up to twenty-four hours’ work and One shilling per hour thereafter ;

(ii) in the case of married women on whose earnings other persons are ordinarily dependent—

Forty shillings per week of forty-eight hours or, in any week in which less than forty-eight hours is worked, Elevenpence per hour up to twenty-four hours’ work and Ninepence per hour thereafter ;

(iii) in the case of all adult male persons other than those specified in sub-paragraph (i) hereof—

Thirty-six shillings per week of forty-eight hours or, in any week in which less than forty-eight hours is worked, Tenpence per hour up to twenty-four hours’ work and Eightpence per hour thereafter ;

(iv) in the case of all adult female persons other than those specified in sub-paragraph (ii) hereof—

Twenty-four shillings per week of forty-eight hours or, in any week in which less than forty-eight hours is worked, Sevenpence per hour up to twenty-four hours’ work and Fivepence per hour thereafter ;

(v) in the case of male persons and female persons under the age of twenty-one years—

not more than two-thirds of the amounts specified in sub-paragraphs (iii) and (iv) hereof respectively.

(c) Overtime work shall be avoided as far as possible but where unavoidable shall be paid for at the ordinary rates hereinbefore specified.

(d) In any case in which it is necessary to do so for the purpose of giving effect to any of the provisions of the Unemployment Relief Acts, the Minister shall make application or cause application to be made as soon as practicable to the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for the suspension or variation of any award of such Court or of any industrial agreement under any Commonwealth Act.

- (e) In any case in which the rate of pay under any award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration or any industrial agreement under any Commonwealth Act or any determination of a wages board or the Court of Industrial Appeals is lower than the corresponding rate of pay hereinbefore specified the lower rate of pay shall be paid.”

7. Clause 18, line 37, omit “developmental.”

**Suggested amendment No. 1—**

Motion made and question—That this House declines to entertain the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council, as it is an infringement of sub-section (2) of section 36 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, which provides that the Council may not suggest any omission or amendment the effect of which will be to increase any proposed charge or burden on the people (*Mr. Cain*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.—Suggested amendment not entertained.

**Suggested amendment No. 2—**

Motion made and question—That this House do not make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council (*Mr. Cain*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hjorth
Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 27.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Cleary	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Downward	Mr. Old
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. J. A. Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Kent Hughes
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Lind	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Suggested amendment not made.

On the motion of Mr. Cain and after debate—Suggested amendment No. 3 made with the following modifications :—In the Council’s suggested amendment omit “eighteen” and insert “nineteen”; and omit “from a farmer practical.”

On the motion of Mr. Cain—Suggested amendment No. 4 not made.

**Suggested amendment No. 5—**

Motion made and question—That this House do not make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council (*Mr. Cain*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cain	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hjorth
Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 25.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Angus	Mr. Manifold
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Old
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Burnett Gray	
Mr. Hyland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. J. A. Gray
Mr. Lind	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Linton	

And so it passed in the negative.—Suggested amendment made.

**Suggested amendment No. 6—**

Motion made and question—That this House do not make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council (*Mr. Cain*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Allan	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Angus	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Cain	Mr. Reid	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell	Mr. Bennett	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater	Mr. Coyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Solly	Mr. Diffey	Mr. Old
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Everard	
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Webber	Mr. Hyland	
Mr. Hayes		Lieut.-Col. Knox	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Lind	Mr. J. A. Gray
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Linton	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Suggested amendment not made.

On the motion of Mr. Cain—Suggested amendment No. 7 not made.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Bill (No. 2) without amendment.
7. FINANCIAL EMERGENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
8. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL (No. 2).—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Webber*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Macfarlan*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered, after debate—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday, 21st October instant, and that Mr. Macfarlan have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive be postponed until after No. 8.
10. WHEAT AND FLOUR ACQUISITION BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive and 9 to 18 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
12. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Unemployment Relief Amendment Bill, and, on the consideration of the question that the Bill be read a third time, suggesting amendments; also acquainting the Legislative Assembly that they are still of the opinion that the amendment suggested in clause 3 of the Bill is not an infringement of the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 36 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, which provides that the Council may not suggest any omission or amendment the effect of which will be to increase any proposed charge or burden on the people.  
Ordered—That the said suggested amendments be printed, and taken into consideration on Tuesday next.
13. CAMBERWELL LOANS BILL.—Mr. Webber, pursuant to motion moved, by leave, on his behalf by Mr. Slater, obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to authorize the City of Camberwell to expend the Balances of certain Moneys for purposes other than the purposes for which the said Moneys were borrowed by the said City*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
14. THE QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LAND BILL.—Mr. Bailey, pursuant to motion moved, by leave, on his behalf by Mr. Hogan, obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Revocation of the Reservation of certain Land in the City of Melbourne permanently reserved as a Site for the purposes of the Incorporated Institution called The Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital and the Revocation of the Crown Grant of the said Land and to provide for the Grant of the said Land and certain other Land in the said City to the said Institution*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
15. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at eight minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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 THURSDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Cleary 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, "The shortage of cornsacks for the coming season's wheat harvest and the necessity for action by the Government to ensure an adequate supply."  
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—  
Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Cleary*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
3. **DEATH OF GENERAL SIR JOHN MONASH.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House expresses its profound regret at the death of General Sir John Monash, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., V D., B.A., D.Eng., D.C.L., LL.D., and places on record its appreciation of his eminent services to Australia as well as the high character and devotion to duty which distinguished him throughout his upright and honorable career (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and, after Mr. Speaker and other Honorable Members had addressed the House in support of the motion, Honorable Members rising in their places, agreed to in silence.
4. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made and question—That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late General Sir John Monash, the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.

And then the House, at nine minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 67.

TUESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
  - Children's Welfare Act 1928.—Remuneration of Medical Officers.—Regulation repealed ; new Regulation made.
  - Justices Act 1928 and Acts Interpretation Act 1928.—Justices Act Rules 1931.
  - Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Act 1931.—Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Act Regulations 1931.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Sir Stanley Argyle 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, " The refusal of the Government to provide its proportion of the sum of £900 necessary to enable the Royal Commission on Migrant Land Settlement to complete its inquiries in accordance with the terms of reference."
 

Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—

Motion made and question proposed—That the House do now adjourn (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—and, after debate—

Motion made, by leave, and question—That Standing Order No. 8B be suspended so far as to allow the discussion to proceed for a period not exceeding fifteen minutes beyond the expiration of the two hours permitted by that Standing Order (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.

And, after further debate—

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McDonald
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Old
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Everard	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hyland	
Lieut.-Col. Knox	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Linton	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Luxton	Mr. Maltby

Noes, 26.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Slater
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holland	Mr. Hjorth
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House, at twenty-eight minutes past Eight o'clock, accordingly adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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WEDNESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF (AMENDMENT) BILL.—Mr. Slater, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend Section Twenty-one of the ‘ Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Act 1931’* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Allan 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, “ The necessity of the Government taking immediate action to safeguard its interests in the Amalgamated Freezing Company as well as the interests of the primary producers by ensuring that there will be no cessation of slaughtering operations at this critical export period.”  
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—  
Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Allan*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—  

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 30.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

*An Act to provide for the Use of certain Lands in the Parish of Dousta Galla forming Portion of the Royal Agricultural Show Grounds for Purposes of Recreation Entertainment or Amusement in addition to the Purposes provided for in certain Orders in Council and Crown Grants relating to the said Lands, the Application of the Net Profits of such Use of the said Lands, and the Validation of the Transfers of certain Lands previously forming Portions of the said Royal Agricultural Show Grounds.”*

*An Act to amend the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and to provide for the Temporary Continuation thereof.”*

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 8th October, 1931.
5. BOY SCOUTS’ ASSOCIATION BILL.—Mr. Slater obtained leave, with Mr. Bailey, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to incorporate the Governing Body of The Boy Scouts Association (Incorporated by Royal Charter) Victorian Branch (Australia), and to confer and impose upon that Body certain Powers Duties Rights and Liabilities and to provide for the vesting in it of the Property of the said Association in Victoria and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. THE QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LAND BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF (AMENDMENT) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after No. 3.
9. DAIRY PRODUCE BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 4 to 21 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past Eleven o’clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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THURSDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. SUPPLY—"GRIEVANCE DAY."—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate, negatived.  
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
3. CAMBERWELL LOANS BILL.—Order for second reading read ; Bill ruled a Private Bill.  
Motion made, by leave, and question—That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill (*Mr. Webber*)—put and agreed to.  
Bill read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 20 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at three minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 70.

TUESDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
  2. PAPERS. The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
    - Fisheries Act 1928.—Notice of Intention to revoke a Proclamation prohibiting all Fishing in Ault Berg and Kalaitba Creeks.
    - Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act 1928.—Twenty-fourth Balance-sheet of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust as at 30th June, 1931.
    - Public Service Act 1928. Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Arthur Tennison Smithers from the Third to the Second Class, in the Department of Treasurer.
    - River Murray Waters Act 1915.—Report of the River Murray Commission for the year 1930–31.
  3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Moncur 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, "The detrimental influence on education in country districts of the withholding of promotions, the discontinuance of remote allowances, and the modification of the staffing schedule."
- Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—  
Motion made and question proposed—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Moncur*)—and, after debate—  
Motion made, by leave, and question—That Standing Order No. 8B be suspended so far as to allow the discussion to proceed for a period not exceeding thirty minutes beyond the expiration of the two hours, and also to allow the Honorable Member for Warrenheip and Grenville to continue his speech for a period not exceeding ten minutes beyond the fifteen minutes, permitted by that Standing Order (*Mr. Bailey*)—put and agreed to.  
Debate continued.  
Motion made, by leave, and question—That Standing Order No. 8B be suspended so far as to allow the discussion to proceed for a further period not exceeding twenty minutes beyond the expiration of the two hours permitted by that Standing Order (*Mr. McLachlan*)—put and agreed to.  
And, after further debate—  
Question—That the House do now adjourn—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Old
Mr. Downward	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Everard	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Wettenhall
Lieut.-Col. Knox	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Linton	
Mr. Luxton	Mr. J. A. Gray
Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Maltby

Noes, 28.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Solly
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hjorth
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon

And so it passed in the negative.

4. LANDLORD AND TENANT (RENT REDUCTION) BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
  5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Financial Emergency (Amendment) Bill with amendments. Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.
  6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—  
Camberwell Loans Bill.  
The Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital Land Bill.
  7. WHEAT AND FLOUR ACQUISITION BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
  8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Dairy Produce Bill with an amendment. Ordered—That the said amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.
  9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 19 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
- And then the House, at fifteen minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
Speaker.

No. 71.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. ORDER OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Motion made and question—That the Sessional Order fixing the order of business for to-morrow be suspended for that day so far as to allow Government Business to be proceeded with during the whole of the sitting (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
3. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—BOARD OF INQUIRY REGARDING ADMINISTRATION OF.—Motion made and question—That the maximum expenditure of the Board of Inquiry appointed to inquire into and report upon certain matters affecting the administration of the Education Department be fixed at £300, being an addition of £50 to the amount fixed by resolution of the Legislative Assembly on the 13th May, 1931, as the maximum expenditure (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.
4. POLICE OFFENCES (CONSORTING) BILL.—Mr. Slater obtained leave, with Mr. Tunnecliffe, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Law relating to Vagrancy* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. FINANCIAL EMERGENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments are as follow :—
  1. Clause 3, paragraph (a), omit this paragraph.
  2. „ insert the following paragraphs to precede paragraph (b) :—
    - “ ( ) In sub-section (3) the words ‘ and may make such order (if any) as to costs as it thinks fit and the amount of any costs so ordered shall be specified in such order ’ are hereby repealed ;
    - ( ) In sub-section (4) for the words ‘ respect to any such application,’ there shall be substituted the words—  
‘ respect to any such application—  
and at the request of the applicant may notwithstanding that such applicant is described in the application as or as representing a mortgagee determine whether or not the obligation under which the interest is payable is a mortgage to which this Division applies ’ ;
    - ( ) In paragraph (a) of sub-section (6) for the words ‘ be deemed to be guilty of a breach of trust by reason only of his *bona fide* failure ’ there shall be substituted the words ‘ except in the case of bad faith be deemed to be guilty of a breach of trust by reason only of his failure ’ ; and ”

## INSERT THE FOLLOWING NEW CLAUSES :—

To follow clause 1—

3. AA. (1) At the end of sub-section (1) of section fourteen of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the words and figures “ ‘ Trustee ’ has the same meaning as in the *Trustee Act 1931*.”

(2) Sub-section (3) of section twenty of the Principal Act is hereby repealed.

To follow clause 3—

4. BB. In sub-section (1) of section twenty-eight of the Principal Act for the words “ in respect of the property comprised in the mortgage any power of sale or foreclosure or other remedy ” there shall be substituted the words “ any power of sale or foreclosure or repossession in respect of the property comprised in the mortgage or any other remedy.”

5. CC. At the end of section thirty-eight of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections :—

“ (5) Notwithstanding anything in any Act or any law to the contrary—

(a) where it appears to the court—

(i) that any person interested in any matter under this Part is out of Victoria or cannot be found in Victoria or that the legal personal representative of any deceased person who was or would if living have been interested in any such matter is out of Victoria or cannot be found in Victoria the court may either *ex parte* or on notice (either special or general by public advertisement) to such person or persons and given in such manner as the court directs and on evidence either oral or by affidavit appoint some person or some public officer to represent such first-mentioned person or such legal personal representative (as the case may be) for all the purposes of such matter and the order so made and any service and any order or proceedings consequent or following thereon, in or in connexion with such matter, shall bind such person or such legal personal representative (as the case may be) in the same manner and to the same extent as if such first-mentioned person or such legal personal representative (as the case may be) had in connexion with such matter and according to the appropriate facts and circumstances been served or been a party to such matter ;

(ii) that any deceased person who was or would if living have been interested in any matter under this Part (whether such person died or was domiciled or resident in Victoria or not) has no legal personal representative in Victoria the court may either *ex parte* or on notice (either special or general by public advertisement) to such person or persons and given in such manner as the court directs and on evidence either oral or by affidavit appoint some person or the Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons to represent the estate of such deceased person for all the purposes of such matter and the order so made and any service or any order or proceedings consequent or following thereon, in or in connexion with such matter, shall bind the estate and the representatives of such deceased person in the same manner and to the same extent as if such deceased person had in Victoria at all material times a legal personal representative and such legal personal representative had in connexion with such matter and according to the appropriate facts and circumstances been served or been a party to such matter ;

(b) where the court has made any appointment under paragraph (a) the court may at any time on the application of any person and unless the court otherwise directs on summons to the person or officer so appointed and to any other person already a party to the matter in question and on evidence either oral or by affidavit make an order for substitution of the applicant or any other person for the person or officer so appointed and may make any necessary supplementary orders for the purpose of fully effecting such substitution ;

(c) the court in making any appointment or order for substitution under paragraphs (a) and (b) may at the time of making such appointment or order make such further order as it thinks fit for providing for the costs of the person or officer so appointed or of the person so substituted and as to how such costs, subject to any further order, are to be borne and may at any later stage of the matter make further provision for such costs and the transference of the burden thereof as it thinks fit—

but nothing in this sub-section shall affect the generality of the foregoing provisions of this section.

(6) The court may in respect of any application appeal or matter under this Part make such order as to costs as it thinks fit.”

And the said amendments were read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. Slater and after debate—

Amendments Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment No. 4 agreed to with the following consequential amendment:—At the end of new clause BB insert the following sub-section:—

“(2) In sub-section (2) of section twenty-eight of the Principal Act for the words ‘or other remedy for enforcing payment of such principal moneys or interest shall without leave of the court be exercised by the mortgagee in respect of the property comprised in the mortgage’ there shall be substituted the words ‘or repossession in respect of the property comprised in the mortgage and no other remedy for enforcing payment of such principal moneys or interest shall without leave of the court be exercised by the mortgagee.’”

Amendment No. 5 agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

6. DAIRY PRODUCE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendment is as follows:—

Clause 24, sub-clause (2), omit this sub-clause.

And the said amendment was read a second time.

Motion made and question proposed—That this House do agree to the amendment made by the Legislative Council (*Mr. Slater*)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made and question proposed—That this House disagree with the amendment made by the Legislative Council, but do make the following amendment in the clause:—Sub-section (2), omit “the first day of September One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one” and insert “such date as is fixed by proclamation of the Governor in Council published in the *Government Gazette*” (*Mr. Slater*)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made and question—That this House do agree to the amendment made by the Legislative Council (*Mr. Slater*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment.

7. WHEAT AND FLOUR ACQUISITION BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; to be printed as amended, and to be considered to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 22 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at eight minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

No. 72.

THURSDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council in this Bill on the consideration of the question that the Bill be read a third time having been read—
- Motion made and question—That a Free Conference be desired with the Legislative Council on the subject-matter of the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled “*An Act to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and for other purposes*” on the consideration of the question that the Bill be read a third time; and that the following Members be appointed Managers of the Conference:—Mr. Hogan, Mr. Tunnecliffe, Mr. Slater, Mr. Cain, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Lemmon (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
- Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council desiring the said Conference.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 21 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

And then the House, at three minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF  
 THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF  
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No. 73.

TUESDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Hogan presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth and purchased for the use of the Treasury Department (Government Printing Office; General Stationery Store, State Public Offices; and Taxation Office) during the period from 1st July, 1930, to 30th June, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1928.—Statements of Accounts and Balance-sheet; together with Schedule of Contracts for year ended 30th June, 1931.

State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.—Twenty-sixth Annual Report, 1930-31.

3. MILK BOARD BILL.—Mr. Pollard obtained leave, with Mr. Slater, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to make provision for the Appointment of a Milk Board and for the Powers and Duties thereof and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. VACUUM OIL COMPANY BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Angus	Mr. Jewell
Sir Stanley Argyle	Lieut.-Col. Knox
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Linton
Mr. Bond	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Cain	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Cleary	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cook	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Downward	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Webber
Mr. Burnett Gray	
Mr. Hayes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Maltby

Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Old
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Solly
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toucher
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Keane	
Mr. Macfarlan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. J. A. Gray
Mr. Manifold	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Moncur	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee.

Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Acquainting the Assembly that they have appointed six Members to confer with a like number of Members of the Assembly on the subject-matter of the amendments suggested by the Council in the Bill intituled “*An Act to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and for other purposes*”; and naming the Legislative Council Committee Room as the place, and fixing Eleven o’clock to-morrow morning as the time of meeting of the said Conference.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the consequential amendment made by the Assembly on the amendment of the Council to insert new clause BB in the Financial Emergency (Amendment) Bill.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief (Amendment) Bill with an amendment.

And the said amendment is as follows :—

Clause 2, at the end of the clause insert—

“(14) Any farmer who, after the day of the last publication of the copy of such statement as aforesaid and before the refusal of his application or the notification of the issue of the protection certificate, does any act in relation to any of his property with the intention of destroying defeating invalidating or impairing (whether directly or indirectly) the rights of any grantee of any form of security over any of his property or of any other creditor shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and be liable to a penalty of not more than Fifty pounds or to imprisonment for a term of not more than two years or to both such penalty and imprisonment.”

And the said amendment was read a second time.

Motion made and question proposed—That this House do agree to the amendment made by the Legislative Council (*Mr. Slater*)—and, after debate—

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Pollard*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after No. 3.
9. WHEAT AND FLOUR ACQUISITION BILL.—Recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of a new clause relating to the fixing of the prices of flour and bread; considered in Committee and reported without further amendment; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.

On the motion of *Mr. Slater*, and after debate, the following amendments were made in this Bill :—

Clause 3, lines 7–8, omit “the body known as the Victorian Wheat-growers Corporation” and insert “the Victorian Wheatgrowers Corporation Limited.”

Clause 3, line 10, omit “the Victorian flour millers” and insert “the body known as the Victorian Flour Millers’ Association.”

Clause 5, page 5, sub-section (9), lines 17–22, omit all words beginning “shall be for a period” to the end of the sub-section and insert “shall be for a period of fourteen days after the date of acquisition at the risk of the previous owner, and in the event of loss or destruction during such period no compensation shall be payable, and in the event of damage during such period compensation shall be payable only as if the wheat or flour had been damaged prior to its being acquired by His Majesty.”

Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—

Clause 7, sub-section (1), lines 18–21, omit “(whether acquired from any wheat-grower, wheat merchant, wheat pooling authority, miller or any other person) a price which the Board determines to be the Melbourne price based on world’s parity on the date of acquisition” and insert—

“as follows :—

- (a) If acquired from any wheat merchant or miller, such compensation shall be—  
in any case where the wheat was harvested during the season 1931–1932—a price equivalent to the price paid to the wheat-grower together with any handling charges in connexion therewith; or
- (b) If acquired from any wheat pooling authority, such compensation shall be—  
in any case where the wheat was harvested during the season 1931–1932—a price equivalent to the price which the Board, after investigation, determines to be the average price paid by wheat merchants to wheat-growers during the month of December One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and the months of January and February One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, together with any handling charges incurred in connexion therewith; or
- (c) If acquired from any wheat merchant, wheat pooling authority, or miller, such compensation shall be—  
in the case of old wheat—a price which the Board determines to be the Melbourne price based on world’s parity on the date of acquisition; or

- (d) If acquired from any wheat-grower or any other person not provided for in paragraphs (a) (b) and (c) hereof, such compensation shall be the price which in the opinion of the Board would have been paid to the wheat-grower by a purchaser if he purchased the wheat from the wheat-grower on the date of acquisition at the railway station or railway siding nearest to the place where the wheat was grown, and world's parity were the basis for payment."

—(Mr. Slater)—and, after debate—

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Angus	Mr. Menzies
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Old
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Linton	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Luxton	
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. J. A. Gray
Mr. Maltby	Mr. Kent Hughes

Noes, 15.

Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Reid
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	Mr. Bailey
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Lemmon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—

Clause 13, sub-section (1), lines 21–22, omit "after the coming into operation of this Act" and insert "on or after the first day of September One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one" (Mr. Pollard)—and, after debate—

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put and agreed to.  
On the motion of Mr. Pollard the following further amendment was made in this Bill :—

Clause 13, line 32, after "Provided" insert "further."

Motion made and question—That the further consideration of amendments after third reading of this Bill be postponed until to-morrow (Mr. Pollard)—put and, after debate—  
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Cain	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Reid
Mr. Frost	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Bailey
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 16.

Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Angus	Mr. Manifold
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Old
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. J. A. Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Linton	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Luxton	Mr. Maltby

And the numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the "Ayes."  
And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 31.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

- "An Act to authorize the City of Camberwell to expend the Balances of certain Moneys for purposes other than the purposes for which the said Moneys were borrowed by the said City."  
"An Act relating to the Revocation of the Reservation of certain Land in the City of Melbourne permanently reserved as a Site for the purposes of the Incorporated Institution called the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital and the Revocation of the Crown Grant of the said Land and to provide for the Grant of the said Land and certain other Land in the said City to the said Institution."

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 27th October, 1931.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 4 to 21 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at six minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

WEDNESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Hogan presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—  
Superannuation Fund (Superannuation Act).—Report of Actuary (H. M. Jackson, Esq.,  
F.I.A., F.S.S.) on his Investigation at the Expiration of the First Quinquennium (31st  
December, 1930).  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
- Mr. Hogan presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly, agreed to on the 17th  
October, 1905—  
Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return  
of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth  
and purchased for the use of the Public Works and Mines Department during the period  
from 1st July, 1930, to 30th June, 1931; together with Totals of Preference Returns for  
the Seventeen Years prior to 1930–31.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
- The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table  
by the Clerk :—  
Hospitals and Charities Act 1928.—Eighth Annual Report of the Charities Board of Victoria,  
for the year ended 30th June, 1931.
3. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Hogan,  
obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Hawkers and Pedlers  
Acts* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution  
to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Solly reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That a sum not exceeding £936,363 be granted to His Majesty on account for  
or towards defraying the following services for the year 1931–32, viz. :—

Division No.	£.
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	70
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	792
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	58
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	130
5. Engineers and Gardeners—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	113
6. Parliamentary Printing .. .. .	500
7. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	215
8. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	470
9. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	870
10. „ „ Miscellaneous .. .. .	200
11. „ „ Pensions, &c. .. .. .	5,400
13. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	275
14. Explosives—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	535
15. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries .. .. .	285
17. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	340
18. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	110
19. The Governor's Office—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	22
20. Inebriates Institution—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	260
21. Observatory—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	300
22. Audit Office—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,385
23. Government Statist—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,953
24. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	32,050
25. Children's Welfare, &c.—Salaries, Contingencies, and Maintenance .. .. .	31,132
26. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	7,700
27. Police—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	38,500
28. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	3,080
29. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	199
30. Department of Labour—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	2,200
31. Education—Salaries .. .. .	165,127
32. „ Contingencies and Miscellaneous .. .. .	17,034
33. „ Pensions, &c. .. .. .	9
34. „ Works and Buildings .. .. .	700
35. „ Endowments and Grants .. .. .	100
36. „ Exceptional Expenditure .. .. .	30
37. Attorney-General—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	9,943
38. „ „ Pensions, &c. .. .. .	17
39. Solicitor-General—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	6,320

Division No.		£
40.	Treasury—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,800
41.	„ Miscellaneous .. .. .	5,000
42.	„ Transport, &c. .. .. .	400
43.	„ Unforeseen Expenditure .. .. .	50
44.	„ Payments to Railway Department .. .. .	10,000
45.	„ Hospitals and Charities .. .. .	20,000
46.	„ Grants .. .. .	180
47.	„ Pensions, &c. .. .. .	71
48.	„ Exceptional Expenditure .. .. .	125
49.	Premier's Office—Salaries, Contingencies, and Agent-General .. .. .	973
50.	State Superannuation Board—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	249
51.	„ „ Pensions, &c. .. .. .	5
52.	Taxation Office—Administration—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	56
53.	„ „ Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	558
54.	Curator—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	380
55.	Government Printer—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	9,287
56.	„ „ Advertising .. .. .	200
57.	Lands—Survey, Settlement, &c.—Salaries, Contingencies, &c. .. .. .	5,499
58.	„ Miscellaneous .. .. .	5,473
59.	„ Botanic and Domain Gardens, &c.—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,126
61.	„ Works and Buildings .. .. .	191
62.	Public Works—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	4,060
63.	„ „ Works and Buildings .. .. .	10,000
64.	„ „ Road Works and Bridges .. .. .	100
65.	Ports and Harbours—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,080
66.	„ „ Works, &c. .. .. .	1,000
67.	Mines—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,400
68.	„ Miscellaneous .. .. .	880
69.	Forests—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	5,200
70.	State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c. .. .. .	17,250
71.	Agriculture—Administrative—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	914
72.	„ „ Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	3,029
73.	„ „ Maffra Beet Sugar Factory .. .. .	2,500
74.	Horticulture—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	1,588
75.	Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	5,653
76.	Export Development—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	3,855
77.	Marketing .. .. .	13
78.	Public Health—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	5,617
79.	„ „ Grants .. .. .	791
80.	Railways—Working Expenses, &c. .. .. .	460,000
81.	„ „ Pensions, &c. .. .. .	217
82.	„ „ Railway Construction Branch .. .. .	569
83.	State Coal Mine—Working Expenses .. .. .	20,000
	<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>£936,363</b>

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

5. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Solly reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1931–32 the sum of £936,363 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House:

Ordered—That Mr. Hogan and Mr. Webber do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

6. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 6).—Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intitled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Nine hundred and thirty-six thousand three hundred and sixty-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

7. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

Closer Settlement Act 1928.—Report of the Closer Settlement Board for the year ended 30th June, 1931.

8. UNEMPLOYED OCCUPIERS AND FARMERS RELIEF (AMENDMENT) BILL.—Order read for the further consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill (for amendment see p. 130 *ante*).

And the said amendment was, after debate, agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment.

9. WHEAT AND FLOUR ACQUISITION BILL.—Order read for the further consideration of amendments after third reading.

Mr. Pollard offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill:—

*Fixing Prices of Flour and Bread.*

AA. (1) In this section unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter—

“Flour” means flour gristed from wheat and includes semolina, wheatmeal, self-raising flour, bran and pollard.

(2) The Board from time to time—

(a) shall inquire into and report to the Governor in Council as to what prices should for the purposes of this section be the highest selling prices for any flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread ;

(b) may in any inquiry or report deal with the prices of any flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread whether included in a previous report or not ;

(c) may in any report specify different selling prices for flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread having regard to—

(i) the different qualities thereof ;

(ii) the sale or supply thereof wholesale or retail ;

(iii) the sale or supply thereof under differing terms and conditions ; and

(iv) any other matter which the Board thinks fit to consider or which is prescribed.

(3) (a) The Governor in Council may by Order published in the *Government Gazette* declare that any price or prices specified in any report of the Board for any flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread shall for the purposes of this section be the highest selling price or prices for any such flour or bread or any such kind of flour or bread, and in this section the expression “declared price” shall (as the case requires) be deemed and taken to refer to any such price or to any of such prices.

(b) Any Order in Council under this sub-section may be rescinded revoked amended or varied by an Order in Council made in accordance with a report of the Board subsequent to the first-mentioned Order in Council.

(c) In any proceedings for an offence against this section the production of a copy of the *Government Gazette* containing any Order in Council under this sub-section for the time being in force shall be conclusive evidence of the “declared price” of any flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread as set out therein.

(4) Every person who before the first day of March One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three—

(a) sells or supplies or offers for sale or supply any flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread at a price higher than the “declared price” thereof for any such sale or supply ; or

(b) absolutely refuses to sell (except at a price higher than the “declared price” thereof for any such sale) any flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread—

(i) which he is entitled to sell ; and

(ii) which is in excess of what is required for the use of himself and his dependants for a period of one month from the date of the refusal—

shall be guilty of an offence under this section.

(5) Every person who in Victoria aids abets counsels procures or is in any way knowingly concerned in the commission of an offence under this section shall be deemed to have committed that offence and shall be punishable accordingly.

(6) (a) Every person who commits an offence under this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and shall be liable to a penalty of not more than One hundred pounds.

(b) If two or more persons are responsible for the same offence under this section each of those persons shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and shall be liable to a penalty of not more than One hundred pounds ; and the liability of each of them shall be independent of the liability of the others.

(7) (a) In any proceedings for an offence under this section the burden of proof that any flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread is not in excess of what is required for the use of the defendant and his dependants for a period of one month from the date of any refusal to sell flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread (as the case may be) shall be on the defendant.

(b) In any proceedings under this section evidence that flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread is in the possession or under the control of any person shall be *prima facie* evidence that such person is entitled to sell such flour or bread or such kind of flour or bread (as the case may be).

(8) No proceedings for an offence under this section shall be taken by any person whomsoever without the written consent of the Attorney-General, but the Attorney-General instead of proceeding by presentment or authorizing any other criminal proceedings for an offence under this section may elect to institute proceedings in the Supreme Court by way of civil action for the recovery of the penalties for the offence.

(9) (a) In addition to the powers conferred by the last preceding section of this Act, the Governor in Council may make regulations not inconsistent with this section prescribing all matters necessary or expedient to be prescribed for carrying into full effect the objects of this section; and may in any such regulations provide for a penalty of not more than Fifty pounds for any breach thereof.

(b) All such regulations shall be published in the *Government Gazette* and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after the making thereof if Parliament is then sitting, and if Parliament is not then sitting then within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament.

(10) This section shall not apply to any sales disposals or purchases of flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread by to from or on behalf of the Crown (including any Government Department or any statutory body representing the Crown) or the Minister or the Board.

Motion made and question—That new clause AA be now read a second time (*Mr. Pollard*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater	Mr. Diffey	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Solly	Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Old
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Everard	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Webber	Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hayes		Mr. Hyland	
Mr. Holland		Mr. Linton	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Luxton	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Keane	Mr. Reid	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Menzies

And the numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the "Ayes."

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the said new clause was read a third time and added to the Bill.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 and 6 be postponed until after No. 7.
  11. STOCK FOODS BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
  12. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 6) without amendment.
  13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5, 6, and 8 to 23 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
  14. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.
- And then the House, at fifty-six minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 75.

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THURSDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MELBOURNE CUP DAY.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.
3. LANDLORD AND TENANT (RENT REDUCTION) BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress; to sit again this day. Mr. Frost reported that in Committee a point of order was raised that the Bill related only to rent reduction and that the provisions of new clause DD referring to bonus and other consideration in the nature of rent or bonus payable under the lease were not relevant. He ruled that the new clause was in order. With his consent, the Committee desired the Speaker's opinion upon that ruling. And, after debate— Mr. Speaker ruled that the provisions of the new clause were relevant to the Bill.

4. LANDLORD AND TENANT (RENT REDUCTION) BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress; to sit again this day.

5. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL—FREE CONFERENCE WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Hogan said—“ I desire to submit to the House a report regarding the conference between the managers of this House and the managers of the Legislative Council. The conference met yesterday and again to-day, and eventually adjourned without arriving at an agreement. The Legislative Council managers said that the Government's proposals were unacceptable to them, and they finally offered to increase the rates of pay for unemployment relief works as set out in their amendments to the Bill by 4s. per week.

The effect of this proposal would be as follows:—

- (i) In the case of married men on whose earnings persons are ordinarily dependent—5s. per week of 48 hours, or in any week in which less than 48 hours is worked, 1s. 3d. per hour up to 24 hours' work, and 1s. 1d. per hour thereafter.
- (ii) In the case of married women on whose earnings other persons are ordinarily dependent—4s. per week of 48 hours or, in any week in which less than 48 hours is worked, 1s. per hour up to 24 hours' work and 10d. per hour thereafter.
- (iii) In the case of all adult male persons other than those specified in sub-paragraph (i) hereof—40s. per week of 48 hours or, in any week in which less than 48 hours is worked, 11d. per hour up to 24 hours' work and 9d. per hour thereafter.
- (iv) In the case of all adult female persons other than those specified in sub-paragraph (ii) hereof—28s. per week of 48 hours or, in any week in which less than 48 hours is worked, 8d. per hour up to 24 hours' work and 6d. per hour thereafter.
- (v) In the case of male persons and female persons under the age of 21 years—not more than two-thirds of the amount specified in sub-paragraphs (iii) and (iv) hereof respectively.

The Legislative Council managers also agreed that these rates should be fixed for the whole of the year. The managers for the Legislative Assembly were unable to agree to those proposals. Further consideration will be given to this question by the Cabinet to-morrow, and in the interim it is necessary that the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act should be re-enacted for another month. The conference of managers acquiesced in that.

There was no conflict of opinion between the managers of the two Houses regarding the amount of money to be raised by the Unemployment Relief Amendment Bill, or regarding the amount of stamp tax to be collected. There was a slight disagreement between the Assembly and Council managers in regard to the constitutional dispute over the Legislative Council's schedule in the Unemployment Relief Amendment Bill.

Sir Stanley Argyle.—Was that schedule discussed?

Mr. Hogan.—It was referred to at the conclusion of the conference, but the conference mainly devoted consideration to the question of wages to be paid on unemployment relief works. No decision was reached, and the conference concluded without arriving at an agreement.”

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 21 inclusive be postponed until after No. 22.

7. WAYS AND MEANS—UNEMPLOYMENT STAMP DUTIES.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Cotter reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

*Resolved—*

1. That on from and after the eighth day of November One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and until the fifth day of December One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one inclusive there shall be charged and paid for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors upon and for the instruments hereinafter specified the stamp duties hereinafter specified:—

RECEIPTS FOR SALARY AND WAGES—

- (i) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than One pound and not amounting to Two pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each £1 of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of £1 not being less than 10s.—a stamp duty of One penny:

- (ii) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than Two pounds and not amounting to Four pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each 5s. of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of 5s.—a stamp duty of One penny:

- (iii) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than Four pounds and (save as otherwise expressly provided) not more than Six pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each 4s. of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of 4s.—a stamp duty of One penny:

Provided that stamp duty shall not be payable under the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and this Resolution on any receipt for payment of any amount of salary or wages of less than One pound or (save as otherwise expressly provided in the said Acts or this Resolution) more than Six pounds in all in respect of any week, and where payment of salary or wages is made for more than

a week, then in calculating the amount of such salary or wages upon which stamp duty is payable any payment in respect of any week of less than One pound or (save as otherwise expressly provided in the said Acts or this Resolution) more than Six pounds shall not be taken into account.

2. That any person whose taxable income (within the meaning of the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* as in operation before the 31st day of December, 1930) for the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1930, is £312 or less and consists wholly or in part of salary or wages shall (notwithstanding that his salary or wages after the said 30th day of June in respect of any period for which he has been paid is or are at a rate exceeding £312 per annum) be liable to pay stamp duty as aforesaid on the whole of his salary or wages received on or after the said 8th day of November.

3. That for the purposes of the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and this Resolution section eighteen of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* as amended by the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931* and by the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931* (No. 2) shall be read and construed and have effect as if after the reference therein to the last-mentioned Act there were added a reference to the legislation proposed to be enacted in order to carry the purposes of this Resolution into effect.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Hogan and Mr. Webber do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

8. STAMPS (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF) BILL (No. 3).—Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and to provide for the Temporary Continuation thereof*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

9. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—STAMPS (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF) BILL (No. 3).—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read:—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 32.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and to provide for the Temporary Continuation thereof.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 29th October, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

10. STAMPS (UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF) BILL (No. 3).—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 32.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Cotter reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and to provide for the Temporary Continuation thereof.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Bill read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

11. LANDLORD AND TENANT (RENT REDUCTION) BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress; to sit again on Wednesday next.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 21 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Wednesday next.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at eleven minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Wednesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 76.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Bill (No. 3) without amendment.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 33.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“ *An Act to amend the Law relating to Dairy Produce.* ”

“ *An Act to amend Part III. of the ‘ Financial Emergency Act 1931.’* ”

“ *An Act to amend Section Twenty-one of the ‘ Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Act 1931.’* ”

“ *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Nine hundred and thirty-six thousand three hundred and sixty-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.* ”

“ *An Act to amend the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and to provide for the Temporary Continuation thereof.* ”

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 4th November, 1931.

4. LANDLORD AND TENANT (RENT REDUCTION) BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; recommitted to a Committee of the whole House with respect to clauses 2 to 8 inclusive ; reconsidered in Committee and reported with further amendments ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to.  
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
5. VACUUM OIL COMPANY BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 22 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifty-eight minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

No. 77.

THURSDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Financial Emergency Acts, 1931.—Supreme Court Rules.  
2000. (200 copies.)

3. SUPPLY—"GRIEVANCE DAY."—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and, after debate, negatived.  
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 22 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at three minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 78.

TUESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
  - Fisheries Act 1928.—Notice of Intention to prohibit all Fishing in or the Taking of Fish from—  
Portion of the Broken River near Benalla.  
Portion of the Bunyip River and its Tributaries from 1st May to 15th December in each Year.

### 3. LANDLORD AND TENANT (RENT REDUCTION) BILL.—Read the third time.

On the motion of Mr. Slater, and after debate, the following amendments were made in this Bill :—

Clause 3, omit the proviso.

Clause 4, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), lines 1-2, omit " Every lease shall for a period of three years from and after the coming into operation of this Act " and insert " Every lease shall for such portion of the term of such lease as falls within the period of three years immediately following the coming into operation of this Act ".

Clause 4, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), line 9, at the end of the paragraph insert—

" Provided that—

(i) as regards a lease entered into on or before the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine—the rent payable under the lease shall be deemed to be increased by the amount of any reduction of rent allowed by the lessor since the said thirtieth day of June but such amount shall be included as part of the reduction made by this sub-section ;

(ii) as regards a lease entered into after the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine and before the second day of January One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one wherein the rent reserved is less than the rent reserved by a previous lease of the same premises and existing on the said thirtieth day of June—the rent payable under the lease shall be deemed to be increased by the amount of such difference in rent, but such amount shall be included as part of the reduction made by this sub-section."

Clause 4, sub-section (1), paragraph (b), line 10, omit " Where such a lease " and insert " Where a lease ".

Clause 4, sub-section (1), paragraph (b), lines 14-16, omit " until the expiration of the period of three years from and after the coming into operation of this Act " and insert " for such portion of the term of the renewal as falls within the period of three years immediately following the coming into operation of this Act ".

Clause 4, sub-section (1), paragraph (b), line 18, omit " but for this paragraph " and insert " but for this sub-section ".

Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—

Clause 4, sub-section (2), paragraph (b), lines 29-32, omit this paragraph and insert :—

" (b) that the operation of the foregoing provisions of this section will result in the rent payable under the lease being reduced to a total annual amount which (together with the rates and taxes in respect of the property the subject of the lease) is less than Five per centum of the capital invested by the lessor in such property or that there is any other good and sufficient reason applying to the transaction for modifying or excluding such foregoing provisions in relation thereto ; or "

—(Mr. Slater)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—

Clause 1, sub-section (2), paragraph (c), lines 33-41, omit this paragraph and insert :—

" (c) that hardship will result from any reduction under sub-section (1) of this section and that such hardship may be relieved by an extension of the term of the lease ."

—(Mr. Slater)—and, after debate—

Question—That paragraph (c) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put and negatived.

Question—That new paragraph (c) proposed to be inserted in place of paragraph (c) omitted be so inserted—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Webber
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Bailey
Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 27.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Luxton
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Manifold
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Coyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Downward	Mr. Old
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Everard	Mr. Toucher
Mr. J. A. Gray	
Mr. Hyland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Maltby
Lieut-Col. Knox	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Lind	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Slater the following further amendment was made in this Bill :—

Clause 4, sub-section (2), line 42, omit “ adjusting ”.

Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—

Clause 4, sub-section (2), line 44, omit “ extending such lease ” and insert “ upon such terms as it thinks equitable extending such lease :

Provided that no order shall be made under this section whereby the lease is extended beyond the period of twelve months immediately following the coming into operation of this Act ”.

—(Mr. Slater).

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put and negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted—put and, after debate—

Amendment proposed—That the words “ it thinks equitable ” in the proposed amendment be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “ may be agreed between the lessor and the lessee ” (Mr. Blackburn)—and, after debate—

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put and, after debate, negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in the proposed amendment in place of the words omitted be so inserted—put and agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Blackburn the following further amendment was made in the proposed amendment :—Omit the proviso.

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Slater the following further amendments were, after debate, made in this Bill :—

Clause 5, page 5, sub-section (3), omit this sub-section and insert—

“ (3) No reduction of rent made by this Part or by any order under this Part shall in any case continue in force beyond the period of three years immediately following the coming into operation of this Act.”

Clause DD, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), line 16, after “ rent ” insert “ bonus or other consideration in the nature of rent or bonus ”.

On the motion of Mr. Burnett Gray the following further amendment was, after debate, made in this Bill :—

Clause EE, line 39, after “ accordingly ” insert—

“ In making its determination the court may take into consideration *inter alia* such amount of bonus or other consideration for the lease paid in advance and/or the amount paid for goodwill as is proportionate to the period subject to this Act.”

On the motion of Mr. Slater the following further amendment was made in this Bill :—

Clause EE, lines 39–42, omit the proviso and insert—

“ Provided that the Board on the application of the lessor or mortgagee and upon proof of due notice to the lessee may in a subsequent determination vary or revoke any previous determination of the Board.”

On the motion of Mr. Blackburn the following further amendment was made in this Bill :—

Clause FF, sub-section (1), line 1, before “ No determination ” insert “ Except with the consent of the lessor and the lessee.”

On the motion of Mr. Slater the following further amendments were made in this Bill :—

Clause FF, sub-section (2), line 5, after “ rent ” insert “ bonus or other consideration payable as aforesaid.”

Clause FF, sub-section (3), line 15, at the end of the sub-section insert “ bonus or other consideration.”

Clause GG, sub-section (1), line 16, omit “ Every ” and insert “ Subject to this Part every ”.

Clause GG, sub-section (3), line 40, after “ rent ” insert “ bonus or other consideration.”

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

4. POLICE OFFENCES (CONSORTING) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
6. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council in this Bill on the consideration of the question that the Bill be read a third time having been read, the said suggested amendments are as follow :—

1. Clause 3, sub-clause (3), paragraph (b), omit the schedule and insert the following schedule :—

“ SCHEDULE.

The tax shall be calculated on the taxable income of each taxpayer as hereinafter provided.

The tax shall be payable on each £1 of the taxable income and shall be calculated as follows :—

Amount of Taxable Income.	Rates per £1.
Not less than £52 but not amounting to £104 ..	One and two-tenths pence
Not less than £104 but not amounting to £208 ..	Three and one-quarter pence
Not less than £208 but not exceeding £312 ..	Four pence
Exceeding £312 but not exceeding £400 ..	Four and one-quarter pence
Exceeding £400 but not exceeding £500 ..	Four and one-half pence
Exceeding £500 but not exceeding £600 ..	Four and three-quarter pence
Exceeding £600 but not exceeding £700 ..	Five pence
Exceeding £700 but not exceeding £750 ..	Five and one-third pence
Exceeding £750 but not exceeding £800 ..	Five and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £800 but not exceeding £900 ..	Six pence
Exceeding £900 but not exceeding £1,000 ..	Six and one-third pence
Exceeding £1,000 but not exceeding £1,100 ..	Six and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £1,100 but not exceeding £1,200 ..	Seven pence
Exceeding £1,200 but not exceeding £1,300 ..	Seven and one-third pence
Exceeding £1,300 but not exceeding £1,400 ..	Seven and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £1,400 but not exceeding £1,500 ..	Eight pence
Exceeding £1,500 but not exceeding £1,600 ..	Eight and one-third pence
Exceeding £1,600 but not exceeding £1,700 ..	Eight and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £1,700 but not exceeding £1,800 ..	Nine pence
Exceeding £1,800 but not exceeding £1,900 ..	Nine and one-third pence
Exceeding £1,900 but not exceeding £2,000 ..	Nine and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £2,000 but not exceeding £2,100 ..	Ten pence
Exceeding £2,100 but not exceeding £2,200 ..	Ten and one-third pence
Exceeding £2,200 but not exceeding £2,300 ..	Ten and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £2,300 but not exceeding £2,400 ..	Eleven pence
Exceeding £2,400 but not exceeding £2,500 ..	Eleven and one-third pence
Exceeding £2,500 but not exceeding £2,600 ..	Eleven and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £2,600 but not exceeding £2,700 ..	Twelve pence
Exceeding £2,700 but not exceeding £2,800 ..	Twelve and one-third pence
Exceeding £2,800 but not exceeding £2,900 ..	Twelve and two-thirds pence
Exceeding £2,900 but not exceeding £3,000 ..	Thirteen pence
Exceeding £3,000 .. .. .	Thirteen and two-thirds pence ”

2. Clause 4, at the end of the clause insert the following new sub-clause :—

“ (5) Every such advance shall be subject to the following conditions :—

- (a) The rates of pay in respect of any such works as are referred to in subparagraph (c) of sub-section (2) of this section shall be those prescribed by sub-section (6) of section nine of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* as amended by this Act ;
- (b) Upon any breach of the foregoing condition the whole of such advance shall immediately become payable to the Permanent Unemployment Relief Fund referred to in sub-section (3) of this section and shall be recoverable summarily before any court of petty sessions.”

3. Clause 7, line 21, after “ receiving ” insert “ from a farmer practical.”

4. Clause 9, in sub-clause (1) omit “ but not being work which before the passing of this Act was being performed by members of the regular staff of any municipality or was part of the current year’s programme of work of any such municipality ” and insert at the end of the clause the following sub-clause :—

“ (5) If the Governor in Council is satisfied that in order to provide work to be performed as aforesaid by any such male person or in consequence of the performance of any such work as aforesaid by any such male person, any person ordinarily employed by any municipality is dismissed from his employment the Governor in Council may by Order published in the *Government Gazette* order that for such period as the Governor in Council thinks fit no work shall be demanded to be performed as aforesaid by any such male person for that municipality.”

5. Clause 11, paragraph (a), at the end of the paragraph insert—

“ (iii) safeguarding the Unemployment Relief Fund and generally preventing fraudulent or dishonest claims against the said Fund and prescribing penalties for any wilful breach of such regulations.”

6. Clause 16, omit this clause and insert—

“ 16. For sub-section (6) of section nine of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* there shall be substituted the following sub-section :—

(6) (a) The work allotted to persons employed on any works for the relief of unemployment shall in all cases be as recommended by the Board.

(b) Notwithstanding any determination of any wages board or the Court of Industrial Appeals and subject to the provisions of section eighteen of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1931* the rates of pay for such work shall not be greater than as hereinafter specified—

(i) in the case of married men on whose earnings other persons are ordinarily dependent—

Fifty-two shillings per week of forty-eight hours or, in any week in which less than forty-eight hours is worked, One shilling and twopence per hour up to twenty-four hours' work and One shilling per hour thereafter ;

(ii) in the case of married women on whose earnings other persons are ordinarily dependent—

Forty shillings per week of forty-eight hours or, in any week in which less than forty-eight hours is worked, Elevenpence per hour up to twenty-four hours' work and Ninepence per hour thereafter ;

(iii) in the case of all adult male persons other than those specified in sub-paragraph (i) hereof—

Thirty-six shillings per week of forty-eight hours or, in any week in which less than forty-eight hours is worked, Tenpence per hour up to twenty-four hours' work and Eightpence per hour thereafter ;

(iv) in the case of all adult female persons other than those specified in sub-paragraph (ii) hereof—

Twenty-four shillings per week of forty-eight hours or, in any week in which less than forty-eight hours is worked, Sevenpence per hour up to twenty-four hours' work and Fivepence per hour thereafter ;

(v) in the case of male persons and female persons under the age of twenty-one years—

not more than two-thirds of the amounts specified in sub-paragraphs (iii) and (iv) hereof respectively.

(c) Overtime work shall be avoided as far as possible but where unavoidable shall be paid for at the ordinary rates hereinbefore specified.

(d) In any case in which it is necessary to do so for the purpose of giving effect to any of the provisions of the Unemployment Relief Acts, the Minister shall make application or cause application to be made as soon as practicable to the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for the suspension or variation of any award of such Court or of any industrial agreement under any Commonwealth Act.

(e) In any case in which the rate of pay under any award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration or any industrial agreement under any Commonwealth Act or any determination of a wages board or the Court of Industrial Appeals is lower than the corresponding rate of pay hereinbefore specified the lower rate of pay shall be paid.”

7. Clause 18, line 37, omit “developmental”.

8. Clause 21, line 38, after “1931” insert “and the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931 (No. 2)*”.

9. Clause 27, line 39, after “1931” insert “and section two of the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931 (No. 2)*”.

10. Clause 27, omit “eleventh day of October” and insert “eighth day of November”.

11. Clause 28, line 5, after “1931” insert “and section four of the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931 (No. 2)*”.

12. Clause 29, line 15, after “1931” (where first occurring) insert “and the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931 (No. 2)*”.

13. Clause 29, line 15, omit “1931” (where secondly occurring) and insert “1931 (No. 2)”.

## Suggested amendment No. 1—

Mr. Speaker said :—“ When the Bill was returned from the Council with amendments suggested on the consideration of the Bill in Committee I said, in regard to the first suggested amendment ” (for ruling see p. 109 *ante*).

“ At that stage as well as on a subsequent occasion the House supported that ruling by declining to entertain the amendment on the ground that it is an infringement of sub-section (2) of section 36 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, which provides that the Council may not suggest any omission or amendment the effect of which will be to increase any proposed charge or burden on the people. The Bill has been returned for the third time with the same suggestion. It is not necessary for me to say anything further, except that I still firmly adhere to my previous ruling.”

Motion made and question—That this House declines to entertain the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council, as it is an infringement of sub-section (2) of section 36 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928*, which provides that the Council may not suggest any omission or amendment the effect of which will be to increase any proposed charge or burden on the people (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.—Suggested amendment not entertained.

## Suggested amendment No. 2—

Motion made and question proposed—That this House do make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council with the following modifications :—

After “ rates of pay ” insert “ paid out of such advance.”

Omit “ shall be recoverable summarily before any court of petty sessions ” and insert “ may be recovered by a law officer in a court of petty sessions as a civil debt recoverable summarily or in any court of competent jurisdiction.”

—(*Mr. Hogan*)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made and question—That this House do make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council with the following modification :—Omit “ shall be recoverable summarily before any court of petty sessions ” and insert “ may be recovered by a law officer in a court of petty sessions as a civil debt recoverable summarily or in any court of competent jurisdiction ” (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.

## On the motion of Mr. Hogan and, after debate—

Suggested amendment No. 3 not made.

Suggested amendment No. 4 made with the following modification :—Omit “ from his employment ” and insert “ or otherwise ceases to be employed by such municipality.”

Suggested amendment No. 5 made with the following modification :—Omit “ and prescribing penalties for any wilful breach of such regulations.”

## Suggested amendment No. 6—

Motion made and question proposed—That this House do make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council with the following modifications :—

Omit paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e) and insert the following paragraphs :—

“ (b) The daily rates of pay of persons employed on any such works shall in all cases be as recommended by the Board, but shall not be greater than—

(i) In the case of any work (other than work to which sub-paragraphs (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph apply)—

where such work is inside the metropolis—the lowest monetary equivalent of the index figure published by the Commonwealth Statistician relating to the cost of living for the capital city in Victoria in respect of the quarter ended the thirtieth day of September One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one ; and

where such work is outside the metropolis—the lowest monetary equivalent of the index figure published by the Commonwealth Statistician relating to the cost of living and representing the weighted average for four towns in Victoria (excluding the capital city) in respect of the quarter ended the thirtieth day of September One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one ;

(and it is hereby declared that the lowest monetary equivalent aforesaid does not include the daily sum of Sixpence known as the ‘ Powers’ Sixpence ’) :

Provided that such rates respectively shall subsequently be subject to adjustment on each succeeding first day of February May August and November in accordance with the like respective figures published from time to time by the said Statistician ;

(ii) In the case of work (other than work performed for or under the direction of any municipality) which in the opinion of the Board is work of a kind to which the award (No. 70 of 1927) of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration relating to the employment of members of the Australian Workers’ Union applies—the minimum base rates payable for the time being under the said award or any variation thereof so far as the same applies to Victoria ; or

- (iii) In the case of work performed for or under the direction of any municipality—the minimum total base rates as hereinafter set forth payable under the award (No. 1 of 1929) of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration relating to the employment of members of the Federated Municipal and Shire Council Employees' Union of Australia so far as the said award applies to Victoria—

In the case of municipalities the municipal districts of which are within the metropolis—Ten shillings and ninepence ;

In the case of Ballarat city—Eleven shillings and threepence ;

In the case of Bendigo city—Ten shillings and tenpence ;

In the case of Geelong city, Geelong West city, or Newtown and Chilwell town—Ten shillings and elevenpence ;

In the case of Warrnambool city—Eleven shillings and sixpence ;

In the case of Mildura town—Ten shillings and threepence ;

In the case of Sale town—Nine shillings and tenpence ; or

In the case of any other town, borough or shire—Ten shillings and twopence :

Provided that such rates respectively shall subsequently be subject to adjustment—

on each succeeding first day of February May August and November in accordance with the index figures published from time to time by the Commonwealth Statistician relating to the cost of living and applicable in accordance with such award to such places ; and

in accordance with—

any award or any variation of any award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration made after the commencement of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1931* ; or

any industrial agreement made after the commencement of the said Act under the *Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1930* ;

- (c) In recommending the allotment of such work the Board as far as practicable shall not recommend that any person employed on any such works shall be employed—
- (i) for more than three days' work in any one week in any case where the Board is satisfied that he can conveniently travel daily from and to his usual place of residence to and from the place of employment ; or
- (ii) for more than four consecutive weeks' work in any period of six weeks in any case where the Board is satisfied that it is impracticable for him to so travel daily as aforesaid ;
- (d) In this section ' metropolis ' has the same meaning as in the last preceding section of this Act ”.

--(Mr. Hogan)--and, after debate—

Amendment proposed--That the word " greater," in line 2 of proposed new paragraph (b), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word " less " (Mr. Blackburn)--and, after debate--

Question--That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question--put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Angus	Mr. Manifold
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McLachlan
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cain	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Old
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Satchell
Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Slater
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Webber
Lieut.-Col. Knox	
Mr. Linton	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Luxton	Mr. Bailey
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 9.

Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cook	
Mr. Drakeford	
Mr. Hayes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holland	Mr. Frost
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. McAdam.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main question—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Angus	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater	Mr. Bennett	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Solly	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Diffey	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Old
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Webber	Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Hayes		Mr. Hyland	
Mr. Hogan		Lieut.-Col. Knox	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Linton	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Luxton	Mr. Maltby
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

Suggested amendment No. 7—

Motion made and question—That this House do not make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council but do make the following amendments in the clause :—

Clause 18, page 10, sub-section (6), lines 9-10, omit " If such amount is not repaid by the farmer within such period " and insert " If any such instalment is not repaid as aforesaid by the farmer ".

Clause 18, page 10, sub-section (7), lines 14-15, omit " a fund to be established in the Treasury and called the Permanent Unemployment Relief Fund " and insert " the Permanent Unemployment Relief Fund hereinbefore referred to ".

Clause 18, page 10, sub-section (8), omit this sub-section.

—(*Mr. Hogan*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Hogan—

Suggested amendment No. 8 made with the following modification :—After " (No. 2) " insert " and the *Stamps (Unemployment) Relief Act 1931 (No. 3)*."

Suggested amendment No. 9 made with the following modification :—After " (No. 2) " insert " and section two of the *Stamps (Unemployment) Relief Act 1931 (No. 3)*."

Suggested amendment No. 10 made with the following modification :—Omit " eighth day of November " and insert " sixth day of December."

Suggested amendment No. 11 made with the following modification :—After " (No. 2) " insert " and section four of the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931 (No. 3)*."

Suggested amendment No. 12 made with the following modification :—After " (No. 2) " insert " and the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931 (No. 3)*."

Suggested amendment No. 13 made with the following modification :—Omit " (No. 2) " and insert " (No. 3)."

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 5 to 22 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until this day.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past Twelve o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 79.

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WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. ORDER OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Motion made and question—That the Sessional Order fixing the order of business for to-morrow be suspended for that day so far as to allow Government Business to be proceeded with during the whole of the sitting (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.

3. FISHERIES BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Fisheries Act 1928’* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. NORTHCOTE LOAN BILL.—Mr. Webber obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to approve adopt authorize and ratify an Agreement between the Mayor Councillors and Citizens of the City of Northcote and the Trustees for the time being of the Victorian Board of Directors of the Australian Natives Association and to provide for the Form of the Debentures to be issued pursuant to the said Agreement* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. VACUUM OIL COMPANY BILL.—Order read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House.  
Motion made and question—That this Order of the Day be discharged (*Mr. Bailey*)—put and agreed to.  
Motion made and question—That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee consisting of Sir Stanley Argyle, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Burnett Gray, Mr. Holland, Mr. Hyland, Mr. Luxton, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Wettenhall; with power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit on days on which the House does not meet, and to report the minutes of evidence from time to time; five to be the quorum (*Mr. Bailey*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
6. POLICE OFFENCES (CONSORTING) BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 8 inclusive be postponed until after No. 9.
8. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
10. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL (No. 2).—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Wettenhall*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend Section Eleven and Section Fourteen of the ‘ Nurses Act 1928.’* ”
12. NURSES BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Tunnecliffe the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3, 5 to 8 inclusive, and 10 to 20 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 80.

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THURSDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Education Act 1928.—Report of the Council of Public Education for the period 1st July, 1930, to 30th June, 1931.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Police Offences (Consorting) Bill without amendment.
4. MOTOR CAR (THIRD PARTY INSURANCE) BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Webber, obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to make provision for Compulsory Insurance with respect to Motor Cars and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

5. **NORTHCOTE LOAN BILL.**—Order for second reading read ; Bill ruled a Private Bill.  
 Motion made, by leave, and question—That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill (*Mr. Webber*)—put and agreed to.  
 Bill read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
6. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL (No. 2).**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee.  
 Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after No. 7.
8. **HAWKERS AND PEDLERS BILL.**—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 6 inclusive and 8 to 21 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifty-nine minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 81.

TUESDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
  - Fire Brigades Act 1928.—Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.—Report, together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities, &c., for year ended 30th June, 1931.
  - Justices Act 1928 and Acts Interpretation Act 1928.—Rules under the *Justices Act* 192 applicable to the *Financial Emergency Act* 1931.
  - Libraries Act 1928.—The Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria.—Rules and Regulations repealed; new Rules and Regulations made.
  - Poor Persons Legal Assistance Act 1928.—Part I., Poor Prisoners Defence.—Regulations.
  - Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Act 1931.—Additional Regulation.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 34.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“ *An Act to amend the Law relating to Vagrancy.* ”

(Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 17th November, 1931.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 20 inclusive be postponed until after No. 21.
5. WAYS AND MEANS—UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF TAXES AND STAMP DUTIES.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day. Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee. Mr. Frost reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :

*Resolved—*

PART A.—

1. That subject to the Unemployment Relief Acts and the provisions of this Part of this Resolution there shall be charged levied collected and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the consolidated revenue for the year ending on the 30th June, 1932, an unemployment relief tax in accordance with the Unemployment Relief Acts and this Part of this Resolution.

2. That notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the said Acts or the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts or Part A or Part B of this Resolution every person whose taxable income (within the meaning of the *Unemployment Relief Act* 1930 as in operation before the 31st December, 1930) for the year ending on the 30th June, 1930, was more than £312 shall (notwithstanding that his taxable income for the year ending on the 30th June, 1931, or for any subsequent year, whether derived or received from salary or wages or any other source or all or some of them, amounts to £312 or less) not be liable to pay stamp duties under the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts or Part B of this Resolution but shall continue to be liable to pay unemployment relief tax.

3. That for the purposes of this Part of this Resolution and the unemployment relief tax for the year ending on the 30th June, 1932, the Unemployment Relief Acts shall be read and construed and have effect as if they were amended as follows :—

- (a) As if sub-section (2) of section four of the *Unemployment Relief Act* 1930 as amended by section three of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act* 1930 were repealed; and

(b) As if for the Schedule to the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* as re-enacted by the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* there were substituted the following Schedule :—

“SCHEDULE.

The tax shall be calculated and payable on the taxable income of each taxpayer as hereinafter provided :—

If the taxable income—	The rate per £100 payable on the taxable income shall be—
Is not less than £52 but does not amount to £104	Ten shillings
Is not less than £104 but does not amount to £208	Twenty-seven shillings
Is not less than £208 but does not exceed £312	Thirty-three shillings and ninepence
Exceeds £312 but does not exceed £350	Thirty-four shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £350 but does not exceed £400	Thirty-five shillings and threepence
Exceeds £400 but does not exceed £450	Thirty-six shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £450 but does not exceed £500	Thirty-seven shillings and ninepence
Exceeds £500 but does not exceed £550	Thirty-nine shillings
Exceeds £550 but does not exceed £600	Forty shillings and threepence
Exceeds £600 but does not exceed £650	Forty-one shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £650 but does not exceed £700	Forty-two shillings and ninepence
Exceeds £700 but does not exceed £750	Forty-four shillings
Exceeds £750 but does not exceed £800	Forty-five shillings and threepence
Exceeds £800 but does not exceed £850	Forty-six shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £850 but does not exceed £900	Forty-seven shillings and ninepence
Exceeds £900 but does not exceed £950	Forty-nine shillings
Exceeds £950 but does not exceed £1,000	Fifty shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,000 but does not exceed £1,050	Fifty-two shillings
Exceeds £1,050 but does not exceed £1,100	Fifty-three shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,100 but does not exceed £1,150	Fifty-five shillings
Exceeds £1,150 but does not exceed £1,200	Fifty-six shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,200 but does not exceed £1,250	Fifty-eight shillings
Exceeds £1,250 but does not exceed £1,300	Fifty-nine shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,300 but does not exceed £1,350	Sixty-one shillings
Exceeds £1,350 but does not exceed £1,400	Sixty-two shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,400 but does not exceed £1,450	Sixty-four shillings
Exceeds £1,450 but does not exceed £1,500	Sixty-five shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,500 but does not exceed £1,550	Sixty-seven shillings
Exceeds £1,550 but does not exceed £1,600	Sixty-eight shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,600 but does not exceed £1,650	Seventy shillings
Exceeds £1,650 but does not exceed £1,700	Seventy-one shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,700 but does not exceed £1,750	Seventy-three shillings

If the taxable income—	The rate per £100 payable on the taxable income shall be—
Exceeds £1,750 but does not exceed £1,800	Seventy-four shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,800 but does not exceed £1,850	Seventy-six shillings
Exceeds £1,850 but does not exceed £1,900	Seventy-seven shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,900 but does not exceed £1,950	Seventy-nine shillings
Exceeds £1,950 but does not exceed £2,000	Eighty shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,000 but does not exceed £2,050	Eighty-two shillings
Exceeds £2,050 but does not exceed £2,100	Eighty-three shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,100 but does not exceed £2,150	Eighty-five shillings
Exceeds £2,150 but does not exceed £2,200	Eighty-six shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,200 but does not exceed £2,250	Eighty-eight shillings
Exceeds £2,250 but does not exceed £2,300	Eighty-nine shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,300 but does not exceed £2,350	Ninety-one shillings
Exceeds £2,350 but does not exceed £2,400	Ninety-two shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,400 but does not exceed £2,450	Ninety-four shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,450 but does not exceed £2,500	Ninety-six shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,500 but does not exceed £2,550	Ninety-eight shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,550 but does not exceed £2,600	One hundred shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,600 but does not exceed £2,650	One hundred and two shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,650 but does not exceed £2,700	One hundred and four shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,700 but does not exceed £2,750	One hundred and six shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,750 but does not exceed £2,800	One hundred and eight shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,800 but does not exceed £2,850	One hundred and ten shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,850 but does not exceed £2,900	One hundred and twelve shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,900 but does not exceed £2,950	One hundred and fourteen shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,950 but does not exceed £3,000	One hundred and sixteen shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £3,000	One hundred and eighteen shillings and sixpence."

4. That for the purposes of the Unemployment Relief Acts and this Part of this Resolution the said Acts shall be read and construed and have effect as if section nine of the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* as amended by section three of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* were, as on and from the commencement of the first mentioned Act, repealed.

#### PART B.—

1. That on from and after the 6th day of December, 1931, and until the 9th day of July, 1932, inclusive, there shall be charged and paid for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors upon and for the instruments hereinafter specified the stamp duties hereinafter specified :—

##### RECEIPTS FOR SALARY AND WAGES—

- (i) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than One pound and not amounting to Two pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each £1 of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of £1 not being less than 10s.—a stamp duty of One penny :

- (ii) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than Two pounds and not amounting to Four pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each 5s. of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of 5s.—a stamp duty of One penny :

- (iii) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than Four pounds and (save as otherwise expressly provided) not more than Six pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each 4s. of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of 4s.—a stamp duty of One penny :

Provided that stamp duty shall not be payable under the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and this Part of this Resolution on any receipt for payment of any amount of salary or wages of less than One pound or (save as otherwise expressly provided in the said Acts or this Part of this Resolution) more than Six pounds in all in respect of any week, and where payment of salary or wages is made for more than a week, then in calculating the amount of such salary or wages upon which stamp duty is payable any payment in respect of any week of less than One pound or (save as otherwise expressly provided in the said Acts or this Part of this Resolution) more than Six pounds shall not be taken into account.

2. That any person whose taxable income (within the meaning of the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* as in operation before the 31st day of December, 1930) for the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1930, is £312 or less and consists wholly or in part of salary or wages shall (notwithstanding that his salary or wages after the said 30th day of June in respect of any period for which he has been paid is or are at a rate exceeding £312 per annum) be liable to pay stamp duty as aforesaid on the whole of his salary or wages received on or after the said 6th day of December.

PART C.—

That for the purposes of the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and Parts A and B of this Resolution section eighteen of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* as amended by the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931* and by the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931* (No. 2) and by the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931* (No. 3) shall be read and construed and have effect as if for the words and figures in the said section as so amended beginning “whether under” and ending “or under this Act” there were substituted the words “whether under the Unemployment Relief Acts or under the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts” and such words included the legislation proposed to be enacted in order to carry the purposes of this Resolution into effect.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Hogan and Mr. Cain do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

6. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and to make provision with respect to Collections for Unemployment*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
7. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 35.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and to make provision with respect to Collections for Unemployment.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 16th November, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

8. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor’s Message, No. 35.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Frost reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and to make provision with respect to Collections for Unemployment.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

9. COMPANIES BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Slater*).

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Macfarlan*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.

10. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS BILL.—Read the third time.  
On the motion of Mr. Linton the following amendment was, after debate, made in this Bill :—  
Clause 2, insert the following new sub-section to follow sub-section (1) :—  
“( ) Every application for the renewal of such licence shall be approved by the Chief Commissioner of Police.”  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
11. NURSES BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Tunnicliffe*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered, after debate—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 4 be postponed until after No. 5.
13. LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to.  
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
14. STOCK FOODS BILL.—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 20 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.  
Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow :—  
*Unemployment Relief Amendment Bill (No. 2)—Second reading.*
16. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifty-three minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 82.

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WEDNESDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Companies Act 1928.—Summary of Statements for the year 1930 made by Companies transacting Life Assurance Business in Victoria.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Glowrey 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, “The very unsatisfactory methods adopted by the Lands Department in rendering the required assistance to wheat farmers whose crops are under lien to the department.”  
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—  
Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Glowrey*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
4. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Hogan*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive be postponed until after No. 5.

6. STOCK FOODS BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of clause 6; reconsidered in Committee and reported with further amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.

Motion made and question proposed—That the following amendment be made in this Bill:—

Clause 3, page 4, at the end of the clause insert the following new sub-section:—

“(4) Any officer of the Department of Agriculture who divulges the contents (so far as the same relate to chemical formula) of any application for the registration of any stock food which is a stock lick to any person other than the Minister or any officer of such department shall be guilty of a misdemeanour.”

—(Mr. Wettenhall.)

Question—That sub-section (4) proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	Mr. McLachlan
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Toucher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Linton	Mr. J. A. Gray
Mr. Luxton	Lieut.-Col. Knox
Mr. Manifold	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Bond	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cook	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Reid
Mr. Pollard	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Wettenhall the following further amendment was made in this Bill:—

Clause 4, at the end of the proviso insert—

“and shall also refuse to register any stock food which is a stock lick if he is of opinion that the factory or place at which such stock lick was prepared or manufactured is not adequately equipped with the necessary mixing and grinding machinery for ensuring that the ingredients of such stock lick are properly mixed.”

Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill:—

Clause 6, insert the following paragraph to follow paragraph (c):—

“(d) the specific names of the grains salts or other materials from which such stock food or by-product was prepared and the name and proportion of the foreign ingredients (if any); and.”

—(Mr. Pollard)—and, after debate—

Question—That paragraph (d) proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Webber
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Bailey
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Hayes

Noes, 18.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Linton	Mr. J. A. Gray
Mr. Luxton	Lieut.-Col. Knox

And so it passed in the negative.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive and No. 6 be postponed until after No. 7.

8. FISHERIES BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (Mr. Tunnecliffe).

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (Lieut.-Col. Knox)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive, 6, and 8 to 19 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at two minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
Speaker.

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THURSDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Tunnecliffe presented—  
Fines under Milk and Dairy, Fertilizers, Health (Pure Food), Factories, Weights and Measures, and Bakers and Millers Acts.—Return to an Order of the House dated 22nd September, 1931.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. MILDURA VINEYARDS PROTECTION BILL.—Mr. Slater obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to repeal the Mildura Vineyards Protection Acts and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2). Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—FINANCIAL EMERGENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2). The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read:—  
W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.* *Message No. 36.*  
In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend Sub-section (2) of Section Eleven of the *Financial Emergency Act 1931*.  
Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 19th November, 1931.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
6. FINANCIAL EMERGENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2).—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor’s Message, No. 36.  
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Cotter reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—  
*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend Sub-section (2) of Section Eleven of the *Financial Emergency Act 1931*.  
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. Hogan and Mr. Tunnecliffe do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.  
Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend Sub-section (2) of Section Eleven of the ‘Financial Emergency Act 1931’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

And then the House, at five minutes past Four o’clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 84.

TUESDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.— Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.— The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
  - Country Roads Act 1928.— Eighteenth Annual Report of the Country Roads Board, for year ended 30th June, 1931.
  - Financial Emergency Act 1931. County Court Rules.
  - Mines Act 1928.— Balance-sheet of the Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund for the year 1930.
  - State Electricity Commission Act 1928.— Twelfth Annual Report of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, for the financial year ended 30th June, 1931 ; together with Appendices.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR— TREASURY BONDS BILL.— The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 37.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the Issue of Treasury Bonds and to amend the *Treasury Bonds Act 1930*.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 23rd November, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

4. TREASURY BONDS BILL.— Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 37.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Frost reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*— That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the Issue of Treasury Bonds and to amend the *Treasury Bonds Act 1930*.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered— That Mr. Hogan and Mr. Tunnecliffe do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intitled " *A Bill to authorize the Issue of Treasury Bonds and to amend the ' Treasury Bonds Act 1930 '* " ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR— CLOSER SETTLEMENT (FINANCIAL) BILL.— The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 38.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to further amend Section Nineteen and Section One hundred and ninety-seven of the *Closer Settlement Act 1928*.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 23rd November, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

6. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (FINANCIAL) BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 38.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Frost reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to further amend Section Nineteen and Section One hundred and ninety-seven of the *Closer Settlement Act 1928*.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered That Mr. Hogan and Mr. Bailey do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to further amend Section Nineteen and Section One hundred and ninety-seven of the ‘ Closer Settlement Act 1928’* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

7. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—FEDERAL AID ROADS BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 39.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to approve adopt authorize and ratify an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria relating to the varying of the Agreement set out in the Schedule to the *Federal Aid Roads Act 1926* and approved adopted authorized and ratified by that Act.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 23rd November, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

8. FEDERAL AID ROADS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 39.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Frost reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to approve adopt authorize and ratify an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria relating to the varying of the Agreement set out in the Schedule to the *Federal Aid Roads Act 1926* and approved adopted authorized and ratified by that Act.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Hogan and Mr. Webber do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to approve adopt authorize and ratify an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria relating to the varying of the Agreement set out in the Schedule to the ‘ Federal Aid Roads Act 1926’ and approved adopted authorized and ratified by that Act* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

9. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT BILL (No. 2).—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 40.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to approve an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania of the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Parts respectively relating to the Compulsory Conversion of the Internal Debts of the Commonwealth and the States in certain cases and to refer to the Parliament of the Commonwealth a certain Matter in connexion with the Compulsory Conversion of such Debts, and for other purposes.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 23rd November, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

10. DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT BILL (No. 2).—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 40.  
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Frost reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to approve an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania of the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Parts respectively relating to the Compulsory Conversion of the Internal Debts of the Commonwealth and the States in certain cases and to refer to the Parliament of the Commonwealth a certain Matter in connexion with the Compulsory Conversion of such Debts, and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Hogan and Mr. Tunnecliffe do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to approve an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania of the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Parts respectively relating to the Compulsory Conversion of the Internal Debts of the Commonwealth and the States in certain cases and to refer to the Parliament of the Commonwealth a certain Matter in connexion with the Compulsory Conversion of such Debts, and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

11. FINANCIAL EMERGENCY (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2).—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

12. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—Further considered in Committee.

And having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

Bill reported with amendments ; as amended, considered, and, after debate, amendments agreed to ; read the third time, after debate.

On the motion of Sir Stanley Argyle the following amendment was made in this Bill :—

Clause 32, at the beginning of the clause insert the following sub-section :—

“ (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other Part, this Part shall remain in operation until Parliament otherwise provides.”

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

13. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :  
Northcote Loan Bill.  
Financial Emergency (Amendment) Bill (No. 2).

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 22 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until this day.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until this day, at Four o'clock (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.

And then the House, at thirty-four minutes past One o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 85.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.  
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Bennett 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, “ The necessity of the Government taking all possible steps by the extension of scientific research work to combat the thrips and other pests which are causing disastrous losses to fruit-growers throughout the State.”

Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—

Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Bennett*)—put and, after debate, negatived.

3. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. Hogan obtained leave, with Mr. Lemmon, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts or in the State Loans Repayment Fund for Public Works and other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.  
Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Hogan*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
4. PENSIONS (CONTRIBUTORY) REDUCTION BILL.—Mr. Hogan obtained leave, with Mr. Lemmon, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the Reduction for a certain Period of certain Amounts contributed by the State in respect of certain Pensions and other Payments and to reduce such Pensions and other Payments accordingly, and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. WAREEK LAND BILL.—Mr. Bailey, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Hogan, obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the Revocation of the Permanent Reservation of Portions of certain Land in the Parish of Wareek permanently reserved for Public Purposes and for dealing with the said Portions of the said Land in accordance with Section One hundred and seventy-two of the Land Act 1928* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive be postponed until after No. 4.
7. TREASURY BONDS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Hogan*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
8. LEGAL PROFESSION PRACTICE BILL.—Read the third time.  
Motion made and question proposed—That the following amendment be made in this Bill :—Clause 2, line 17, omit “ PART III.—STATE INSURANCE CONTRACTS ” (*Mr. Slater*)—and, after debate—  
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 5.		Noes, 38.
Mr. Keane	Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Solly	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold
	Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Bennett	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Bond	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Murphy	Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Menzies
	Mr. Cain	Mr. Moncur
	Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
	Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Pollard
	Mr. Everard	Mr. Satchell
	Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Slater
	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Toutcher
	Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
	Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber
	Mr. Hyland	Mr. Wettenhall
	Mr. Jackson	
	Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
	Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Lemmon
	Mr. Lind	Mr. Maltby

And so it passed in the negative.

On the motion of Mr. Slater the following further amendments were, after debate, made in this Bill :—

Clause 2, line 18, omit “ IV. ” and insert “ III. ”.

Clause 3, lines 8-9, omit “ ‘ Insurance Commissioner ’ means the Insurance Commissioner under this Act ”.

“ line 11, omit “ in Parts I., II., and IV. ”.

“ lines 14-16, omit “ (not being a barrister and solicitor engaged wholly in the employment of a government or of an instrumentality of a government) ”.

“ lines 22-24, omit all words beginning “ State ” and ending “ Commissioner ”.

Clause 4, page 3, line 5, omit “ or with the Insurance Commissioner ”.

“ page 3, line 39, omit “ or the Insurance Commissioner ”.

“ page 3, line 41, omit “ or the said Commissioner ”.

Clause 9, lines 37-38, after “ indemnity ” omit “ or with the Insurance Commissioner ”.

Heading, page 7, line 23, after “ PART ” omit “ IV. ” and insert “ III. ”.

Clause AA, sub-section (1), lines 28-29, omit “ or the Insurance Commissioner (as the case may be) ”.

“ page 8, sub-section (2), lines 14-15, omit “ or the Insurance Commissioner ”.

“ sub-section (2), lines 19-20, omit “ or the Insurance Commissioner (as the case may be) ”.

Clause AA, sub-section (2), lines 24-25, omit "or the Insurance Commissioner".  
 ,, sub-section (2), lines 31-32, omit "or the Insurance Commissioner (as the case may be)".

Clause 29, lines 21-22, after "offences" omit "(other than offences under Part III)".

Clause 30, lines 36-37, omit "Parts I., II. or IV." and insert "this Act."

,, line 40, omit "the said Parts" and insert "this Act".

,, page 11, line 4, omit "the said Parts" and insert "this Act".

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

9. COMPANIES BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until after No. 5.

11. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (FINANCIAL) BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Bailey*)—and, after debate—

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Kent Hughes*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3, and 6 to 24 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at six minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
 Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
 Speaker.

No. 86.

THURSDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.

2. SUPPLY—"GRIEVANCE DAY" AND SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Frost reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That a sum not exceeding £1,301,586 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1931-32, viz.:—

Division No.		£
1.	Legislative Council—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	115
2.	Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,134
3.	Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	81
4.	Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	170
5.	Engineers and Gardeners—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	167
6.	Parliamentary Printing .. .. .	500
7.	The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	297
8.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	708
9.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,280
10.	.. .. . Miscellaneous .. .. .	200
11.	.. .. . Pensions, &c. .. .. .	5,400

Division No.	£
13. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Contingencies ..	512
14. Explosives—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	777
15. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries .. .. .	428
17. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	460
18. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	150
19. The Governor's Office—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	28
20. Inebriates Institution—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous ..	340
21. Observatory—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	375
22. Audit Office—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	2,020
23. Government Statist—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	2,462
24. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous ..	40,850
25. Children's Welfare, &c.—Salaries, Contingencies, and Maintenance ..	32,000
26. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	9,900
27. Police—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	65,500
28. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	3,882
29. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	290
30. Department of Labour—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	3,034
31. Education—Salaries .. .. .	225,000
32. „ Contingencies and Miscellaneous .. .. .	20,000
33. „ Pensions, &c. .. .. .	9
34. „ Works and Buildings .. .. .	646
35. „ Endowments and Grants .. .. .	100
36. „ Exceptional Expenditure .. .. .	45
37. Attorney-General—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	13,963
38. „ „ Pensions, &c. .. .. .	17
39. Solicitor-General—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	8,670
40. Treasury—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,900
41. „ Miscellaneous .. .. .	105,000
42. „ Transport, &c. .. .. .	400
43. „ Unforeseen Expenditure .. .. .	50
44. „ Payments to Railway Department .. .. .	10,000
45. „ Hospitals and Charities .. .. .	20,000
46. „ Grants .. .. .	180
47. „ Pensions, &c. .. .. .	71
48. „ Exceptional Expenditure .. .. .	100
49. Premier's Office—Salaries, Contingencies, and Agent-General .. .. .	1,086
50. State Superannuation Board—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous ..	249
52. Taxation Office—Administration—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,894
53. „ „ Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	289
54. Curator—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	551
55. Government Printer—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous ..	9,287
56. „ „ Advertising .. .. .	200
57. Lands—Survey, Settlement, &c.—Salaries, Contingencies, &c. .. .. .	7,814
58. „ Miscellaneous .. .. .	5,473
59. „ Botanic and Domain Gardens, &c.—Salaries and Contingencies ..	1,645
61. „ Works and Buildings .. .. .	191
62. Public Works—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	5,000
63. „ „ Works and Buildings .. .. .	10,000
64. „ „ Road Works and Bridges .. .. .	240
65. Ports and Harbours—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	2,106
66. „ „ Works, &c. .. .. .	1,500
67. Mines—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,700
68. „ Miscellaneous .. .. .	880
69. Forests—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	7,030
70. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c. .. .. .	18,227
71. Agriculture—Administrative—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	1,268
72. „ Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous .. .. .	4,494
73. „ Maffra Beet Sugar Factory .. .. .	2,000
74. Horticulture—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	2,060
75. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	7,123
76. Export Development—Salaries and Miscellaneous .. .. .	4,523
77. Marketing .. .. .	13
78. Public Health—Salaries and Contingencies .. .. .	8,972
79. „ „ Grants .. .. .	1,600
80. Railways—Working Expenses, &c. .. .. .	568,951
81. „ Pensions, &c. .. .. .	217
82. „ Railway Construction Branch .. .. .	569
83. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses .. .. .	45,223
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>£1,301,586</b>

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

3. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Frost reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

*Resolved* That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1931-32 the sum of £1,301,586 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered That Mr. Hogan and Mr. Lemmon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

4. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 7).—Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and one thousand five hundred and eighty six pounds to the service of the year One thou. and nine hundred and thirty-one and One thousand nine hundred and thirty two*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 25 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 87.

TUESDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3).—Mr. Hogan informed the House that he had ascertained from the *Minutes of the Proceedings* of the Legislative Council of Thursday, 26th November last, that the Unemployment Relief Amendment Bill (No. 2) had been "laid aside."  
Motion made and question—That the resolution relating to Unemployment Relief Taxes and Stamp Duties which, upon 17th November last, was reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, and which was agreed to by the Legislative Assembly, be now read (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.  
And the said resolution, as printed in the *Votes and Proceedings*, pp. 151–4, was read by the Clerk.  
Motion made and question—That he have leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill to carry out the said resolution (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.  
Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3).—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 41.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 1st December, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

4. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3).—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 41.  
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Frost reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—  
*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 42.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

" *An Act to approve adopt authorize and ratify an Agreement between the Mayor Councillors and Citizens of the City of Northcote and the Trustees for the time being of the Victorian Board of Directors of the Australian Natives Association and to provide for the Form of the Debentures to be issued pursuant to the said Agreement.*"

" *An Act to amend Sub-section (2) of Section Eleven of the ' Financial Emergency Act 1931.'*"

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 1st December, 1931.

6. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3).—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Hogan*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Acquainting the Assembly that they have agreed to the following resolution :—  
That, in the opinion of this House, a Joint Select Committee of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly consisting of ten members of each House representing all parties should be appointed with the object of formulating proposals for a Bill to make provision for the relief of unemployment that will be acceptable to both Houses ;  
and desiring the concurrence of the Assembly.  
Motion made and question proposed—That the Legislative Assembly concur with the Legislative Council in agreeing to the following resolution (*as above*) (*Mr. Hogan*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.  
Ordered, after debate—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive be postponed until after No. 6.
9. PENSIONS (CONTRIBUTORY) REDUCTION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Hogan*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Macfarlan*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
10. TREASURY BONDS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
11. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (FINANCIAL) BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4, 5, and 7 to 25 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at forty minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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No. 88.

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WEDNESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 7) without amendment.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—  
W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.* *Message No. 43.*  
The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—  
“ *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and one thousand five hundred and eighty-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.* ”  
Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 2nd December, 1931.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Landlord and Tenant (Rent Reduction) Bill with amendments.  
Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.
5. ORDER OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Motion made and question—That the Sessional Order fixing the order of business for to-morrow be suspended for that day so far as to allow Government Business to be proceeded with during the whole of the sitting (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.

6. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the Legislative Assembly concur with the Legislative Council in agreeing to the following resolution :—That, in the opinion of this House, a Joint Select Committee of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly consisting of ten members of each House representing all parties should be appointed with the object of formulating proposals for a Bill to make provision for the relief of unemployment that will be acceptable to both Houses.
- Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of this Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive be postponed until after No. 5.
8. WAREEK LAND BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
- Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
10. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (FINANCIAL) BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time, after debate.
- Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
11. MOTOR CAR REGISTRATION FEES.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain fees to be paid on the registration of or the renewal of the registration of a motor car (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to. House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
- Mr. Frost reported from a Committee of the whole House the following resolution :—
- Resolved*—That in lieu of the fee provided for in the Second Schedule to the *Motor Car Act* 1928 there may on the registration of or the renewal of the registration of a motor car be paid to the Chief Commissioner of Police a fee equal to half the fee provided for in the said Schedule, together with an amount equal to Forty per centum of half the fee so provided for, but such registration or renewal shall have no force or effect after the expiration of six months from the date of such registration or renewal unless before the expiration of such period of six months a further fee equal to half the fee provided for in the said Schedule less Twenty-five per centum of half the fee so provided for is paid to the Chief Commissioner of Police : Provided that nothing in this resolution shall limit or affect the provisions of the Motor Omnibus Acts.
- And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
- Ordered—That Mr. Tunnecliffe and Mr. Hogan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
12. MOTOR CAR BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to the Registration of Motor Cars* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2, 3, and 6 to 10 inclusive be postponed until after No. 11.
14. NURSES BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
- Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
15. MOTOR CAR BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
- Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2, 3, 6 to 10 inclusive, and No. 12 be postponed until after No. 13.
17. MILDURA VINEYARDS PROTECTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—
18. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—MILDURA VINEYARDS PROTECTION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Slater, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 44.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to repeal the Mildura Vineyards Protection Acts and for other purposes.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 18th November, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

19. MILDURA VINEYARDS PROTECTION BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 44.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Frost reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to repeal the Mildura Vineyards Protection Acts and for other purposes. And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Bill read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time, after debate.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

20. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after No. 3.

21. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEES.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the annual fees to be paid for the registration of factories and shops (*Mr. Webber*)—put and agreed to.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Frost reported from a Committee of the whole House the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That the following annual fees shall be payable for the registration of factories and shops :—

	£	s.	d.
(a) For every factory or shop in which the occupier works alone .. .. .	0	3	0
(b) For every other factory or shop in which (including working employers)—			
one or two persons is or are employed .. .. .	0	6	6
three persons are employed .. .. .	0	12	6
four persons are employed .. .. .	0	17	6
more than four and not more than ten persons are employed .. .. .	1	5	0
more than ten and not more than twenty persons are employed .. .. .	2	10	0
more than twenty and not more than thirty persons are employed .. .. .	4	0	0
more than thirty and not more than fifty persons are employed .. .. .	5	10	0
more than fifty and not more than one hundred persons are employed .. .. .	7	0	0
more than one hundred persons are employed .. .. .	12	10	0

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

22. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL (No. 2).—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.

23. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—  
Treasury Bonds Bill.  
Public Works Loan Application Bill.

24. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3).—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with amendments and with an amended title, which title is as follows :—

“ *A Bill to amend and continue the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts.* ”

Bill, as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to ; read the third time, after debate.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

25. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 and 7 be postponed until after No. 8.

26. DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT BILL (No. 2).—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Hogan*).

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Macfarlan*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

27. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 14 to 25 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow :—

*Landlord and Tenant (Rent Reduction) Bill—Amendments of the Legislative Council—To be considered.*

28. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at twelve minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
Speaker.

## THURSDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Hawkers and Pedlers Bill with amendments.  
Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration on Tuesday next.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—  
Motor Car Bill.  
Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Bill (No. 4) (Introduced in Assembly as Unemployment Relief Amendment Bill (No. 3).
4. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the Government no longer possesses the confidence of this House (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and, after debate—  
The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Everard	Mr. Old
Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Toutcher
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Lind	
Mr. Linton	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Luxton	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Maltby

Noes, 26.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Webber
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Hjorth
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Lemmon

And the numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the "Noes."

And so it passed in the negative.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 90.

TUESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
  - Apprenticeship Acts—Apprenticeship Commission of Victoria.—Further Amendment of Plumbing and Gasfitting Regulations (No. 3).
  - Fisheries Act 1928.—Notice of Intention—
    - To prohibit all Fishing in or the Taking of Fish from O'Mahony's and Pheasant Creeks and their Tributaries.
    - To prohibit Boats with Nets on Board, &c., on the North Arm at Lakes Entrance.
  - Hospitals for the Insane.—Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for the year 1930.
  - Marriage Act 1928.—Additional Regulation.—Form of Consent to Marriage of Persons under 21 years of Age.
  - University Act 1928.—Report of the Proceedings of the University of Melbourne from 31st July, 1930, to 31st July, 1931; together with Appendices and Statutes and Regulations and Amendments allowed by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read:—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 45.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

- “ *An Act to authorize the Issue of Treasury Bonds and to amend the ‘ Treasury Bonds Act 1930.’* ”
- “ *An Act to amend Section Eleven and Section Fourteen of the ‘ Nurses Act 1928.’* ”
- “ *An Act to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts or in the State Loans Repayment Fund for Public Works and other purposes.* ”
- “ *An Act relating to the Registration of Motor Cars.* ”
- “ *An Act to amend and continue the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts.* ”

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 4th December, 1931.

4. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the Legislative Assembly concur with the Legislative Council in agreeing to the following resolution:—That, in the opinion of this House, a Joint Select Committee of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly consisting of ten members of each House representing all parties should be appointed with the object of formulating proposals for a Bill to make provision for the relief of unemployment that will be acceptable to both Houses; debate resumed.  
Question—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them accordingly.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after No. 3.
6. FEDERAL AID ROADS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Webber*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2, 4, and 5 be postponed until after No. 6.
8. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL (No. 2).—Further considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress; to sit again this day.

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9. LANDLORD AND TENANT (RENT REDUCTION) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments are as follow :—

## PART I.

1. Clause 3, line 8, omit "One hundred and four" and insert "Two hundred and eight".
2. Clause 5, sub-clause (1), paragraph (a), line 25, after "Act" omit all words to the end of the paragraph and insert—  
 "the rent reserved by the lease (if not then already reduced to or to less than an amount equivalent to Fifteen shillings and sixpence for every One pound of such rent) should be reduced or further reduced to such amount and the rent payable under the lease shall by virtue of this paragraph be so reduced accordingly :  
 Provided that as regards a lease entered into after the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine the decrease (if any) in the rent reserved by the lease from the rent lastly paid under the immediately preceding lease for the same premises shall be regarded as a previous reduction of rent."
3. ,, sub-clause (1), paragraph (b), omit this paragraph and insert—  
 "(b) Where a lease contains an option to renew for a term of not less than one year and such option is exercised the rent payable under the renewed lease for such portion of the term of the renewal as falls within the period of three years immediately following the coming into operation of this Act shall be reduced as provided in paragraph (a) of this sub-section."
4. ,, sub-clause (2), line 22, after "lessor" insert "or where the lessor be in default under any mortgage any mortgagee in possession".
5. ,, sub-clause (2), line 23, omit "three months" and insert "six months".
6. ,, sub-clause (2), line 25, omit "forthwith on" and insert "within three months from and after".
7. ,, sub-clause (2), paragraph (a), omit this paragraph and insert—  
 "(a) that the rent payable under the lease has already been reduced".
8. ,, sub-clause (2), insert the following paragraphs to follow paragraph (b) :—  
 "( ) that an order for relief has already been granted pursuant to any other Act of Parliament ;  
 ( ) that there are other factors and circumstances either generally or in any particular case which to the court may seem such as should be entertained in order to allow justice to be done in respect to any such application".
9. ,, sub-clause (2), line 37, after "excluding" insert "as from a date specified in the order".
10. ,, sub-clause (2), line 39, after "lease or" insert "extending such lease either".
11. ,, sub-clause (2), line 40, after "lessee" insert "or in default of agreement as the court may think fit".
12. ,, sub-clause (2), lines 40–41, omit "extending such lease".
13. ,, sub-clause (2), at the end of the sub-clause insert "Provided that where there be a mortgagee of the freehold or of such lease the agreement of any such mortgagee shall be obtained to such terms before the order be made".
14. ,, sub-clause (2), at the end of the sub-clause insert the following new paragraphs :—  
 "(2b) Any mortgagee of the freehold or of any such lease shall be served with such summons and shall be at liberty to appear and be heard.  
 (2c) On application to the court on summons by any such lessor or mortgagee and in order to avoid any hardship that may result from any such order the court may amend or alter any order previously made by it."
15. ,, sub-clause (3), line 1, before "If" insert "(a)".
16. ,, sub-clause (3), line 3, omit "(a)".
17. ,, sub-clause (3), line 6, omit "and".
18. ,, sub-clause (3), line 6, after "section" insert the following new paragraphs :—  
 "(b) If any lessee holds as a trustee the property which is the subject of the lease such lessee shall not except in the case of bad faith be deemed to be guilty of a breach of trust by reason of any agreement made between him and the lessor as hereinbefore provided.  
 (c) If any mortgagee of any such land or lease be a trustee he shall not except in case of bad faith be deemed to be guilty of a breach of trust by reason of his failure to make any application or to appear on any summons or if he make any such agreement."
19. ,, sub-clause (3), line 7, omit "(b)" and insert "(d)".
20. ,, sub-clause (3), line 9, after "lessor" insert "or lessee".

21. Clause 5, insert the following new sub-clause to follow sub-clause (3) :—  
 “ ( ) The directors of any company which is a lessor or lessee of any property shall not except in the case of bad faith be deemed to be guilty of a breach of duty by reason only of their failure to make an application under this section or if they make an agreement in relation to such lease as is hereinbefore provided ”.
22. „ sub-clause (4), line 15, after “ thereof ” insert “ except upon any question of law certified as such by the judge from whom the appeal is to be made ”.
23. „ sub-clause (5), at the end of the sub-clause insert—  
 “ ( ) If default in payment of rent shall have continued for a period of more than three calendar months at the time of making such application or the lessee shall have committed a breach of the terms conditions or covenants of the lease then the onus of showing that the lessee had not the means and ability to pay shall be upon the lessee ”.
24. Clause 6, line 32, after “ shall ” insert “ subject to any order made upon any appeal ”.
25. Clause 7, at the end of the clause insert—  
 “ Provided that the lessor and the lessee may with the consent of any mortgagee of the freehold or of the lease make an agreement as to any payment of rent but such agreement shall not be effective unless the consent is in writing and witnessed by a solicitor of the Supreme Court who certifies in writing that the consent is given by his advice and that he is not the solicitor for such lessor or mortgagee as aforesaid ”.

*Insert the following New Clauses :—*

*(To follow clause 3.)*

26. A. This Part shall apply to any lease of which the Crown or any Government Department or any person or body of persons acting for or on behalf of the Crown or any Government Department is or are the landlord in respect to any shop factory or store or of any land used for any of such purposes.

*(To follow clause 5.)*

27. F. (1) For the purpose of this section “ Rent ” shall include payments by a lessee to a lessor for the exclusive right or licence to sell goods on any part of the land on which the premises leased to such lessee are included.

(2) Any lessee who pays rent as defined by sub-section (1) of this section may in substitution for the reduction provided for in the last preceding section within one month after the coming into operation of this Act give to the lessor notice in writing that he desires that—

- (a) the amount of the rent under the lease be reduced as provided for in the last preceding section ; or  
 (b) in lieu of or in addition to such reduction the term of the lease be extended.

(3) If the said lessee and the said lessor do not agree to such reduction or extension the said lessee within three months after the coming into operation of this Act may make application in writing to the court to reduce the amount of the rent or in lieu of or in addition to such reduction to extend the term of the lease.

(4) Upon making such application the said lessee shall forthwith serve on the said lessor and on any other person whom the court directs to be served notice in writing that such application has been made.

(5) The court shall entertain inquire into and determine the matter of the application and may subject to the provisions of this Part order such reduction (if any) of the amount of the rent as in the opinion of the court having regard to the circumstances is fair and equitable or may in lieu of or in addition to making such reduction make an order extending the term of the lease, and the lease shall be read and construed and take effect accordingly.

(6) No order shall be made as aforesaid whereby the term of any lease is extended beyond the period of three years immediately following the coming into operation of this Act.

28. B. (1) The provisions of this Part shall not operate so as to reduce the rent under any lease to an amount less than is sufficient to return to the lessor a fair equivalent for the same.

(2) The fair equivalent shall be deemed to be Five per centum per annum upon the value of the leased property ascertained in manner hereinafter appearing.

(3) The value of the leased property shall be ascertained as follows :—

- (a) The value of such property shall be such as is mutually agreed between the lessor and lessee with the consent of any mortgagee of the freehold or of the lease and failing agreement shall be ascertained by a sworn valuer appointed on the application of such lessor lessee or mortgagee made to a court of petty sessions consisting of a police magistrate sitting without any other justice or justices upon summons within six months after the coming into operation of this Act.

- (b) In making his valuation such sworn valuer shall have regard to the value of the property at the time of his valuing the same and to the nature and condition of the improvements thereon.
- (c) There shall be no appeal from the valuation so made during the currency of the lease or for the period of three years immediately following the coming into operation of this Act whichever be the less.
- (d) If any lessee be the lessee of a portion of the premises less than the whole the provisions of this section shall be applied to that portion of the premises leased by taking the fair value of the whole property ascertained as aforesaid and allocating to the portion leased such portion of the same as the sworn valuer may declare to be fair in all the circumstances.
- (e) The costs and charges of the sworn valuer in making such determination shall be paid by the lessor unless the court upon such summons otherwise order.
- (f) If the lessor and lessee be lessor and lessee in respect of a sub-lease then the value of the lease for the purposes aforesaid shall be taken as the basis of the value of such sub-lease ascertained in manner aforesaid.

## PART II.

- 29. Clause 12, line 13, omit "one month" and insert "three months".
- 30. ,, line 14, omit "mortgagee thereof" and insert "the mortgagee of the freehold and/or of the lease".
- 31. ,, line 17, after "rent" omit "or" and insert "and/or".
- 32. ,, line 20, after "lessor" insert "and any such mortgagee or mortgagees".
- 33. ,, line 22, omit "three months" and insert "six months".
- 34. ,, line 24, after "rent" insert "thereafter payable or the".
- 35. ,, line 24, after "payable" insert "or paid".
- 36. ,, line 25, after "aforesaid" omit "or" and insert "and/or".
- 37. ,, line 28, omit "mortgagee" and insert "such mortgagee or mortgagees".
- 38. Clause 13, line 35, after "payable" insert "or paid".
- 39. ,, page 9, line 1, omit "court" and insert "Board".
- 40. ,, page 9, line 1, before "may" insert "shall take into consideration any reductions or allowances of rent bonus or other consideration payable or paid as aforesaid which have been made by the lessor or his predecessor in title during the currency of such lease or any preceding lease made since the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine and".
- 41. ,, page 9, line 1, before "such amount" insert "only".
- 42. ,, page 9, line 2, after "paid" insert "to the lessor or his predecessor in title".
- 43. ,, page 9, line 3, after "paid" insert "by such lessee or his predecessor in title".
- 44. ,, page 9, line 5, after "or" insert "any such".
- 45. ,, add the following new sub-clauses :—
  - (2) Where as the result of any adjustment under this section the amount of any rent bonus or other consideration payable or paid as aforesaid to the lessor is reduced and the lessor is himself a tenant of another person who is within the meaning of the Licensing Acts the owner of the licensed premises the amount of the rent bonus or other consideration in the nature of rent or bonus payable by the said first mentioned lessor to such other person shall be reduced by such an amount as in default of agreement between the lessor and such other person and any mortgagee the Board determines to be fair and equitable and in addition and under similar circumstances as are hereinbefore provided the Board may make an adjustment by extending the term of such lease to the lessor from such other person as aforesaid.
  - (3) In considering the circumstances in respect to the matter the Board shall have regard to the extent to which the tenant is in arrear with the payment of his rent and to any breach by him of any of the terms covenants and conditions contained in the lease to him from the lessor".
- 46. Clause 14, line 10, after "lessee" insert "and any mortgagee of the land or lease".
- 47. ,, line 17, after "Act" insert "and".
- 48. Clause 15, line 28, after "thereof" insert "except upon some substantial matter of law which on summons is certified by a judge of the Supreme Court in Chambers to be a fit matter for appeal".
- 49. ,, page 10, line 15, omit "to whom the same was paid" and insert "whom the Board shall in such certificate direct to pay the same as being the lessor in receipt of such rent bonus or other consideration as aforesaid".
- 50. ,, page 10, line 18, after "jurisdiction" insert "unless the Board in such certificate shall order that the same be set off against rent thereafter to become due under the lease or that the same be paid by instalments".

*Insert the following New Clauses:—*

*(To follow clause 13.)*

51. G. On application to the Board on summons by any lessor or mortgagee and in order to avoid any hardship that may result from any order made by it the Board may amend or alter any order previously made by it.
52. D. (1) Where a lease contains an option to renew the same for a term of not less than one year the lessee may within one month after exercising such option give notice to the lessor and any mortgagee of the freehold or of such lease in writing that he desires the rent bonus or other consideration in the nature of rent or bonus for such renewed lease to be adjusted and/or in lieu of or in addition to such adjustment the term of the lease to be extended and if within fourteen days thereafter the lessee and the lessor and any such mortgagee as aforesaid do not agree as to such adjustment or extension the lessee within fourteen days after such last mentioned period of fourteen days may make application in writing to the Board to adjust the amount of rent bonus or other consideration payable as aforesaid and/or in lieu of or in addition to such adjustment to extend the term of the lease.
- (2) The extended lease shall be construed and take effect as if it were also a term thereof that the rent payable under the renewed lease should be for such portion of the term of the renewal as falls within the period of three years immediately following the coming into operation of this Act be reduced and the bonus or other consideration for such renewed lease shall so far if at all as in the opinion of the Board be fair and equitable upon application to it in manner aforesaid be adjusted and the rent bonus and other consideration payable under the renewed lease shall by virtue of this paragraph be so reduced accordingly.
- (3) The provisions of this Part as to extending the term of the lease in lieu of or in addition to making an adjustment shall apply to any such application.

*(To follow clause 14.)*

53. C. For the purpose of this Part all persons or corporations whether trustees or not are hereby authorized notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act or instrument to enter into any agreement to adjust or reduce the amount of rent bonus or other consideration payable by any lessee to any lessor or extend the term of any lease pursuant to this Part.

And the said amendments were read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. Slater and after debate—

Amendment No. 1 agreed to.

Amendment No. 2 agreed to with the following amendments:—

After “equivalent to” insert “the rate of”.

Omit “lastly paid under the immediately preceding lease for” and insert “last payable under the last preceding lease of”.

Amendment No. 3 agreed to.

Amendment No. 4 agreed to with the following amendment:—Omit “be” and insert “is.”

Amendments Nos. 5 to 7 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment No. 8 agreed to with the following amendments:—

After “granted” insert “to the lessee.”

After “court” omit “may.”

Amendments Nos. 9 and 10 agreed to.

Amendment No. 11 agreed to with the following amendment:—Omit “as the court may think” and insert “upon such terms as the court thinks”.

Amendment No. 12 agreed to.

Amendment No. 13 disagreed with.

Amendment No. 14 agreed to with the following amendments:—

Omit “(2b) Any” and insert “(3) Every”.

Omit “(2c)” and insert “(4)”.

After “lessor” insert “lessee”.

Omit “amend or alter” and insert “revoke or vary”;

and the following amendment made in the clause:—

Clause 5, page 4, sub-section (4), line 12, before “Every” insert “Subject to the Part”.

Amendments Nos. 15 to 17 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment No. 18 agreed to with the following amendments:—

Omit “as a trustee the property which is the subject of the lease” and insert “the lease as a trustee”.

Omit “of any agreement made” and insert “only of making any agreement”.

After “lease” omit “be” and insert “is”.

After “reason” insert “only”.

Omit “if he make” and insert “by reason only of making”.

Amendment No. 19 agreed to.

Amendment No. 20 agreed to with the following amendment:—After “lessee” insert “or mortgagee.”

Amendment No. 21 agreed to with the following amendments:—

Omit “of any company” and insert “or members of the governing body of any corporation”.

Omit “if they make” and insert “by reason only of making”.

Amendment No. 22 agreed to.

Amendment No. 23—

Motion made and question proposed—That this amendment be disagreed with, but that the following amendment be made in the clause :—

Clause 5, sub-section (5), line 29, at the end of the sub-section insert the following proviso :—

“ Provided that if default in payment of rent has continued for a period of more than six months at the time of making such application or the lessee has committed a substantial breach of the terms conditions or covenants of the lease, the onus of proof that the lessee had not the means and ability to pay shall be upon the lessee ”.

—(*Mr. Slater*)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment, on the motion of *Mr. Slater*, agreed to.

Amendment No. 24 agreed to with the following amendment :—After “ upon ” omit “ any.”

Amendment No. 25 disagreed with, but the following amendment made in the clause :—

Clause 7, line 11, at the end of the clause insert the following sub-sections :—

“ (2) After the commencement of this Act no agreement shall be made for the purposes of this Part between the lessor and the lessee of any lease whereby the rent payable under the lease is reduced or the term of the lease is extended or the value of the property is ascertained unless every mortgagee of the freehold or of the lease consents in writing.

(3) If in the opinion of the court any such mortgagee has unreasonably withheld consent to any such agreement the costs of the application to the court or the costs and charges of the sworn valuer (as the case may be) shall be paid by such mortgagee”;

and the following consequential amendment made in clause 9 :—

Clause 9, page 7, sub-section (5), line 41, before “ The court ” insert “ Subject to this Part ”.

Amendment No. 26—

Motion made and question proposed—That this amendment be disagreed with (*Mr. Slater*)—and, after debate—

Amendment proposed—That the words “ disagreed with ” be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “ agreed to with the following amendment :—Omit ‘ in respect to any shop factory or store or of any land used for any of such purposes ’ ” (*Mr. Old*)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment disagreed with.

Amendment No. 27 agreed to with the following amendments :—

Omit sub-sections (1) and (2) and insert :—

“(1) Any lessee who as part of or in addition to the rent payable under the lease makes payments to the lessor for the exclusive right or licence to sell goods on any part of the land within which the premises leased to such lessee are included may within one month after the coming into operation of this Act give to the lessor notice in writing that, in lieu of the reduction of the amount of rent as provided in the last preceding section, he desires—

(a) that the total amount of the rent and other payments aforesaid becoming due after the coming into operation of this Act be reduced at the rate provided in the last preceding section ; or

(b) that, in lieu of or in addition to the reduction of such total amount, the term of the lease or of such exclusive right or licence or of both be extended.”

In sub-section (3)—

After “ court ” insert “ on notice to the lessor and any mortgagee. ”

Omit “ the amount of the rent or in lieu of or in addition to such reduction to extend the term of the lease ” and insert “ such total amount or in lieu thereof or in addition thereto to extend any such term ”.

In sub-section (5), omit “ amount of the rent ” and insert “ total amount of the rent and other payments aforesaid ”; and omit “ and the lease shall be read and construed and take effect accordingly ” and insert “ or of such exclusive right or licence or of both ; and thereupon the total amount of such rent and other payments aforesaid shall be reduced or the term of the lease or of such exclusive right or licence or of both shall be extended or such total amount shall be reduced and the term of such lease or of such exclusive right or licence or of both shall be extended accordingly ”.

In sub-section (6), omit “ the term of any lease ” and insert “ any such term ”.

At the end of the clause insert—

“ ( ) Any reference to rent or to leases in any provisions of this Part which are applicable to lessors or lessees under this section shall be read and construed as if it included a reference to other payments aforesaid and to exclusive rights or licences aforesaid.”

Amendment No. 28—Ordered—That the consideration of this amendment be postponed until this day.

Amendment No. 29 agreed to.

Amendment No. 30 agreed to with the following amendments:—

Before “mortgagee” omit “the” and insert “every”.

Omit “and/or” and insert “or”.

Amendment No. 31 disagreed with, but the following amendment made in the clause:—

Clause 12, sub-section (1), line 17, after “bonus” insert “or all or some of them.”

Amendment No. 32 agreed to with the following amendment:—Omit “or mortgagees.”

Amendments Nos. 33 to 35 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment No. 36 disagreed with.

Amendment No. 37 agreed to with the following amendments:—

Before “such” insert “every”.

Omit “or mortgagees”;

and the following amendment made in the clause:—

Clause 12, at the end of the clause insert the following new sub-section:—

“(5) If in the opinion of the Board any such mortgagee has unreasonably withheld his agreement to any such adjustment or extension the costs of the application shall be paid by such mortgagee”.

Amendment No. 38 agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 39 to 43 inclusive disagreed with, and the following amendment made in the clause:—

Clause 13, pages 8–9, omit all words beginning “In making its determination” and ending “subject to this Act.”

Amendment No. 44 agreed to.

Amendment No. 45 disagreed with.

Amendment No. 46 agreed to with the following amendment:—Omit “any” and insert “every.”

Amendment No. 47 disagreed with.

Amendment No. 48 agreed to.

Amendment No. 49 disagreed with.

Amendment No. 50 agreed to with the following amendments:—

Omit all words after “certificate” and insert “orders that such excess be set off against rent thereafter becoming payable under the lease”;

and the following amendments made in the clause:—

Clause 15, sub-section (3), line 14, omit “which” and insert “and whether the same is to be paid in one amount or by instalments and such amount and every such instalment”.

Clause 15, sub-section (3), line 15, omit “the same” and insert “such excess”.

Clause 15, sub-section (3), line 16, after “amount” insert “or instalment”.

Amendments Nos. 51 to 53 inclusive disagreed with.

Amendment No. 28 agreed to with the following amendments:—

In paragraph (a) of sub-section (3), omit “with the consent of any mortgagee of the freehold or of the lease”.

In paragraph (e) of sub-section (3), after “whichever” omit “be” and insert “is”.

In paragraph (d) of sub-section (3)—

After “any lessee” omit “be” and insert “is”;

After “taking the” omit “fair”;

Omit “may declare to be fair in all” and insert “declares to be fair in.”

In paragraph (e) of sub-section (3), before “The costs” insert “Subject to this Part”; and omit “unless the court upon such summons otherwise order”.

Omit paragraph (f) of sub-section (3).

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

10. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Acquainting the Assembly that they have appointed a Committee of ten members to join with a Committee of the Assembly to formulate proposals for a Bill to make provision for the relief of unemployment that will be acceptable to both Houses, five to be the quorum of the Council Committee; and requesting the Assembly to appoint an equal number of members to join with the members of the Council.

Ordered—That the Message be now taken into consideration.

11. **UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF.**—Motion made and question—That a Select Committee of ten Members be appointed to join with the Committee of the Legislative Council with the object of formulating proposals for a Bill to make provision for the relief of unemployment that will be acceptable to both Houses; such Committee to consist of Mr. Allan, Sir Stanley Argyle, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Cain, Mr. Dunstan, Lieut.-Col. Knox, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. Macfarlan, Mr. Slater, and Mr. Tunnecliffe; with power to send for persons, papers, and records; to sit during the sittings of the House and on days on which the House does not meet; five to be the quorum of the Legislative Assembly Committee; and that the Committee do meet in the first instance in the Committee Room on Wednesday, 9th December instant, at Two o'clock (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them accordingly.

12. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL (No. 2).—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4, 5, and 7 to 22 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
14. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Mildura Vineyards Protection Bill without amendment.
15. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Closer Settlement (Financial) Bill and, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, suggesting amendments. Ordered—That the said suggested amendments be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.
16. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifty-six minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
Speaker.

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No. 91.

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WEDNESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—  
Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Act 1931, PART II.—Further Regulations.
3. ORDER OF BUSINESS AND ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY.—Motion made and question—That so much of the Sessional Order as limits the hour for calling on fresh business and the Sessional Order giving precedence to Private Bill Business and General Business on Thursday, 9th July last, and on every third Thursday thereafter during the present Session be suspended for the remainder of the Session; that during the remainder of the Session Friday shall be an additional day of sitting; that half-past Ten o'clock shall be the hour of meeting on that day; that Government Business shall take precedence of all other business during each sitting day; and that fresh business may be called on at any hour (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
4. CEMETERIES BILL.—Mr. Pollard obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Cemeteries*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. SEWERAGE DISTRICTS (TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF INTEREST) BILL.—Mr. Bailey, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Webber, obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to reduce temporarily the Rate of Interest payable by certain Owners in accordance with Section Ninety-one of the ‘Sewerage Districts Act 1928’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF INTEREST) BILL.—Mr. Webber obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to reduce temporarily the Rate of Interest payable by certain Owners in accordance with Section Five hundred and eighty-two of the ‘Local Government Act 1928’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. SUPPLY—BUDGET.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 20 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past Six o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A. J. PEACOCK,  
Speaker.

THURSDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
  2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
 

Coal Mines Regulation Act 1928.—State Coal Mines.—Annual Report of the General Manager of State Coal Mines; including the State Coal Mines Balance-sheet, and Statement of Accounts, duly audited, &c., for the year 1930-31.
  3. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
  4. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
  5. SUPPLY—BUDGET AND ESTIMATES FOR 1931-32.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported on Tuesday next.  
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
  6. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF COMMITTEE.—Mr. Tunnecliffe brought up the Report from the Joint Select Committee of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly appointed to formulate proposals for a Bill to make provision for the relief of unemployment that will be acceptable to both Houses; together with Proceedings of the Committee.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
  7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after No. 7.
  8. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments are as follow:—
    1. Clause 2, sub-clause (1), line 15, omit “shall, on applying” and insert “may”.
    2. „ sub-clause (1), line 17, before “for a licence” insert “apply”.
    3. „ sub-clause (1), line 17, after “period” omit all words to the end of the sub-clause.
    4. „ insert the following new sub-clauses to follow sub-clause (1):—
 

“( ) Any such application shall be lodged with the clerk of petty sessions of the court where the application is to be made at least fourteen days prior to the commencement of such succeeding period.

“( ) The said clerk of petty sessions shall forward such application to the member of the police force in charge of the police station nearest to the place where the application is to be made.

“( ) Such member of the police force shall as early as practicable and before the commencement of such succeeding period return the application to the said clerk of petty sessions with a report as to the character of the applicant and his suitability to hold the licence.

“( ) Unless notice of objection is lodged by any person as hereinafter provided, any person applying in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this section and on entering into the recognisance (if any) with sureties required under the Principal Act and on payment of the fee appropriate to the case may be granted the licence as of course and although the applicant does not appear personally or by any one on his behalf before the justices”.
    5. „ page 2, sub-clause (2), omit this sub-clause.
    6. „ page 2, sub-clause (3), line 7, omit “provisions of sub-section (1)” and insert “foregoing provisions”.
- And, after debate, the said amendments were read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive and 8 to 12 inclusive be postponed until after No. 13.
  10. FISHERIES BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee.  
Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive and No. 8 be postponed until after Nos. 9 and 10.
12. SEWERAGE DISTRICTS (TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF INTEREST) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF INTEREST) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
14. VACUUM OIL COMPANY BILL.—Mr. Bailey, Chairman, brought up the Report of the Select Committee upon this Bill; together with Minutes of Evidence.  
Ordered—That the Report do lie on the Table and be printed, and that the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday next.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive, 8, 11, 12, and 14 to 23 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.  
Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next:—  
*Railway Loan Application Bill—Second reading.*  
*Electricity Supply Loans Application Bill—Second reading.*
16. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.  
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at thirty-four minutes past Six o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 93.

TUESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

Public Service Act 1928.—Regulations.—Stores and Transport, Chapter XIV.—Secretary to the Tender Board, Clause 17.—Repeal—5. Register of Transport Requisitions.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Disagreeing with one of the amendments of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council in the Landlord and Tenant (Rent Reduction) Bill to insert new clause F but making an amendment in the said new clause, agreeing to the other amendments of the Assembly on the amendments of the Council and to the amendments and consequential amendments made by the Assembly (one with an amendment and one with a consequential amendment in the Bill), not insisting on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly but insisting on their amendments to insert new clauses C and D and insisting on their amendment to insert new clause A but making amendments in the said new clause.

Ordered—That the said Message be taken into consideration this day.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read:—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 46.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“*An Act to repeal the Mildura Vineyards Protection Acts and for other purposes.*”  
“*An Act to amend the Hawkers and Pedlers Acts.*”

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 15th December, 1931.

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—HAWTHORN BRIDGE BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Webber, and the same was read:—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 47.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Reconstruction of the Bridge across the River Yarra Yarra at or near Bridge-road Richmond and to the Maintenance of the said Bridge and for other purposes.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 7th December, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

6. HAWTHORN BRIDGE BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 47.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Frost reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Reconstruction of the Bridge across the River Yarra Yarra at or near Bridge-road Richmond and to the Maintenance of the said Bridge and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Webber and Mr. Cain do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Webber then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Reconstruction of the Bridge across the River Yarra Yarra at or near Bridge-road Richmond and to the Maintenance of the said Bridge and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

7. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD FUND BILL.—  
The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read:—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 48.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to The Country Roads Board Fund and for other purposes.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 7th December, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

8. COUNTRY ROADS BOARD FUND BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 48.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Frost reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to The Country Roads Board Fund and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Motion made and question proposed—That he have leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to The Country Roads Board Fund and for other purposes*” (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—and, after debate—

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Cain*)—put and, after debate—  
The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Solly
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Cain
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 24.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Linton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Luxton
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Mackrell
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Downward	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hyland	Lieut.-Col. Knox
Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Maltby

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion made and question proposed—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).

Amendment proposed—That the word “to-morrow” be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “this day six months” (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—and, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Bond	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Frost	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Slater
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Bailey
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 24.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Linton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McDonald
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Downward	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Luxton
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Maltby

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

9. LANDLORD AND TENANT (RENT REDUCTION) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council disagreeing with one of the amendments of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council in this Bill to insert new clause F but making an amendment in the said new clause, agreeing to the other amendments of the Assembly on the amendments of

the Council and to the amendments and consequential amendments made by the Assembly (one with an amendment and one with a consequential amendment in the Bill), not insisting on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly but insisting on their amendments to insert new clauses C and D and insisting on their amendment to insert new clause A but making amendments in the said new clause having been read, the said amendments are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

PART I.

14. Clause 5, sub-clause (2), at the end of the sub-clause insert the following new paragraphs :—

“(2b) Any mortgagee of the freehold or of any such lease shall be served with such summons and shall be at liberty to appear and be heard.

(2c) On application to the court on summons by any such lessor or mortgagee and in order to avoid any hardship that may result from any such order the court may amend or alter any order previously made by it.”

*Insert the following New Clauses :—*

*(To follow clause 3.)*

26. A. This Part shall apply to any lease of which the Crown or any Government Department or any person or body of persons acting for or on behalf of the Crown or any Government Department is or are the landlord in respect to any shop factory or store or of any land used for any of such purposes.

*(To follow clause 5.)*

27. F. (1) For the purpose of this section “Rent” shall include payments by a lessee to a lessor for the exclusive right or licence to sell goods on any part of the land on which the premises leased to such lessee are included.

(2) Any lessee who pays rent as defined by sub-section (1) of this section may in substitution for the reduction provided for in the last preceding section within one month after the coming into operation of this Act give to the lessor notice in writing that he desires that—

(a) the amount of the rent under the lease be reduced as provided for in the last preceding section ; or

(b) in lieu of or in addition to such reduction the term of the lease be extended.

Agreed to by Assembly with the following amendments :—

Omit “(2b) Any” and insert “(3) Every”.

Omit “(2c)” and insert “(4)”.

After “lessor” insert “lessee”.

Omit “amend or alter” and insert “revoke or vary” ;

and the following amendment made in the clause :—

Clause 5, page 4, sub-section (4), line 12, before “Every” insert “Subject to the Part”.

Agreed to by Council with the following amendment on the amendment made by Assembly in the clause :—

Omit “the Part” and insert “this Part.”

Disagreed with by Assembly.—Insisted on by Council, but the following amendments made in the new clause :—

Before “This Part” insert “So far as relates to leases of any land used for the purposes of a shop factory or store”.

After “shall” omit all words to the end of the new clause and insert “bind the Crown”.

Agreed to by Assembly with the following amendments :—

Omit sub-sections (1) and (2) and insert :—

“(1) Any lessee who as part of or in addition to the rent payable under the lease makes payments to the lessor for the exclusive right or licence to sell goods on any part of the land within which the premises leased to such lessee are included may within one month after the coming into operation of this Act give to the lessor notice in writing that, in lieu of the reduction of the amount of rent as provided in the last preceding section, he desires—

(a) that the total amount of the rent and other payments aforesaid becoming due after the coming into operation of this Act be reduced at the rate provided in the last preceding section ; or

(b) that, in lieu of or in addition to the reduction of such total amount, the term of the lease or of such exclusive right or licence or of both be extended.”

In sub-section (3)—

After “court” insert “on notice to the lessor and any mortgagee.”

Omit “the amount of the rent or in lieu of or in addition to such

## Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

(3) If the said lessee and the said lessor do not agree to such reduction or extension the said lessee within three months after the coming into operation of this Act may make application in writing to the court to reduce the amount of the rent or in lieu of or in addition to such reduction to extend the term of the lease.

(4) Upon making such application the said lessee shall forthwith serve on the said lessor and on any other person whom the court directs to be served notice in writing that such application has been made.

(5) The court shall entertain inquire into and determine the matter of the application and may subject to the provisions of this Part order such reduction (if any) of the amount of the rent as in the opinion of the court having regard to the circumstances is fair and equitable or may in lieu of or in addition to making such reduction make an order extending the term of the lease, and the lease shall be read and construed and take effect accordingly.

(6) No order shall be made as aforesaid whereby the term of any lease is extended beyond the period of three years immediately following the coming into operation of this Act.

## How dealt with.

reduction to extend the term of the lease" and insert "such total amount or in lieu thereof or in addition thereto to extend any such term".

In sub-clause (5), omit "amount of the rent" and insert "total amount of the rent and other payments aforesaid"; and omit "and the lease shall be read and construed and take effect accordingly" and insert "or of such exclusive right or licence or of both; and thereupon the total amount of such rent and other payments aforesaid shall be reduced or the term of the lease or of such exclusive right or licence or of both shall be extended or such total amount shall be reduced and the term of such lease or of such exclusive right or licence or of both shall be extended accordingly".

In sub-clause (6), omit "the term of any lease" and insert "any such term".

At the end of the clause insert—

"( ) Any reference to rent or to leases in any provisions of this Part which are applicable to lessors or lessees under this section shall be read and construed as if it included a reference to other payments aforesaid and to exclusive rights or licences aforesaid."

Agreed to by Council, except the following amendment:—

In sub-clause (3), after "court" insert "on notice to the lessor and any mortgagee";

and this amendment disagreed with, but the following amendment made in the new clause:—

In sub-clause (4), after "lessor" insert "and every mortgagee of the freehold or of the lease."

## PART II.

37. Clause 12, line 28, omit "mortgagee" and insert "such mortgagee or mortgagees".

Agreed to by Assembly with the following amendments:—

Before "such" insert "every".

Omit "or mortgagees";

and the following amendment made in the clause:—

Clause 12, at the end of the clause insert the following new subsection:—

"(5) If in the opinion of the Board any such mortgagee has unreasonably withheld his agreement to any such adjustment or extension the costs of the application shall be paid by such mortgagee".

Agreed to by Council, but the following consequential amendment made in the Bill:—

Clause 17, page 11, line 1, before "The Board" insert "Subject to this Part."

## Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

*Insert the following New Clauses:—**(To follow Clause 13.)*

52. D. (1) Where a lease contains an option to renew the same for a term of not less than one year the lessee may within one month after exercising such option give notice to the lessor and any mortgagee of the freehold or of such lease in writing that he desires the rent bonus or other consideration in the nature of rent or bonus for such renewed lease to be adjusted and/or in lieu of or in addition to such adjustment the term of the lease to be extended and if within fourteen days thereafter the lessee and the lessor and any such mortgagee as aforesaid do not agree as to such adjustment or extension the lessee within fourteen days after such last mentioned period of fourteen days may make application in writing to the Board to adjust the amount of rent bonus or other consideration payable as aforesaid and/or in lieu of or in addition to such adjustment to extend the term of the lease.

(2) The extended lease shall be construed and take effect as if it were also a term thereof that the rent payable under the renewed lease should be for such portion of the term of the renewal as falls within the period of three years immediately following the coming into operation of this Act be reduced and the bonus or other consideration for such renewed lease shall so far if at all as in the opinion of the Board be fair and equitable upon application to it in manner aforesaid be adjusted and the rent bonus and other consideration payable under the renewed lease shall by virtue of this paragraph be so reduced accordingly.

(3) The provisions of this Part as to extending the term of the lease in lieu of or in addition to making an adjustment shall apply to any such application.

*(To follow Clause 14.)*

53. C. For the purpose of this Part all persons or corporations whether trustees or not are hereby authorized notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act or instrument to enter into any agreement to adjust or reduce the amount of rent bonus or other consideration payable by any lessee to any lessor or extend the term of any lease pursuant to this Part.

Disagreed with by Assembly.—Insisted on by Council.

On the motion of Mr. Slater and after debate—

Amendment No. 14.—Council's amendment to omit "the Part" and insert "this Part" in Assembly's amendment in clause 5 agreed to.

Amendment No. 26.—Disagreement not insisted on, and new clause A, as amended by the Council, agreed to.

Amendment No. 27.—Assembly's amendment in sub-clause (3) of new clause F disagreed with by Council not insisted on, and Council's amendment in sub-clause (4) agreed to.

Amendment No. 37.—Consequential amendment of Council in clause 17 agreed to.

Amendment No. 52.—Disagreement not insisted on, and Council's amendment to insert new clause D agreed to with the following amendments:—

Sub-section (1), omit all words after "notice" and insert "in writing to the lessor and every mortgagee of the freehold or of such lease that he desires the rent bonus or other consideration in the nature of rent or bonus payable under the renewed lease to be adjusted or in lieu of or in addition to such adjustment the term of the renewed lease to be extended, and if within the period of fourteen days thereafter the lessee and the lessor and any such mortgagee as aforesaid do not agree as to such adjustment or extension the lessee within fourteen days after the expiration of such period may make application in writing to the Board to adjust the amount of rent bonus or other consideration payable as aforesaid or in lieu of or in addition to such adjustment to extend the term of such renewed lease."

Sub-sections (2) and (3), omit these sub-sections and insert—

"(2) The Board shall inquire into and determine the matter of the application and subject to the provisions of this Part in any such determination may make such adjustment (if any) of the amount of rent bonus or other consideration payable

as aforesaid as in the opinion of the Board having regard to the circumstances is fair and equitable or may in lieu of or in addition to making such adjustment extend the term of the renewed lease; and such lease shall be read and construed and take effect accordingly:

Provided that the Board on the application of the lessor or any such mortgagee and upon proof of due notice to the lessee may in a subsequent determination vary or revoke any previous determination of the Board";

and the following amendment made in clause 14:—

Clause 14, sub-section (2), omit "with the date of the coming into operation of this Act" and insert "(as the case may be) with the date of the coming into operation of this Act or the date of the renewal of the lease".

Amendment No. 53.—Disagreement insisted on, but the following new clause inserted to follow clause 14:—

" . Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act or in any instrument—  
 (a) any lessee lessor or mortgagee who is a trustee shall not except in case of bad faith be deemed to be guilty of a breach of trust by reason only of making any agreement for the purposes of this Part; and  
 (b) the directors or members of the governing body of any corporation shall not except in the case of bad faith be deemed to be guilty of a breach of duty by reason only of making any agreement for the purposes of this Part."

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive be postponed until after No. 5.

11. VACUUM OIL COMPANY BILL.—Further considered in Committee.

And having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

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Bill reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to.

Ordered, after debate—That the Bill be read a third time this day.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive and 6 to 24 inclusive be postponed until after No. 25.

13. WAYS AND MEANS—UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF TAXES AND STAMP DUTIES.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Frost reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

*Resolved—*

**PART A.—**

1. That subject to the Unemployment Relief Acts and the provisions of this Part of this Resolution there shall be charged levied collected and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the consolidated revenue for the year ending on the 30th June, 1932, an unemployment relief tax in accordance with the Unemployment Relief Acts and this Part of this Resolution.

2. That notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the said Acts or the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts or Part A or Part B of this Resolution every person whose taxable income (within the meaning of the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* as in operation before the 31st December, 1930) for the year ending on the 30th June, 1930, was more than £312 shall (notwithstanding that his taxable income for the year ending on the 30th June, 1931, or for any subsequent year, whether derived or received from salary or wages or any other source or all or some of them, amounts to £312 or less) not be liable to pay stamp duties under the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts or Part B of this Resolution but shall continue to be liable to pay unemployment relief tax.

3. That for the purposes of this Part of this Resolution and the unemployment relief tax for the year ending on the 30th June, 1932, the Unemployment Relief Acts shall be read and construed and have effect as if they were amended as follows:—

(a) As if sub-section (2) of section four of the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* as amended by section three of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* were repealed; and

- (b) As if for the Schedule to the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* as re-enacted by the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* there were substituted the following Schedule :—

“SCHEDULE.

The tax shall be calculated and payable on the taxable income of each taxpayer as hereinafter provided :—

If the taxable income—	The rate per £100 payable on the taxable income shall be—
Is not less than £52 but does not amount to £104	Ten shillings
Is not less than £104 but does not amount to £208	Twenty-seven shillings
Is not less than £208 but does not exceed £312	Thirty-three shillings and ninepence
Exceeds £312 but does not exceed £350	Thirty-four shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £350 but does not exceed £400	Thirty-five shillings and threepence
Exceeds £400 but does not exceed £450	Thirty-six shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £450 but does not exceed £500	Thirty-seven shillings and ninepence
Exceeds £500 but does not exceed £550	Thirty-nine shillings
Exceeds £550 but does not exceed £600	Forty shillings and threepence
Exceeds £600 but does not exceed £650	Forty-one shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £650 but does not exceed £700	Forty-two shillings and ninepence
Exceeds £700 but does not exceed £750	Forty-four shillings
Exceeds £750 but does not exceed £800	Forty-five shillings and threepence
Exceeds £800 but does not exceed £850	Forty-six shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £850 but does not exceed £900	Forty-seven shillings and ninepence
Exceeds £900 but does not exceed £950	Forty-nine shillings
Exceeds £950 but does not exceed £1,000	Fifty shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,000 but does not exceed £1,050	Fifty-two shillings
Exceeds £1,050 but does not exceed £1,100	Fifty-three shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,100 but does not exceed £1,150	Fifty-five shillings
Exceeds £1,150 but does not exceed £1,200	Fifty-six shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,200 but does not exceed £1,250	Fifty-eight shillings
Exceeds £1,250 but does not exceed £1,300	Fifty-nine shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,300 but does not exceed £1,350	Sixty-one shillings
Exceeds £1,350 but does not exceed £1,400	Sixty-two shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,400 but does not exceed £1,450	Sixty-four shillings
Exceeds £1,450 but does not exceed £1,500	Sixty-five shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,500 but does not exceed £1,550	Sixty-seven shillings
Exceeds £1,550 but does not exceed £1,600	Sixty-eight shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,600 but does not exceed £1,650	Seventy shillings
Exceeds £1,650 but does not exceed £1,700	Seventy-one shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,700 but does not exceed £1,750	Seventy-three shillings

## SCHEDULE—continued.

If the taxable income—	The rate per £100 payable on the taxable income shall be—
Exceeds £1,750 but does not exceed £1,800	Seventy-four shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,800 but does not exceed £1,850	Seventy-six shillings
Exceeds £1,850 but does not exceed £1,900	Seventy-seven shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £1,900 but does not exceed £1,950	Seventy-nine shillings
Exceeds £1,950 but does not exceed £2,000	Eighty shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,000 but does not exceed £2,050	Eighty-two shillings
Exceeds £2,050 but does not exceed £2,100	Eighty-three shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,100 but does not exceed £2,150	Eighty-five shillings
Exceeds £2,150 but does not exceed £2,200	Eighty-six shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,200 but does not exceed £2,250	Eighty-eight shillings
Exceeds £2,250 but does not exceed £2,300	Eighty-nine shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,300 but does not exceed £2,350	Ninety-one shillings
Exceeds £2,350 but does not exceed £2,400	Ninety-two shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,400 but does not exceed £2,450	Ninety-four shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,450 but does not exceed £2,500	Ninety-six shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,500 but does not exceed £2,550	Ninety-eight shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,550 but does not exceed £2,600	One hundred shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,600 but does not exceed £2,650	One hundred and two shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,650 but does not exceed £2,700	One hundred and four shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,700 but does not exceed £2,750	One hundred and six shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,750 but does not exceed £2,800	One hundred and eight shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,800 but does not exceed £2,850	One hundred and ten shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,850 but does not exceed £2,900	One hundred and twelve shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,900 but does not exceed £2,950	One hundred and fourteen shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £2,950 but does not exceed £3,000	One hundred and sixteen shillings and sixpence
Exceeds £3,000 ...	One hundred and eighteen shillings and sixpence."

4. That for the purposes of the Unemp'oyment Relief Acts and this Part of this Resolution the said Acts shall be read and construed and have effect as if section nine of the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* as amended by section three of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* were, as on and from the commencement of the first-mentioned Act, repealed.

## PART B.—

1. That on from and after the 10th day of January, 1932, and until the 9th day of July, 1932, inclusive, there shall be charged and paid for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors upon and for the instruments hereinafter specified the stamp duties hereinafter specified :—

## RECEIPTS FOR SALARY AND WAGES—

(i) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than One pound and not amounting to Two pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each £1 of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of £1 not being less than 10s.—a stamp duty of One penny :

- (ii) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than Two pounds and not amounting to Four pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each 5s. of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of 5s.—a stamp duty of One penny :

- (iii) with respect to each payment of salary or wages of not less than Four pounds and (save as otherwise expressly provided) not more than Six pounds earned in any week and whether paid daily weekly monthly or otherwise—

On each 4s. of the amount of salary or wages so paid and on every fractional part of 4s.—a stamp duty of One penny :

Provided that stamp duty shall not be payable under the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and this Part of this Resolution on any receipt for payment of any amount of salary or wages of less than One pound or (save as otherwise expressly provided in the said Acts or this Part of this Resolution) more than Six pounds in all in respect of any week, and where payment of salary or wages is made for more than a week, then in calculating the amount of such salary or wages upon which stamp duty is payable any payment in respect of any week of less than One pound or (save as otherwise expressly provided in the said Acts or this Part of this Resolution) more than Six pounds shall not be taken into account.

2. That any person whose taxable income (within the meaning of the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* as in operation before the 31st day of December, 1930) for the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1930, is £312 or less and consists wholly or in part of salary or wages shall (notwithstanding that his salary or wages after the said 30th day of June in respect of any period for which he has been paid is or are at a rate exceeding £312 per annum) be liable to pay stamp duty as aforesaid on the whole of his salary or wages received on or after the said 6th day of December.

#### PART C.—

That for the purposes of the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and Parts A and B of this Resolution section eighteen of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* as amended by the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931* and by the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931 (No. 2)* and by the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931 (No. 3)* and by the *Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Act 1931 (No. 4)* shall be read and construed and have effect as if for the words and figures in the said section as so amended beginning "whether under" and ending "1931 (No. 4)" there were substituted the words "whether under the Unemployment Relief Acts or under the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts" and such words included the legislation proposed to be enacted in order to carry the purposes of this Resolution into effect.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Tunnecliffe and Mr. Cain do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

14. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4).—Mr. Tunnecliffe then brought up a Bill intitled "*A Bill to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and to continue the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and to make provision with respect to Collections for Unemployment*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
15. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4).—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 49.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and to continue the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and to make provision with respect to Collections for Unemployment.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 15th December, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

16. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4).—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 49.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Frost reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and to continue the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and to make provision with respect to Collections for Unemployment.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the amendments of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council in the Landlord and Tenant (Rent Reduction) Bill to insert new clause D and to the amendment made by the Assembly in clause 14 of the Bill, not now insisting on their amendment to insert new clause C, and agreeing to the new clause inserted by the Assembly to follow clause 14.

18. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Cain*).

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.

19. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Cain*).

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Macfarlan*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.

20. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe obtained leave, with Mr. Bailey, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

21. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—CULTIVATION ADVANCES BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Bailey, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 50.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to enable Advances to be made on certain Terms to Cultivators of Land and for other purposes.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 15th December, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

22. CULTIVATION ADVANCES BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 50.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Frost reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to enable Advances to be made on certain Terms to Cultivators of Land and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Bailey and Mr. Slater do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Bailey then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to enable Advances to be made on certain Terms to Cultivators of Land and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

23. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL (No. 2).—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.

Motion made and question proposed—That the following amendment be made in this Bill :— Clause 21, paragraph (b), omit this paragraph (*Mr. Burnett Gray*)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Webber the following amendment was, after debate, made in this Bill :— Clause 21, line 39, before “and” insert “except for supply to invalids and infants on the written order of a legally qualified medical practitioner.”

Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :— Clause 22, omit this clause (*Sir Stanley Argyle*).

Question—That clause 22 stand part of the Bill—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 19.
Mr. Bond	Mr. Solly	Mr. Allan
Mr. Cain	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Angus
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace	Sir Stanley Argyle
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber	Mr. Bennett
Mr. Jewell		Brigadier Bouchier
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Diffey
Mr. Pollard	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Dunstan
Mr. Slater	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Glowrey
		Mr. Burnett Gray
		Mr. Hyland
		Mr. Lind
		Mr. Mackrell
		Mr. McDonald
		Mr. McLachlan
		Mr. Moncur
		Mr. Old
		Mr. Pennington
		<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Kent Hughes
		Mr. Maltby

And so it passed in the negative.

On the motion of Sir Stanley Argyle the following further amendment was made in this Bill:—  
Clause 23, line 11, after “may” insert “by agreement of a majority of the members thereof including the chairman and”.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

24. VACUUM OIL COMPANY BILL.—Motion made and question—That this Bill be now read a third time (*Mr. Bailey*)—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 19.
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Allan
Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Angus
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast	Sir Stanley Argyle
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Satchell	Mr. Bennett
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Slater	Brigadier Bouchier
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Diffey
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Downward
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber	Mr. Dunstan
Mr. Jewell		Mr. Hyland
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Lind
Mr. Luxton	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Linton
Mr. Maltby	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Macfarlan
		Mr. Mackrell
		Mr. McDonald
		Mr. Old
		Mr. Solly
		Mr. Toutcher
		<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Kent Hughes
		Mr. Pennington

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read the third time.

On the motion of Mr. Bailey the following amendment was, after debate, made in this Bill:—New clause C, omit this clause.

Mr. Bailey offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill:—

D. If and when supplies of crude mineral oil produced in the State of Victoria become available the company shall not in any way discriminate against the same but shall in the ordinary course of trading (if and when required by the Minister) purchase supplies of such crude mineral oil for the purposes of refining the same provided that the quality thereof shall be suitable to the company and the price thereof shall not be higher than the price to the company at its Melbourne refinery of crude mineral oil of a similar quality produced elsewhere.

And the said new clause was read a second and third time and added to the Bill.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

25. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

26. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until this day, at Seven o'clock (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.

27. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 and 6 to 24 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until this day.

Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until this day:—

*Hawthorn Bridge Bill—Second reading.*

And then the House, at one minute past Six o'clock, adjourned until this day.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 94.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—BOARD OF INQUIRY REGARDING ADMINISTRATION OF.—Motion made and question—That the maximum expenditure of the Board of Inquiry appointed to inquire into and report upon certain matters affecting the administration of the Education Department be fixed at £336, being an addition of £36 to the amount fixed by resolution of the Legislative Assembly on the 21st October, 1931, as the maximum expenditure (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
3. LICENSING (FEES) BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend Section Nineteen of the ‘Licensing Act 1928’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
4. MOTOR CAR BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Tunnecliffe obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend Sections Four and Ten of the ‘Motor Car Act 1928’ and to make Provision with respect to Refunds in certain Cases*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
5. DRIED FRUITS BILL.—Mr. Slater, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Webber, obtained leave, with Mr. Pollard, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend Section Six of the ‘Dried Fruits Act 1928’ and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
6. CAULFIELD LOANS BILL.—Mr. Webber obtained leave, with Mr. Pollard, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to authorize the City of Caulfield to expend the Balances of certain Moneys for purposes other than the purposes for which the said Moneys were borrowed by the said City*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
7. SOUTH MELBOURNE LOAN BILL.—Mr. Webber obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to authorize the City of South Melbourne to expend the Balance of certain Moneys for purposes other than the purposes for which the said Moneys were borrowed by the said City*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
8. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD BILL.—Mr. Webber obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
9. INSTRUMENTS BILL.—Mr. Slater, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Tunnecliffe, obtained leave, with Mr. Bailey, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend Part VII. of the Instruments Act 1928*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
10. MOTOR FREIGHT VEHICLES BILL.—Mr. Cain, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Tunnecliffe, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to regulate the Use of Motor Freight Vehicles and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
11. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment:—  
Local Government (Temporary Reduction of Interest) Bill.  
Wareek Land Bill.
12. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Sewerage Districts (Temporary Reduction of Interest) Bill with an amendment.  
Ordered—That the said amendment be printed, and taken into consideration this day.
13. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—MILDURA IRRIGATION AND WATER TRUSTS BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Bailey, and the same was read:—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 51.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to relieve the First Mildura Irrigation Trust of Part of its Indebtedness for Moneys borrowed from the State for Water Supply and for other purposes.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 16th December, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

14. MILDURA IRRIGATION AND WATER TRUSTS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 51.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Frost reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to relieve the First Mildura Irrigation Trust of Part of its Indebtedness for Moneys borrowed from the State for Water Supply and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Bailey and Mr. Slater do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Bailey then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to relieve the First Mildura Irrigation Trust of Part of its Indebtedness for Moneys borrowed from the State for Water Supply and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 26 inclusive be postponed until after No. 27.

16. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

*Resolved*—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Frost reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:

*Resolved*—

That the rates of the duties of income tax which shall pursuant to the Income Tax Acts (other than the Unemployment Relief Acts) be charged levied collected and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the consolidated revenue for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two are hereby declared to be as follows (that is to say):—

- (a) On all income derived by any person (not being a company) from personal exertion—

(i) where such income does not exceed Five hundred pounds—  
for every pound of the taxable amount thereof, Sixpence; and

- (ii) where such income exceeds Five hundred pounds—  
for every pound of the taxable amount thereof up to Five hundred pounds, Sevenpence;  
for every pound of the taxable amount thereof over Five hundred pounds and up to One thousand pounds, Eightpence;  
for every pound of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand pounds and up to One thousand five hundred pounds, Ninepence; and  
• for every pound of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand five hundred pounds, Tenpence;

- (b) On all income derived by any person (not being a company) from the produce of property—

(i) where such income does not exceed Five hundred pounds—  
for every pound of the taxable amount thereof, Twelvence; and

- (ii) where such income exceeds Five hundred pounds—  
for every pound of the taxable amount thereof up to Five hundred pounds, Fourteence;  
for every pound of the taxable amount thereof over Five hundred pounds and up to One thousand pounds, Sixteence;  
for every pound of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand pounds and up to One thousand five hundred pounds, Eighteence; and  
for every pound of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand five hundred pounds, Twentypence;

- (c) In the case of any person (not being a company) there shall be payable an additional tax as follows:—

(i) Where the income, whether from personal exertion or the produce of property or both, exceeds Eight hundred pounds but does not exceed One thousand pounds—

an amount equal to ten per centum of the total amount of tax otherwise chargeable;

(ii) Where the income, whether from personal exertion or the produce of property or both, exceeds One thousand pounds but does not exceed One thousand two hundred and fifty pounds—

an amount equal to twelve and a half per centum of the total amount of tax otherwise chargeable;

(iii) Where the income, whether from personal exertion or the produce of property or both, exceeds One thousand two hundred and fifty pounds but does not exceed Two thousand two hundred pounds—

an amount equal to fifteen per centum of the total amount of tax otherwise chargeable;

- (iv) Where the income, whether from personal exertion or the produce of property or both, exceeds Two thousand two hundred pounds but does not exceed Five thousand pounds—  
 an amount equal to twenty per centum of the total amount of tax otherwise chargeable; and
- (v) Where the income, whether from personal exertion or the produce of property or both, exceeds Five thousand pounds—  
 an amount equal to twenty-five per centum of the total amount of tax otherwise chargeable;
- (d) On the income of a company (other than a mutual life assurance company) —  
 for every pound of the taxable amount thereof, Twenty-one pence;
- (e) On the income of a mutual life assurance company—  
 (i) with respect to its mutual life assurance business only, for every pound of the taxable amount of income, Twelvepence; and  
 (ii) with respect to its other business, for every pound of the taxable amount of income, Twenty-one pence:

Provided that, where the articles of association of a life assurance company provide that a percentage of its profits is to be distributed among the life assurance policy-holders of the company, then, for the purposes of this resolution, the rate for every pound of the amount represented by the like percentage of the taxable amount of the income of the company from life assurance business shall be Twelvepence and the rate for every pound of the taxable amount of the remainder of the income of the company shall be Twenty-one pence;

- (f) In the case of any person (including a company) there shall be payable in addition to the tax and additional tax chargeable under the preceding provisions of this resolution a further additional tax of an amount equal to seven and one-half per centum of the total amount of tax otherwise chargeable:

Provided that such further additional tax shall not be payable with respect to such income of a life assurance company as is subject to tax under paragraph (e) of this resolution at the rate of Twelvepence for every pound thereof.

Where any person (not being a company) derives income both from personal exertion and from the produce of property and the total income so derived exceeds Five hundred pounds, then for the purposes of this resolution the rate for every pound of the taxable amount of income derived from each source shall be the same as if the income from each such source exceeded Five hundred pounds.

Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this resolution, where a person would, apart from this provision of this resolution, be liable to pay income tax of an amount less than Five shillings the tax payable by that person shall be Five shillings.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Tunnecliffe and Mr. Cain do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

17. INCOME TAX BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two and to continue the Income Tax Acts* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

18. WAYS AND MEANS—ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE DUTIES.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Frost reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

*Resolved—*

A. (1) That in the case of any estate (whether real or personal or both) of any deceased person with respect to which a statement has pursuant to section 152 of the *Administration and Probate Act 1928* been filed on or after the 23rd October, 1930, in addition to the duty payable thereon pursuant to Part VI. of the said Act and Part I. or Part II. (as the case may be) of the Tenth Schedule to the said Act and pursuant to the *Administration and Probate Duties Act 1929*, there shall during the period commencing on the 1st January, 1932, and ending on the 31st December, 1932, both inclusive, be paid additional duty of an amount equal to ten per centum of the total amount of duty otherwise chargeable; and

(2) That in the case of any settlement of property (whether real or personal or both) registered or to be registered pursuant to section 177 of the *Administration and Probate Act 1928* on or after the 23rd October, 1930, in addition to the duty payable thereon pursuant to Part III. of the Tenth Schedule to the said Act and pursuant to the *Administration and Probate Duties Act 1929*, there shall during the period commencing on the 1st January, 1932, and ending on the 31st December, 1932, both inclusive, be paid additional duty of an amount equal to ten per centum of the total amount of duty otherwise chargeable.

B. (1) That in the case of any estate (whether real or personal or both) of any deceased person with respect to which a statement has pursuant to section 152 of the *Administration and Probate Act 1928* been filed on or after the 17th December, 1931, in addition to the duty payable thereon pursuant to Part VI. of the said Act and Part I. or Part II. (as the case may

be) of the Tenth Schedule to the said Act and pursuant to the *Administration and Probate Duties Act 1929* and pursuant to Part III. of the *Finance Act 1930* as amended by the legislation proposed to be enacted in order to carry the purposes of paragraph A of this resolution into effect there shall during the period commencing on the said day and ending on the 31st December, 1932, both inclusive, be paid additional duty of an amount equal to ten per centum of the total amount of the duty otherwise chargeable ; and

(2) In the case of any settlement of property (whether real or personal or both) to be registered pursuant to section 177 of the Principal Act on or after the 17th December, 1931, in addition to the duty payable thereon pursuant to Part III. of the Tenth Schedule to the said Act and pursuant to the *Administration and Probate Duties Act 1929* and pursuant to Part III. of the *Finance Act 1930* as amended by the legislation proposed to be enacted in order to carry the purposes of paragraph A of this resolution into effect there shall during the period commencing on the said day and ending on the 31st December, 1932, both inclusive, be paid additional duty of an amount equal to ten per centum of the total amount of the duty otherwise chargeable.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Tunnecliffe and Mr. Slater do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

19. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE DUTIES BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to continue Part III. of the ‘ Finance Act 1930 ’ and to increase the Duties payable under Part VI. of the ‘ Administration and Probate Act 1928 ’ and under the ‘ Administration and Probate Duties Act 1929 ’ and under the said Part III.* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

20. WAYS AND MEANS—LAND TAX.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means ; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Frost reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—

*Resolved—*

(1) That subject to the Land Tax Acts there shall in the case of each owner of land be charged levied collected and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the consolidated revenue for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two a duty of land tax upon land for every pound of the unimproved value thereof as assessed under the said Acts at such rate as is hereinafter set forth (that is to say) :—

Where the unimproved value or total unimproved value of all land or lands of any owner exceeds Two hundred and fifty pounds the rate of tax payable thereon for the said year shall be : On every pound of its unimproved value—One half-penny ; and

(2) That in addition to any duty of land tax so payable there shall in the case of each such owner be charged levied collected and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the consolidated revenue for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two a super-tax equal to five per centum of the amount of the duty of land tax so payable :

Provided that the minimum amount of tax and super-tax combined payable for the said year by any taxpayer assessed under the Land Tax Acts shall be Two shillings and sixpence.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Tunnecliffe and Mr. Bailey do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

21. LAND TAX BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to declare the Rate of Land Tax for the year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

22. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

23. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

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Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

24. STAMP DUTIES.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain stamp duties (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.  
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Frost reported from a Committee of the whole House the following resolution :—

*Resolved—*

1. That on and after the 1st January, 1932, until the 31st December, 1935, inclusive, there shall be charged (under and subject to the Stamps Acts) for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors the stamp duties hereinafter set forth upon and for the instruments hereinafter set forth—

Upon the following instruments specified in the Third Schedule to the *Stamps Act 1928* as amended by any Act (that is to say):—

Receipt or Discharge given for or upon payment of money amounting to £25 or upwards (with the same exemptions with respect to the said instruments as in the said Schedule as so amended)—Threepence.

2. That the expression “conveyance or transfer on sale of any real property” in section sixty-one of the *Stamps Act 1928* includes for the purposes of the Stamps Acts—

(a) any decree or order of the Registrar of Titles whereby any real property upon the sale thereof is legally or equitably transferred to or vested in the purchaser or any other person on his behalf or by his direction; and

(b) a decree, or order for, or having the effect of an order for, foreclosure: Provided that—

(i) the *ad valorem* duty upon any such decree or order shall not exceed the duty on a sum equal to the value (as at the date of the decree or order) of the property to which the decree or order relates, and where the decree or order states that value that statement shall be conclusive for the purpose of determining the amount of the duty; and

(ii) where *ad valorem* duty is paid upon such decree or order any conveyance or transfer following upon such decree or order shall be exempt from the *ad valorem* duty.

3. That the expression “lease” in section seventy-three of the *Stamps Act 1928* shall for the purposes of the Stamps Acts be read and construed as if for the words “a deed of mortgage” there were substituted the words “any deed or instrument of mortgage.”

4. That where the amount or value of the estate or interest in property acquired under any deed of settlement or gift within the meaning of the Stamps Acts is not limited, the deed of settlement or gift is to be available for such an amount or value only as the *ad valorem* duty impressed or paid thereon extends to cover, but, where any addition is made to the settlement or gift in excess of the amount or value covered by the duty paid, the deed of settlement or gift shall for the purposes of stamp duty be deemed to be a new and separate instrument bearing date on the day on which the addition aforesaid to the settlement or gift is made, and chargeable with duty on such additional amount or value accordingly.

5. That for the purposes of the Stamps Acts, in any case where an instrument specified in paragraph (i) or paragraph (ii) under the heading “IX.—Settlement or Gift, Deed of” in the Third Schedule to the *Stamps Act 1928* has been executed by a donor or other person executing the same in respect of a donee or donees or other person or persons benefiting by the same and the said donor subsequently executes a further instrument or further instruments in favour of the same donee or donees or other person or persons benefiting by the same, any such instrument or (if more than one) all of such instruments executed within twelve months immediately prior to the date of the instrument last executed together with the said last instrument shall be regarded as one instrument and shall be chargeable with stamp duty at the rate provided in the said Schedule on the aggregate sum (after deductions have been made pursuant to section eighty-two of the *Stamps Act 1928*) of the value of the property comprised in all such instruments.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Tunnecliffe and Mr. Cain do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

25. STAMPS BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Stamps and Stamps Duties*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

26. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Stock Foods Bill with amendments.  
Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.

27. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Companies Bill with amendments.  
Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.

28. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4).—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Bond	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Solly
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Bailey
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 20.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Moncur
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hyland	
Mr. Kent Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Lieut.-Col. Knox
Mr. Linton	Mr. Maltby

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with amendments.

On the motion of Mr. Tunnecliffe the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House to insert new clause B to follow clause 7 was agreed to by the House.

Motion made and question proposed—That the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill in clause 15, line 5, after “thereafter” to insert sub-paragraphs (ii), (iii), (iv), and (v), and paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) and proviso be disagreed with (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).

Question—That this House do agree with the Committee in this amendment—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McLachlan
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Burnett Gray	
Mr. Hyland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Lieut.-Col. Knox	
Mr. Lind	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Linton	Mr. Maltby

Noes 19.

Mr. Bond	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Cain	Mr. Slater
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McAdam	
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Bailey
Mr. Pollard	Mr. Lemmon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Tunnecliffe the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill in clause 15, lines 5–10, to omit the word “and” and sub-paragraph (ii), and the amendment to insert the words “In this sub-section ‘metropolis’ has the same meaning as in the last preceding section” at the end of the clause were agreed to by the House.

Motion made and question—That this Bill be now read a third time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McLachlan
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Burnett Gray	
Mr. Hyland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Lieut.-Col. Knox	
Mr. Lind	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Linton	Mr. Maltby

Noes, 19.

Mr. Bond	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Cain	Mr. Slater
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McAdam	
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Bailey
Mr. Pollard	Mr. Lemmon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

29. CAULFIELD LOANS BILL.—Order for second reading read ; Bill ruled a Private Bill.

Motion made, by leave, and question—That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill (*Mr. Webber*)—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

30. SOUTH MELBOURNE LOAN BILL.—Order for second reading read ; Bill ruled a Private Bill.  
 Motion made, by leave, and question—That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill (*Mr. Webber*)—put and agreed to.  
 Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
31. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
32. DRIED FRUITS BILL.—Read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
33. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 13 inclusive be postponed until after No. 14.
34. CEMETERIES BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
35. STAMPS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
36. INSTRUMENTS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
37. LAND TAX BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
38. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 13 inclusive and 15 and 16 be postponed until after No. 17.
39. FISHERIES BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
40. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until after No. 6.
41. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (FINANCIAL) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council on the consideration of this Bill in Committee having been read, the said suggested amendments are as follow :—  
 1. Clause 2, line 17, omit “ nine hundred and fifty thousand ” and insert “ eight hundred thousand.”  
 2. Clause 3, lines 5–6, omit “ nine hundred and twenty-five thousand ” and insert “ eight hundred and seventy-five thousand.”  
 Motion made and question—That this House do not make the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council (*Mr. Bailey*)—put and agreed to.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.
42. SEWERAGE DISTRICTS (TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF INTEREST) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendment is as follows :—  
 Clause 2, sub-clause (1), line 9, after “ reduced ” omit all words to the end of the sub-clause and insert—  
 “ by an amount of interest rate equal to the amount of interest rate by which the interest payable by such authority in respect of moneys borrowed by it (for the purposes of the provision by such authority of any water closet or drains appliances apparatus and connexions and of the carrying out by such authority of any works matters or things referred to in the said section ninety-one) would be reduced if such interest were reduced at a rate equivalent to Four shillings and sixpence for every One pound of such interest but so that such interest were not reduced below Five pounds per centum per annum.”  
 And the said amendment was read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
 Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment.

43. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4, 5, 7 to 13 inclusive, 15, 16, and 18 to 26 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until this day.

Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until this day :—

*Licensing (Fees) Bill—Second reading.*

*Motor Car Bill (No. 2)—Second reading.*

*Motor Freight Vehicles Bill—Second reading.*

*Mildura Irrigation and Water Trusts Bill—Second reading.*

*Income Tax Bill—Second reading.*

*Administration and Probate Duties Bill—Second reading.*

44. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until this day, at half-past Four o'clock (*Mr. Bailey*)—put and agreed to.

And then the House, at Seven o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 95.

THURSDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Lemmon presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—  
Education Department.—Reports (Interim and Final) of the Board of Inquiry into certain  
Matters concerning the Education Department.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT BILL (No. 2).—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—  
That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
Question—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.			Noes, 23.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McLachlan		Mr. Allan	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Bond	Mr. Murphy		Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard		Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Satchell		Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater		Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Old
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly		Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe		Mr. Coyle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace		Mr. Diffey	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber		Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. Hjorth			Lieut.-Col. Knox	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>		Mr. Lind	
Mr. Jewell			Mr. Linton	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Keane	Mr. Cremean		Mr. Luxton	Mr. Maniford
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Lemmon			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee.

Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 13 inclusive be postponed until after No. 14.
5. STOCK FOODS BILL.—The Order of the day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments are as follow :—
  1. Clause 2, page 2, line 3, omit “juice” and insert “juices”.
  2. „ page 2, line 16, after “supplying” insert “or which can be used primarily for supplying”.
  3. „ page 2, line 16, after “stock” omit all words to the end of the clause.
  4. Clause 3, sub-clause (1), paragraph (d), omit this paragraph.
  5. „ page 3, lines 17–18, omit “and the respective forms in which they occur”.
  6. „ page 3, insert the following new sub-clause to follow sub-clause (2) :—  
“( ) Such application for registration shall upon compliance by the applicant with the requirements of this Act and the regulations thereunder be granted by the Director of Agriculture.
  7. „ page 3, line 44, omit “a misdemeanour” and insert “an offence against this Act and be liable to a penalty of not more than Fifty pounds”.
  8. Clause 4, omit this clause.
  9. Clause 6, line 1, omit “vendor” and insert “manufacturer or importer”.
  10. „ line 2, omit “or of mixed grain”.
  11. Clause 7, lines 35–6, omit “and (d) such other particulars as are prescribed”.
  12. „ at the end of the clause add—  
“(3) Provided that the retail seller of any mixed concentrated or prepared stock food or by-product need not give to the buyer any such invoice as aforesaid unless the buyer demands such invoice”.

13. Clause 10, lines 23-6, omit " and (b) after the word 'invoice' (where occurring for the second time) there shall be inserted the word 'label'".
14. Clause 15, paragraph (c), omit this paragraph.
15. ,, paragraph (e), omit this paragraph.
16. Clause 16, omit this clause.
17. Clause 17, paragraph (a), insert the following new sub-paragraph to follow sub-paragraph (iii):—
- “( ) prescribing the method of collecting samples of bran and pollard from flour mills for the purposes of the Stock Foods Acts”.
18. ,, lines 24-5, omit " or convenient ”.
19. Insert the following new clause to follow clause 10 :—

A. (1) For sub-section (3) of section ten of the Principal Act there shall be substituted the following sub-section :—

“(3) The respective standards for bran and pollard shall be prescribed in each year in accordance with the chemical and physical analyses carried out by the chemist of the Department of Agriculture upon samples collected as prescribed from flour mills in various parts of Victoria and which in the opinion of the said chemist represent a fair average quality of bran and pollard for that year and such standard shall be published in the *Government Gazette* not later than the last day of February in that year and shall continue in force until the next following publication of standards for bran and pollard”.

(2) In sub-section (2) of section ten of the Principal Act the words “in the Second Schedule to this Act” are hereby repealed.

(3) The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is hereby repealed.

And the said amendments were read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. Pollard and after debate—

Amendments Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 4 and 5 disagreed with.

Amendments Nos. 6 and 7 agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 8 and 9 disagreed with.

Amendment No. 10—

Motion made and question proposed—That this House do agree to this amendment (*Mr. Pollard*)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made and question proposed—That this amendment be disagreed with (*Mr. Pollard*)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment agreed to, but the following amendment made :—In clause 7, line 29, after “by-product” insert “or mixed grain.”

Amendment No. 11 disagreed with.

Amendments Nos. 12 to 14 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment No. 15 disagreed with.

Amendment No. 16 agreed to.

Amendments Nos. 17 and 18—Ordered—That the consideration of these amendments be postponed until after No. 19.

Amendment No. 19 disagreed with.

Amendment No. 17 disagreed with.

Amendment No. 18 agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 9 inclusive be postponed until after No. 10.
7. LICENSING (FEES) BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Macfarlan*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 9 inclusive and 11 to 13 inclusive be postponed until after No. 15.
9. COMPANIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments are as follow :—
1. Clause 4, paragraph (b), line 32, after “filing” omit all words to the end of the paragraph and insert “verify all accounts and statements referred to therein by affidavit.”

## 2. Clause 7, page 8, line 9, after "business" insert—

"Provided that nothing in this section shall impose any obligation upon any company formed or incorporated outside Victoria which is at the time of the passing of this Act subject to the provisions of the *Banks and Currency Act 1928*—

- (a) to exhibit at places where it carries on business in Victoria the name of the country in which it is incorporated or notice of the fact that the liability of the members of the company is limited; or  
 (b) to cause the name of such country or such fact to be stated in bill-heads or letter paper or in notices advertisements or other official publications of the company."

And the said amendments were read a second time, after debate, and agreed to by the House.  
 Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after Nos. 3 and 4.
11. HAWTHORN BRIDGE BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Webber*).  
 Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. J. A. Gray*)—put and agreed to.  
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.
12. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment:—  
 Water Supply Loans Application Bill.  
 Vacuum Oil Company Bill.
13. FEDERAL AID ROADS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
14. LICENSING (FEES) BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

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Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment and with an amended title, which title is as follows:—

"A Bill to amend Sections Nineteen and Thirty-nine of the 'Licensing Act 1928.'"

Bill, as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 5 to 8 inclusive be postponed until after No. 9.
16. CULTIVATION ADVANCES BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Bailey*).  
 Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Pennington*)—put and agreed to.  
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.
17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2, 5 to 8 inclusive, and No. 11 be postponed until after No. 12.
18. MILDURA IRRIGATION AND WATER TRUSTS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
19. INCOME TAX BILL.—Motion made and question—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Bond	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cain	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	
Mr. McAdara	Mr. Cremean
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Lemmon

Tellers.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Diffey	
Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. Everard	
Lieut.-Col. Knox	
Mr. Lind	

Tellers.

Mr. Maltby  
 Mr. Pennington

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

20. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Health Act 1928.’* ”
21. HEALTH BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Pollard the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
22. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 7 inclusive be postponed until after No. 8.
23. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE DUTIES BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—and, after debate—

*Strangers.*—At fifty-six minutes past Four o’clock in the morning, notice having been taken by Sir Stanley Argyle that strangers were present—

Question—That strangers be ordered to withdraw—put and negatived.

Notice having been taken by Mr. Tunnecliffe that strangers were present—

Question—That strangers be ordered to withdraw—put and agreed to.

Debate continued on question—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Motion made and question—That the question be now put (*Mr. Cremean*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Reid
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Cremean
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 22.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Linton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Old
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Malthy
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Pennington

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—accordingly put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Reid
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Cremean
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 22.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Linton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Old
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Malthy
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Pennington

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee.

Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.

24. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE DUTIES BILL.—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.
25. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 7 inclusive and No. 11 be postponed until after No. 13.

*Strangers.*—At fourteen minutes past Six o’clock in the morning strangers were readmitted.

26. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—MOTOR FREIGHT VEHICLES BILL.—  
The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Cain,  
and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 52.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to regulate the Use of Motor Freight Vehicles and for other purposes.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 16th December, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

27. MOTOR FREIGHT VEHICLES BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 52.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Cotter reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to regulate the Use of Motor Freight Vehicles and for other purposes.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Cain*).

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Kent Hughes*)—put and agreed to.

Motion made and question proposed—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next (*Mr. Cain*).

Amendment proposed—That the words "Tuesday next" be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "this day month" (*Lieut.-Col. Knox*).

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

28. ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATION BILL—DECLARATION OF AS URGENT—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—  
Mr. Tunnecliffe having declared—

- (a) That the Estimates of Expenditure, 1931–32, were urgent Estimates;  
(b) that the resolutions preliminary to the introduction of the Appropriation Bill were urgent resolutions; and  
(c) that the Appropriation Bill was an urgent Bill—

Motion made and question proposed—

- (a) That the Estimates of Expenditure, 1931–32, are urgent Estimates;  
(b) that the resolutions preliminary to the introduction of the Appropriation Bill are urgent resolutions; and  
(c) that the Appropriation Bill is an urgent Bill (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).

And Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twenty Members approved of the proposed question being put—

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Bond	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cain	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	
Mr. McAdam	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Cremean
Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 22.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Linton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Old
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Maltby
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Pennington

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion made and question—That the time allotted for the consideration of the whole of the Estimates be until half-past Eleven o'clock a.m. this day and for the resolutions preliminary to the introduction of the Appropriation Bill and the motions in connexion with the Appropriation Bill up to and including the fixing of the day for the third reading be until half-past Twelve o'clock p.m. this day (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 22,	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Bond	Mr. Reid	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Cain	Mr. Satchell	Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Slater	Mr. Cleary	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Diffey	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Webber	Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hayes		Mr. Everard	
Mr. Hjorth		Mr. Hyland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>	Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. McAdam		Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Cremean		
Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Lemmon		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

29. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES FOR 1931-32.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolutions to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Frost reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1931-32 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

## I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

Division No.		£	£
1.	Legislative Council ... ..	429	
2.	Legislative Assembly ... ..	4,720	
3.	Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways ... ..	335	
	Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly House Committee—		
4.	Refreshment Rooms ... ..	888	
5.	Engineers and Gardeners ... ..	996	
6.	Parliamentary Printing ... ..	9,840	
7.	The Library, Parliament House ... ..	1,434	
8.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates ... ..	1,731	
9.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Contingencies ... ..	5,108	
10.	„ „ Miscellaneous ... ..	960	
11.	„ „ Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c. ... ..	27,637	
12.	„ „ Grants ... ..	2,610	
13.	Board for the Protection of the Aborigines ... ..	4,446	
14.	Explosives ... ..	3,280	
15.	State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries ... ..	1,797	
16.	„ „ „ „ Insurance of State Employees ... ..	4,600	
17.	Fisheries and Game ... ..	4,006	
18.	Government Shorthand Writer... ..	661	
19.	The Governor's Office ... ..	183	
20.	Inebriates Institution ... ..	2,437	
20A.	Residential School for Mental Defectives ... ..	2,000	
21.	Observatory ... ..	1,553	
22.	Audit Office ... ..	3,832	
23.	Government Statist ... ..	13,574	
24.	Hospitals for the Insane ... ..	189,605	
25.	Children's Welfare Department ... ..	179,993	
26.	Penal Establishments and Gaols ... ..	51,342	
27.	Police ... ..	289,453	
28.	Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery ... ..	19,021	
29.	Public Service Commissioner ... ..	1,316	
			829,787

## II.—LABOUR.

30.	Department of Labour ... ..	12,484
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## III.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

31.	Education—Salaries ... ..	929,272
32.	„ Contingencies and Miscellaneous ... ..	98,773
33.	„ Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c. ... ..	48
34.	„ Works and Buildings ... ..	2,954
35.	„ Endowments and Grants ... ..	55,616
36.	„ Exceptional ... ..	126
		1,086,789

## IV.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

Division No.		£	£
37.	Attorney-General—Salaries and Contingencies ... ..	54,094	
38.	"    Pensions, Gratuities, Compensations, &c. ... ..	94	
39.	Solicitor-General ... ..	35,116	
		<hr/>	89,304

## V.—TREASURER.

40.	Treasury—Salaries and Contingencies ... ..	9,389	
41.	"    Miscellaneous ... ..	161,311	
42.	"    Transport, Samples, Marine Insurance, &c. ... ..	2,850	
43.	"    Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure ... ..	490	
44.	"    Payments to Railway Department ... ..	371,200	
45.	"    Hospitals and Charities ... ..	120,435	
46.	"    Grants ... ..	1,091	
47.	"    Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c. ... ..	413	
48.	"    Exceptional ... ..	7,284	
49.	Premier's Office ... ..	6,249	
50.	State Superannuation Board—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous	1,609	
51.	"    "    "    Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c. ... ..	35	
52.	Taxation Office—Administration ... ..	12,277	
53.	"    "    Taxation ... ..	28,218	
54.	Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons ... ..	2,064	
55.	Government Printer—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous ... ..	55,025	
56.	"    "    Advertising ... ..	1,116	
		<hr/>	781,056

## VI.—LANDS AND SURVEY.

## Land Settlement—

57.	Salaries, Contingencies, and Closer Settlement Board ... ..	752,618	
58.	Miscellaneous ... ..	31,158	
59.	Botanic and Domain Gardens and National Herbarium ... ..	6,016	
60.	Grants ... ..	1,000	
61.	Works and Buildings ... ..	1,081	
		<hr/>	791,873

## VII.—PUBLIC WORKS, MINES, AND IMMIGRATION.

62.	Public Works—Salaries and Contingencies ... ..	24,216	
63.	"    "    Works and Buildings ... ..	85,890	
64.	"    "    Road Works and Bridges ... ..	1,935	
65.	Ports and Harbours—Salaries and Contingencies ... ..	11,101	
66.	"    "    Works, &c. ... ..	14,600	
67.	Mines—Salaries and Contingencies ... ..	8,424	
68.	"    Miscellaneous ... ..	5,072	
		<hr/>	151,238

## VIII.—FORESTS.

69.	Forests Commission ... ..	33,695	
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## IX.—WATER SUPPLY.

70.	State Rivers and Water Supply Commission ... ..	89,975	
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## X.—AGRICULTURE.

71.	Administrative ... ..	5,626	
72.	Agriculture—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous ... ..	19,137	
73.	"    Maffra Beet Sugar Factory... ..	103,817	
74.	Horticulture ... ..	8,971	
75.	Stock and Dairy ... ..	32,770	
76.	Export Development and Produce Inspection ... ..	22,250	
77.	Marketing ... ..	56	
		<hr/>	192,627

## XI.—PUBLIC HEALTH.

78.	Public Health—Salaries, Contingencies, and Infectious Diseases and Tuberculosis ... ..	48,496	
79.	"    "    Grants ... ..	4,534	
		<hr/>	53,030

## XII.—RAILWAYS AND STATE COAL MINES.

Division No.	£	£
80. Railways—Salaries and Working Expenses of all Lines during the year 1931–32, &c. ... ..	2,966,793	
81. „ Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c. ... ..	1,210	
82. „ Construction Branch ... ..	3,957	
83. State Coal Mines ... ..	337,792	
	3,309,752	

And, after debate, the said resolutions were read a second time and agreed to by the House.

30. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5, 11, and 16 to 28 inclusive be postponed until after No. 29.

31. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Frost reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1932, the sum of £7,421,610 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

Motion made and question—That the resolution be now read a second time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Allan	Lieut.-Col. Knox
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Lind
Mr. Cain	Mr. Reid	Mr. Angus	Mr. Linton
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Satchell	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater	Mr. Cleary	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Diffey	
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber	Mr. Dunstan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell		Mr. Everard	
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Hyland	Mr. Maltby
Mr. McAdam		Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Pennington
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Cremean		
Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Lemmon		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Tunnecliffe and Mr. Slater do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

32. APPROPRIATION BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment.

Ordered, after debate—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

33. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

Forests Act 1928.—Forests Commission of Victoria.—Twelfth Annual Report, for the financial year 1930–31.

34. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE DUTIES BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

35. CULTIVATION ADVANCES BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned **debate** on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

36. HEALTH BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

37. POLICE OFFENCES (SPORTS GROUNDS) BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to Betting by way of Wagering on certain Sports Grounds*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

38. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—LANDLORD AND TENANT (RENT REDUCTION) BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 53.*

Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly for their consideration the following amendments which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Reduction for a certain period of the Rent payable in respect of certain Leases, and for other purposes*" :—

Clause 6, at the end of sub-clause (8) insert the following proviso :—

" Provided that if default in payment of rent has continued for a period of more than three months at the time of making such application or the lessee has committed a substantial breach of the terms conditions or covenants of the lease the onus of proof that the lessee had not the means and ability to pay shall be upon the lessee."

Clause 6, sub-clause (9), omit this sub-clause.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 18th December, 1931.

On the motion of Mr. Tunnecliffe the House agreed to the said amendments, and ordered that His Excellency's Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

39. STAMP DUTIES ON AUTHORITIES FOR BOOKMAKERS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain stamp duties (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Cotter reported from a Committee of the whole House the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That there shall be charged under and subject to the Stamps Acts for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors the stamp duties hereinafter set forth upon and for the instruments hereinafter set forth, that is to say :—

Upon any authority issued by the Comptroller of Stamps in accordance with the provisions of the legislation proposed to be enacted in order to carry the purposes of this resolution into effect to any bookmaker at any time in respect of betting on a sports ground within the meaning of section two of the *Stamps (Betting Tax) Act 1929* during the holding thereon of shooting contests in which the targets are birds or are objects propelled through the air by force which is applied by artificial means ... .. One pound.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Tunnecliffe and Mr. Slater do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

40. STAMPS (BETTING TAX) BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for imposing certain Stamp Duties on Bookmakers' Authorities and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

41. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5, 11, and 16 to 28 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next :—

*Debt Conversion Agreement Bill (No. 2)*—To be further considered in Committee.

*Hawthorn Bridge Bill*—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

42. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

# VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 96.

TUESDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MALVERN LOANS BILL.—Mr. Webber, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to authorize the City of Malvern to expend the Balances of certain Moneys for purposes other than the purposes for which the said Moneys were borrowed by the said City* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
3. FIREARMS BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Firearms Act 1928 ’* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Tunnecliffe presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—Charitable Institutions.—Statistics for the year ended 30th June, 1931.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.  
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Public Service Act 1928.—Regulations.—Professional Division, Chapter II.—Department of Chief Secretary.  
Superannuation Act 1928.—Sixth Report of the State Superannuation Board, year ended 30th June, 1931.  
Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ended 30th September, 1931.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—  
Agreeing to the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Landlord and Tenant (Rent Reduction) Bill.  
Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—  
Unemployment Relief Amendment Bill (No. 4).  
Caulfield Loans Bill.  
South Melbourne Loan Bill.  
Railway Loan Application Bill.  
Dried Fruits Bill.  
Electricity Supply Loans Application Bill.
6. UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4)—ERRORS REPORTED BY CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENTS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a communication from the Clerk of the Parliaments reporting, in conformity with Joint Standing Order No. 21, that the following clerical errors had been discovered in this Bill :—  
In clause 5, page 7, line 7, after the word “ referred ” the word “ to ” has been omitted.  
In clause 16, page 11, line 3, the word “ seventeen ” has been inserted instead of the word “ eighteen.”  
On the motion of Mr. Tunnecliffe the House agreed that the above errors be corrected by the insertion of the word “ to ” after the word “ referred ” in clause 5, page 7, line 7, and by the insertion of the word “ eighteen ” instead of the word “ seventeen ” in clause 16, page 11, line 3.  
Ordered—That the communication from the Clerk of the Parliaments be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a Message requesting them to concur in the correction of the foregoing errors.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after No. 3.
8. HEALTH BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
10. POLICE OFFENCES (SPORTS GROUNDS) BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Macfarlan*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.

11. STAMPS (BETTING TAX) BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Macfarlan*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.

12. MOTOR CAR BILL (No. 2).—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).  
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Kent Hughes*)—put and agreed to.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.

13. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—MOTOR CAR BILL (No. 2).—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 54.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend Sections Four and Ten of the *Motor Car Act 1928* and to make Provision with respect to Refunds in certain Cases.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 17th December, 1931.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

14. MOTOR CAR BILL (No. 2).—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 54.  
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Everard reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend Sections Four and Ten of the *Motor Car Act 1928* and to make Provision with respect to Refunds in certain Cases.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

15. MOTOR CAR FEES.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain motor car fees under the Motor Car Bill (No. 2) (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Everard reported from a Committee of the whole House the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—

1. That upon the issue of every permit by the Chief Commissioner of Police permitting a motor car—

- (a) which is owned by a person resident in another State ;
- (b) which is temporarily in Victoria ;
- (c) which is registered in such other State ;
- (d) on which the number allotted to the motor car in such other State is exhibited ; and
- (e) used in Victoria for carrying passengers for hire or goods for hire or in the course of trade—

to proceed in Victoria for a distance of not more than twenty miles from the point on the boundary of Victoria at which such motor car entered Victoria, there shall be chargeable a fee at the rate of One shilling and eightpence for every month or part thereof of the period for which the permit is issued.

2. That upon the issue of a special permit by the Chief Commissioner of Police, with the approval of the Minister, for any motor car carrying goods for hire or in the course of trade—

- (a) which is owned by a person resident in another State ;
- (b) which is temporarily in Victoria ;
- (c) which is registered in such other State ; and
- (d) on which the number allotted to the motor car in such other State is exhibited—

to proceed in Victoria for a distance of more than twenty miles for a specified purpose and to remain in Victoria for a period of not more than fourteen days, there shall be chargeable a fee of One pound.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

16. MALVERN LOANS BILL.—Order for second reading read ; Bill ruled a Private Bill.  
Motion made, by leave, and question—That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill (*Mr. Webber*)—put and agreed to.  
Bill read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

17. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. —Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—  
 Fisheries Bill.  
 Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board Bill.  
 Instruments Bill.  
 Federal Aid Roads Bill.
18. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the amendment made by the Assembly in clause 7 of the Stock Foods Bill, but insisting on their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly.  
 Ordered—That the said Message be taken into consideration this day.
19. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Closer Settlement (Financial) Bill and, on the consideration of the question that the Bill be read a third time, suggesting amendments.  
 Ordered—That the said suggested amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.
20. INCOME TAX ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Slater, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Tunnecliffe, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Income Tax Acts* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
21. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (FINANCIAL) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council in this Bill on the consideration of the question that the Bill be read a third time having been read, the said suggested amendments are as follow :—
1. Clause 2, line 17, omit “ nine hundred and fifty thousand ” and insert “ eight hundred thousand.”
  2. Clause 3, lines 5–6, omit “ nine hundred and twenty-five thousand ” and insert “ eight hundred and seventy-five thousand.”
- And, after debate—  
 Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—put and agreed to.  
 Ordered—That the further consideration of the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council in this Bill be adjourned until this day.
22. HEALTH BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to ; read the third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
23. MOTOR CAR BILL (No. 2).—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to ; read the third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
24. STAMPS (BETTING TAX) BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
 Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Linton*)—put and agreed to.  
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.
25. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the communication from the Clerk of the Parliaments calling attention to certain clerical errors in the Unemployment Relief Amendment Bill (No. 4) and acquainting the Assembly that they have concurred in the correction of the said errors by the insertion of the word “ to ” after the word “ referred ” in clause 5, page 7, line 7, and by the insertion of the word “ eighteen ” instead of the word “ seventeen ” in clause 16, page 11, line 3.
26. POLICE OFFENCES (SPORTS GROUNDS) BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.  
 Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Lieut.-Col. Knox*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton	Mr. Bailey	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Luxton	Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Reid
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Manifold	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Moncur	Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Pennington	Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Wattenhall	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Webber
Mr. Downward		Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Dunstan		Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Keane	Mr. Cremean
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Maltby		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day month.

## 27. DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT BILL (No. 2).—Further considered in Committee.

And having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

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Bill reported without amendment.

Motion made and question—That this Bill be now read a third time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Linton
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Reid	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell	Mr. Bennett	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Slater	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly	Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Coyle	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Diffey	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber	Mr. Downward	
Mr. Hjorth		Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. Jackson		Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Hyland	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Keane	Mr. Cremean	Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Maltby
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read the third time.

Motion made and question proposed—That the following amendment be made in this Bill :—

Clause 2, page 3, line 25, after the word "Agreement" insert the words—"and that the Parliament of the Commonwealth has by Act of such Parliament provided in respect of an existing security which has not been converted into a new security in accordance with the provisions of the Commonwealth Act known as the *Commonwealth Debt Conversion Act* 1931 for payment to the holder of such security within a period of not more than six months from the date of its maturity—

- (a) of the whole of the amount secured by such security, where the amount so secured does not exceed One thousand pounds; or
- (b) of One thousand pounds, where the amount secured by such security exceeds One thousand pounds."

—(*Mr. Blackburn*).

Question—That the words and figures proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.		Noes, 40.	
Mr. Cain		Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Drakeford		Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Jackson		Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. McAdam		Mr. Bailey	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Reid		Mr. Bennett	Mr. Manifold
		Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. McKenzie
		Mr. Cleary	Mr. Menzies
<i>Tellers.</i>		Mr. Coyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Blackburn		Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Cook		Mr. Downward	Mr. Pollard
		Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Satchell
		Mr. Everard	Mr. Slater
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
		Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe
		Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace
		Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber
		Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wettenhall
		Mr. Hyland	
		Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Keane	Mr. Cremean
		Mr. Linton	Mr. Lemmon

And so it passed in the negative.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

## 28. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—

- Licensing (Fees) Bill.  
Mildura Irrigation and Water Trusts Bill.

## 29. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 9 inclusive be postponed until after No. 10.

30. APPROPRIATION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a third time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).

Amendment proposed—That all the words after “That” be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words and figures “this House is of opinion that the Government, in place of the Appropriation Bill, should introduce a Supply Bill providing for Supply sufficient to cover its obligations up to the 12th day of February, 1932, with a view to the House being summoned not later than that day for the purpose of considering the urgent problems of finance, unemployment, railways, land settlement, and the many other important problems confronting the House” (*Sir Stanley Argyle*)—and, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	Mr. Cremean
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 23.

Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Menzies
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Diffev	
Mr. Downward	
Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hyland	
Mr. Linton	Lieut.-Col. Knox
Mr. Luxton	Mr. Maltby

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this Bill be now read a third time—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	Mr. Cremean
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 23.

Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Menzies
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Diffev	
Mr. Downward	
Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hyland	
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Linton	Mr. Maltby

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

31. DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The following Orders of the Day, Government Business, were read and discharged :—

*Motor Car (Third Party Insurance) Bill—Second reading.*

*Ministry of Transport Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*

*Boy Scouts' Association Bill—Second reading.*

*Milk Board Bill—Second reading.*

*Medical Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.*

*Profiteering Prevention Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.*

*Yallourn Brown Coal Mine Railway Deviation—Resumption of debate on the question—That the construction of a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge deviation of the existing railway between Moe and Morwell, via Yallourn, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.*

*Marketing of Primary Products Bill—Second reading.*

*Gas Regulation Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.*

*Unemployed Workers Insurance Bill—Second reading.*

*Judgments (Reciprocity) Bill—Second reading.*

*Factories and Shops Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.*

Ordered—That the said Bills be withdrawn.

32. ORDER OF THE HOUSE RESCINDED.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the Order of the House making the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the Police Offences (Sports Grounds) Bill an Order of the Day for this day month be read and rescinded, and that it be made an Order of the Day for this day (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.

33. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 9 inclusive and 23 and 24 and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until this day.

Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until this day :—

*Firearms Bill—Second reading.*

*Stock Foods Bill—Message from the Legislative Council—To be considered.*

*Closer Settlement (Financial) Bill—Amendments suggested by the Legislative Council—To be further considered.*

*Income Tax Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.*

*Stamps (Betting Tax) Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.*

34. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House at its rising adjourn until this day, at half-past One o'clock (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

And then the House, at thirty-nine minutes past Two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

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## No. 97.

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WEDNESDAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 1931.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Cemeteries Bill with amendments. And the said amendments are as follow :—
  1. Clause 3, omit this clause.
  2. Clause 4, omit this clause.
  3. Clause 5, omit this clause.
  4. Clause 6, omit this clause.
  5. Clause 7, omit this clause.
  6. Clause 8, omit this clause.

And the said amendments were read a second time.  
On the motion of Mr. Pollard and after debate—  
Amendments Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive agreed to.  
Amendment No. 4 disagreed with.  
Amendments Nos. 5 and 6 agreed to.  
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.
3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Murphy, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Committee of Public Accounts (Lands Department and Closer Settlement Board); with Appendices and Minutes of Evidence.  
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
5. POLICE OFFENCES (SPORTS GROUNDS) BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—  
That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.  
Question—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Manifold
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Cain	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Downward	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Everard	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Webber
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Cremean
Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 11.

Mr. Allnutt	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. Hyland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Lieut.-Col. Knox	
Mr. Linton	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Luxton	Mr. Menzies

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to ; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 3 be postponed until after No. 4.

7. FIREARMS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed.

Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.

8. FIREARMS FEES.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain fees under the Firearms Bill (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Frost reported from a Committee of the whole House the following resolution :—

*Resolved—*

- A. That for every gun dealer's licence or renewal thereof the applicant shall pay such fee as is prescribed, not being more than 10s. if such licence is for the full period of twelve months.
- B. That for every pistol certificate the applicant shall with his application pay such fee as is prescribed, not being more than 5s.
- C. That for every pistol permit or renewal thereof the applicant shall with his application pay such fee as is prescribed, not being more than 5s.
- D. That on every application for the registration of a pistol or for the renewal of such registration the applicant shall with his application pay such fee as is prescribed, not being more than—
  - (i) in the case of an application for registration—10s. ; or
  - (ii) in the case of an application for renewal of registration—5s.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

9. FIREARMS BILL.—Considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to ; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Malvern Loans Bill without amendment.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 3.

12. INCOME TAX ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to.

Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a third time (*Mr. Slater*)—and after debate—

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Solly*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 5 be postponed until after No. 6.

14. CLOSER SETTLEMENT (FINANCIAL) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of amendments suggested by the Legislative Council in this Bill on the consideration of the question that the Bill be read a third time having been read, the said suggested amendments are as follow :—

1. Clause 2, line 17, omit “ nine hundred and fifty thousand ” and insert “ eight hundred thousand.”
2. Clause 3, lines 5–6, omit “ nine hundred and twenty-five thousand ” and insert “ eight hundred and seventy-five thousand.”

On the motion of Mr. Bailey and after debate—

Suggested amendment No. 1 made with the following modification :—

After “ eight hundred ” insert “ and seventy-five.”

Suggested amendment No. 2 made with the following modification :—

Omit “ eight hundred and seventy-five ” and insert “ nine hundred.”

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 5.

16. STOCK FOODS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the amendment made by the Assembly in clause 7 of this Bill but insisting on their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly having been read the said amendments are as follow :—

## Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

## How dealt with.

4. Clause 3, sub-clause (1), paragraph (d), omit this paragraph.
5. Clause 3, page 3, lines 17–18, omit “ and the respective forms in which they occur ”.
8. Clause 4, omit this clause.
9. Clause 6, line 1, omit “ vendor ” and insert “ manufacturer or importer ”.
11. Clause 7, lines 35–6, omit “ and (d) such other particulars as are prescribed ”.
15. Clause 15, paragraph (e), omit this paragraph.
17. Clause 17, paragraph (a), insert the following new sub-paragraph to follow sub-paragraph (iii) :—  
“ ( ) prescribing the method of collecting samples of bran and pollard from flour mills for the purposes of the Stock Foods Acts ”.

19. Insert the following new clause to follow clause 10 :—

A. (1) For sub-section (3) of section ten of the Principal Act there shall be substituted the following sub-section :—

“ (3) The respective standards for bran and pollard shall be prescribed in each year in accordance with the chemical and physical analyses carried out by the chemist of the Department of Agriculture upon samples collected as prescribed from flour mills in various parts of Victoria and which in the opinion of the said chemist represent a fair average quality of bran and pollard for that year and such standards shall be published in the *Government Gazette* not later than the last day of February in that year and shall continue in force until the next following publication of standards for bran and pollard ”.

(2) In sub-section (2) of section ten of the Principal Act the words “ in the Second Schedule to this Act ” are hereby repealed.

(3) The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is hereby repealed.

Disagreed with by Assembly.—  
Insisted on by Council.

Motion made and question—That this House do insist on disagreeing with the amendments made and insisted on by the Legislative Council (*Mr. Pollard*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cain	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Hayes
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Lemmon

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Moncur
Brigadier Bourchier	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Diffey	
Mr. Dunstan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Linton	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Luxton

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

17. LICENSING FEES.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain licence-fees (*Mr. Cain*)—put and agreed to.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Murphy reported from a Committee of the whole House the following resolution :—

*Resolved—*

(1) Notwithstanding anything in the Licensing Acts where any certificate is issued by a licensing court at an annual sitting of the court authorizing the issue or renewal of a licence the payment of the sum (including the added annual value, if any) set out in such certificate may, if the person named in the certificate so elects, be made to the Treasurer or receiver of revenue in as nearly as may be two equal amounts but so that the second of such amounts does not include any fraction of a pound.

(2) At the same time as the first of such amounts is paid there shall in addition be paid an amount equal to five per centum of the second of such amounts.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Cain and Mr. Bailey do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

18. LICENSING (HALF-YEARLY PAYMENTS) BILL.—Mr. Cain then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to make Provision with respect to certain Payments under the Licensing Acts* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired, therein.

19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 7.

20. HAWTHORN BRIDGE BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Hayes*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.

21. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—COMPANIES BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Slater, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 55.*

Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of The Constitution Act the Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly for their consideration the following amendment which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Companies Act 1928 ’* ” :—

Clause 7, page 8, after “ at the time of the passing of ” omit “ this Act ” and insert “ the *Companies Act 1931.* ”

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1931.

On the motion of Mr. Slater the House agreed to the said amendment, and ordered that His Excellency’s Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment, and requesting their concurrence therein.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Cultivation Advances Bill without amendment.

23. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Income Tax Bill and, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, suggesting an amendment.

And the said suggested amendment is as follows :—

Clause 3, at the end of the clause insert—

“ Provided that in respect of any income tax payable under the said Income Tax Acts and remaining unpaid the Income Tax Acts shall be read and construed as if in paragraph (d) of section seventy-one of the *Income Tax Act 1928* for the words ‘ Ten pounds per centum ’ there were substituted the words ‘ Eight pounds per centum ’ ”.

Motion made and question—That this House do make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council in this Bill (*Mr. Slater*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

24. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 8.

25. MOTOR FREIGHT VEHICLES BILL—SECOND READING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of this Order of the Day be postponed until this day.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

THURSDAY, 24TH DECEMBER, 1931.

26. INCOME TAX ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a third time; Bill read the third time.

Mr. Slater offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill:—

*Insert the following new clause to follow clause 9:—*

AA. (1) The Commissioner may, subject to this section, cause to be made all such alterations in or additions to any assessment as he thinks necessary in order to insure its completeness and accuracy, notwithstanding that income tax may have been paid in respect of income included in the assessment:

Provided that every alteration or addition which has the effect of imposing any fresh liability, or increasing any existing liability, shall be notified to the taxpayer affected, and, unless made with his consent, shall be subject to objection.

(2) An alteration in or addition to an assessment may be made under this section—

(a) where the Commissioner is of opinion that there has been an avoidance of tax and that the avoidance is due to fraud or evasion—at any time;

(b) where the Commissioner is of opinion that there has been an avoidance of tax in the assessment owing to the failure or omission of the taxpayer to keep books, accounts, or records from which the income of the taxpayer might reasonably be ascertained, and that the avoidance is not due to fraud or evasion—within six years from the date when the tax payable on the assessment was originally due and payable; and

(c) in any other case—within three years from the date when that tax was originally due and payable.

(3) No taxpayer shall as an agent or trustee be liable under this section to pay any amount in excess of the assets in his control or possession belonging to the estate for which he is agent or trustee and for which tax is payable.

(4) When any alteration in an assessment has the effect of reducing the taxpayer's liability the Commissioner shall upon application being made to him issue to the taxpayer a certificate stating that the amount (if any) overpaid is to be refunded to the taxpayer:

Provided that where the alteration in the assessment is due to an application by the taxpayer no refund shall be given if the application has not been made within three years after the tax was originally due and payable.

(5) In section sixty-two of the Principal Act for the words "If at any time" there shall be substituted the words "Subject to the Income Tax Acts if".

(6) Section ninety-one and sub-sections (1) and (2) of section ninety-two of the Principal Act are hereby repealed.

And the said new clause was read a second and third time and added to the Bill.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

27. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Land Tax Bill and, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, suggesting an amendment.

And the said suggested amendment is as follows:—

Clause 2, sub-clause (1), at the end of the sub-clause insert—

"Provided further that in respect of any such tax or super-tax remaining unpaid sub-section (1) of section fifty-five of the *Land Tax Act 1928* shall be read and construed as if after the words 'eight per centum' there were inserted the words 'per annum from the due date to the date of payment.'"

On the motion of Mr. Slater—Suggested amendment made with the following modification:—

After "payment" add the following words:—"and as if at the end of the said sub-section there were inserted the words 'Provided that any additional tax so added shall not be less than One shilling.'"

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

28. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Administration and Probate Duties Bill and, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, suggesting an amendment.

And the said suggested amendment is as follows:—Clause 3, omit this clause.

Motion made and question—That this House do not make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council in this Bill (*Mr. Slater*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Hjorth	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Bailey
Mr. Pollard	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 12.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Allnut	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Angus	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Kent Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Linton	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Manifold

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Suggested amendment not made.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

29. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Insisting on their amendment in the Cemeteries Bill to omit clause 6, disagreed with by the Assembly.

Motion made and question—That this House do not insist on disagreeing with the amendment made and insisted on by the Legislative Council (*Mr. Pollard*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them accordingly.

30. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Companies Bill.

31. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Police Offences (Sports Grounds) Bill with an amendment.

And the said amendment is as follows :—Clause 3, omit this clause.

And the said amendment was, after debate, read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment.

32. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Stamps Bill and, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, suggesting amendments.

And the said suggested amendments are as follow :—

1. Clause 2, page 2, omit “ 1935 ” (where secondly occurring) and insert “ 1932.”
2. Clause 3, omit this clause.

Motion made and question—That this House do make the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council in this Bill (*Mr. Slater*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

33. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Appropriation Bill and, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, suggesting amendments.

And the said suggested amendments are as follow :—

1. In the Second Schedule, Part I., page 12, Division No. 41, Item No. 9, after “ on ” insert “ interest and other payments in.”
2. In the Second Schedule, Part II., Division No. 25, page 42, after “ Subdivision No. 7 ” insert “ Miscellaneous.”
3. In the Second Schedule, Part II., page 57, Division No. 41, Item No. 8, after “ on ” insert “ interest and other payments in.”

Motion made and question—That this Bill be now laid aside (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Ordered—That the said Bill be laid aside.

34. WAYS AND MEANS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the resolution which, on the 18th December instant, was reported from the Committee of Ways and Means and agreed to by the Legislative Assembly, granting to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1932, the sum of £7,421,610 out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria, be now read (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.

And the said resolution was read by the Clerk as follows :—

*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1932, the sum of £7,421,610 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

Motion made and question—That he have leave, with *Mr. Slater*, to bring in a Bill to apply out of the consolidated revenue the sum of £3,921,928 to the service of the year 1931–32 (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.

35. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 8).—*Mr. Tunnecliffe* then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the Sum of Three million nine hundred and twenty-one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

36. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Returning the Administration and Probate Duties Bill and, on the consideration of the question that the Bill be read a third time, suggesting an amendment.

And the said suggested amendment is as follows :—Clause 3, omit this clause.

Motion made and question—That this House do make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council in this Bill (*Mr. Slater*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

## 37. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—

Agreeing to the Closer Settlement (Financial) Bill, including the amendments suggested by the Council as modified and made by the Assembly, without amendment.

Agreeing to the amendments made by the Assembly in the Health Bill.

Agreeing to the Income Tax Bill, including the amendment made by the Assembly which was suggested by the Council, without amendment.

Agreeing to the Land Tax Bill, including the amendment suggested by the Council as modified and made by the Assembly, without amendment.

Agreeing to the Stamps Bill, including the amendments made by the Assembly which were suggested by the Council, without amendment.

Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—

Debt Conversion Agreement Bill (No. 2).

Licensing (Half-yearly Payments) Bill.

Income Tax Acts Amendment Bill.

Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 8).

Agreeing to the Administration and Probate Duties Bill, including the amendment made by the Assembly which was suggested by the Council, without amendment.

38. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 20th January next (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.

Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past Five o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Wednesday, 20th January next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

A. J. PEACOCK,  
*Speaker.*

## SESSION 1931.

## MESSAGES RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

## ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS.

The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were received after the adjournment of the House on the 24th December, 1931 :—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 56.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

- “ *An Act to reduce temporarily the Rate of Interest payable by certain Owners in accordance with Section Five hundred and eighty-two of the ‘ Local Government Act 1928.’* ”
- “ *An Act to provide for the Revocation of the Permanent Reservation of Portions of certain Land in the Parish of Wareek permanently reserved for Public Purposes and for dealing with the said Portions of the said Land in accordance with Section One hundred and seventy-two of the ‘ Land Act 1928.’* ”
- “ *An Act to reduce temporarily the Rate of Interest payable by certain Owners in accordance with Section Ninety-one of the ‘ Sewerage Districts Act 1928.’* ”
- “ *An Act to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes.* ”
- “ *An Act relating to the Vacuum Oil Company Proprietary Limited.* ”
- “ *An Act to provide for the Reduction for a certain Period of the Rent payable in respect of certain Leases, and for other purposes.* ”
- “ *An Act to authorize the City of Caulfield to expend the Balances of certain Moneys for purposes other than the purposes for which the said Moneys were borrowed by the said City.* ”
- “ *An Act to amend Section Six of the ‘ Dried Fruits Act 1928 ’ and for other purposes.* ”
- “ *An Act to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria.* ”
- “ *An Act relating to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board.* ”

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 24th December, 1931.

W. H. IRVINE,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.*

*Message No. 57.*

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Acts of the present Session presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

- “ *An Act to authorize the City of South Melbourne to expend the Balance of certain Moneys for purposes other than the purposes for which the said Moneys were borrowed by the said City.* ”
- “ *An Act to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways and for other purposes.* ”
- “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Fisheries Act 1928.’* ”
- “ *An Act to amend Part VII. of the ‘ Instruments Act 1928.’* ”
- “ *An Act to approve adopt authorize and ratify an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria relating to the varying of the Agreement set out in the Schedule to the ‘ Federal Aid Roads Act 1926 ’ and approved adopted authorized and ratified by that Act.* ”
- “ *An Act to amend and continue the Unemployment Relief Acts and to continue the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts and to make provision with respect to Collections for Unemployment.* ”
- “ *An Act to amend Sections Nineteen and Thirty-nine of the ‘ Licensing Act 1928.’* ”
- “ *An Act to relieve the First Mildura Irrigation Trust of Part of its Indebtedness for Moneys borrowed from the State for Water Supply and for other purposes.* ”
- “ *An Act to authorize the City of Malvern to expend the Balances of certain Moneys for purposes other than the purposes for which the said Moneys were borrowed by the said City.* ”

- “ An Act to enable Advances to be made on certain Terms to Cultivators of Land and for other purposes.”*
- “ An Act to amend the ‘ Companies Act 1928.’ ”*
- “ An Act to amend the Law relating to Cemeteries.”*
- “ An Act relating to Betting by way of Wagering on certain Sports Grounds.”*
- “ An Act to further amend Section Nineteen and Section One hundred and ninety-seven of the “ Closer Settlement Act 1928.” ”*
- “ An Act to approve an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia of the First Part and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania of the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Parts respectively relating to the Compulsory Conversion of the Internal Debts of the Commonwealth and the States in certain cases and to refer to the Parliament of the Commonwealth a certain Matter in connexion with the Compulsory Conversion of such Debts, and for other purposes.”*
- “ An Act to amend the ‘ Health Act 1928.’ ”*
- “ An Act to make provision with respect to certain Payments under the Licensing Acts.”*
- “ An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two and to continue the Income Tax Acts.”*
- “ An Act to declare the Rate of Land Tax for the year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.”*
- “ An Act to amend the Law relating to Stamps and Stamp Duties.”*
- “ An Act to amend the Income Tax Acts.”*
- “ An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three million nine hundred and twenty-one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.”*
- “ An Act to continue Part III. of the ‘ Finance Act 1930 ’ and to increase the Duties payable under Part VI. of the ‘ Administration and Probate Act 1928 ’ and under the ‘ Administration and Probate Duties Act 1929 ’ and under the said Part III.”*

Government Cottage,  
Upper Macedon, 30th December, 1931.

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PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

**W**HEREAS The Parliament of Victoria stands adjourned until Wednesday, the twentieth day of January, 1932 :  
Now I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria, in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Tuesday, the first day of March, 1932.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this nineteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, and in the twenty-second year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

(L.S.)

W. H. IRVINE.

By His Excellency's Command,

T. TUNNECLIFFE.

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# SELECT COMMITTEES.

SESSION 1931.

## 1.—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT).

(Appointed 18th December, 1929.)

Mr. Cook,  
Mr. Dunstan,

Mr. Hayes,  
Mr. Lind.

## 2.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

(Appointed by Mr. Speaker's Warrant, 12th May, 1931.)

Mr. Allnutt  
Mr. Angus,  
Brigadier Bouchier,  
Mr. Holland,

Mr. McKenzie,  
Mr. Menzies,  
Mr. Wallace.

## 3.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

(Appointed 13th May, 1931.)

Mr. Bond,  
Mr. Everard,  
Mr. Glowrey,  
Mr. Holland,

Mr. Mackrell,  
Mr. McDonald,  
Mr. Murphy.

## 4.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

(Appointed 20th May, 1931.)

Mr. Speaker,  
Sir Stanley Argyle,  
Mr. Holland,

Mr. Moncur,  
Mr. Slater.

## 5.—STANDING ORDERS.

(Appointed 20th May, 1931.)

Mr. Speaker,  
Mr. Allan,  
Mr. Angus,  
Sir Stanley Argyle,  
Mr. Blackburn,  
Mr. Cain,

Mr. Hogan,  
Mr. Jackson,  
Mr. Linton,  
Mr. Old,  
Mr. Prendergast,  
Mr. Tunnecliffe.

## 6.—PRINTING.

(Appointed 20th May, 1931.)

Mr. Speaker,  
Mr. Beardmore,  
Brigadier Bouchier,  
Mr. Cremean,  
Mr. Frost,  
Mr. Jackson,

Mr. Kent Hughes,  
Lieut.-Col. Knox,  
Mr. Linton,  
Mr. McKenzie,  
Mr. Murphy.

## 7.—STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).

(Appointed 20th May, 1931.)

Mr. Blackburn,  
Mr. Macfarlan,  
Mr. Menzies,

Mr. Prendergast,  
Mr. Slater,  
Mr. Wettenhall.

## 8.—HOUSE (JOINT).

(Appointed 20th May, 1931.)

Mr. Speaker,  
Mr. Allan,  
Sir Stanley Argyle,

Mr. Cleary,  
Mr. Jackson,  
Mr. Jewell.

## 9.—VACUUM OIL COMPANY BILL.

(Appointed 11th November, 1931.)

Sir Stanley Argyle,  
Mr. Bailey,  
Mr. Burnett Gray,  
Mr. Holland,

Mr. Hyland,  
Mr. Luxton,  
Mr. Murphy,  
Mr. Wettenhall.

## 10.—UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF (JOINT).

(Appointed 8th December, 1931.)

Mr. Allan,  
Sir Stanley Argyle,  
Mr. Bailey,  
Mr. Cain,  
Mr. Dunstan,

Lieut.-Col. Knox,  
Mr. Lemmon,  
Mr. Macfarlan,  
Mr. Slater,  
Mr. Tunnecliffe.

VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1931.

No. 1.

## DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 28TH MAY, 1931.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH MAY, 1931.

No. 1.—*Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Bill*—Clause 5.

The provisions of this Part shall not apply to any dwelling the tenant or mortgagor of which is a farmer entitled under the provisions of Part II. to apply for a protection certificate under that Part.—(*Mr. Slater.*)

Amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the clause:—“or to any person who is out of employment by reason of the fact that he is participating in any strike.”—(*Mr. Macfarlan.*)

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

Committee divided.

(CHAIRMAN—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Hyland
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Lind
Mr. Angus	Mr. Linton
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Macfarlan
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Cleary	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Old
Mr. Downward	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Glowrey	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burnett Gray	Lieut.-Col. Knox
Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Maltby

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Bond	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cain	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Slater
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Webber
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Keane	Mr. Pollard
Mr. McKenzie	

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1931.

No. 2.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 4TH JUNE, 1931.

TUESDAY, 2ND JUNE, 1931.

No. 1.—Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Bill—Clause 26.

(1) On the publication in the Government Gazette of notification of the issue of any protection certificate and so long as the certificate remains in force—

- (a) the property of the farmer shall be under the control of the board ;
(b) the board may direct the farmer named in the certificate to deal with all or any part of his property in such manner as the board may in its discretion deem expedient ; and
(c) every such direction shall be in writing and the farmer shall comply with every such direction.

(2) If any farmer to whom a protection certificate has been issued disposes of any of his property while the protection certificate is in force without the consent in writing of the board he shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and be liable to a penalty of not more than One hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term of not more than four years or to both such penalty and imprisonment.

—(Mr. Slater.)

Question—That clause 26 stand part of the Bill—put.
Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 23.

- Mr. Bailey
Mr. Blackburn
Mr. Cain
Mr. Cremean
Mr. Drakeford
Mr. Frost
Mr. Glowrey
Mr. Burnett Gray
Mr. Hayes
Mr. Hogan
Mr. Holland
Mr. Jackson
Mr. Jewell
Mr. McAdam
Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Murphy
Mr. Reid
Mr. Satchell
Mr. Slater
Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Webber

Tellers.

- Mr. Bond
Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 25.

- Mr. Allnutt
Mr. Angus
Sir Stanley Argyle
Mr. Cleary
Mr. Coyle
Mr. Downward
Mr. Dunstan
Mr. Everard
Mr. J. A. Gray
Mr. Hyland
Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Lind
Mr. Linton
Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Manifold
Mr. McDonald
Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Moncur
Mr. Old
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Wettenhall

Tellers.

- Lieut.-Col. Knox
Mr. Maltby

And so it passed in the negative.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1931.

No. 3.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 11TH JUNE, 1931.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JUNE, 1931.

No. 1.—*Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Bill*—Clause 29 as amended.

(1) In any case where a protection certificate under this Part has been issued to a farmer and so long as the certificate remains in force all moneys (*other than advances granted with the consent of the board in accordance with this Part*) payable by any person to the farmer shall be paid to the board which shall have full control over the farmer's income and may from time to time give such directions as it thinks fit as to the apportionment of such income.

(2) In giving any such directions the board shall so far as practicable make such provision as will secure—

(a) the allowance to the farmer of an amount which in the opinion of the board is a living allowance for the farmer his wife and his children under the age of sixteen years (if any) if he continues his operations as a farmer on the land forming or included in the property ;

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—(Mr. Slater.)

Amendment proposed—That the following new paragraph be inserted to precede paragraph (a) of subsection (2) :—

“( ) the reduction in the discretion of the board of the amount of the arrears of payment due by the farmer to storekeepers at the date of the issue of the protection certificate.”—(Mr. Manifold.)

Further amendment proposed—That all the words in the proposed new paragraph after the word “ amount ” be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “ due by the farmer for his living requirements purchased after the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.”—(Mr. Glowrey.)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed new paragraph—put. Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McLachlan
Colonel Bourchier	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Diffey	
Mr. Downward	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. Everard	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Menzies

Noes, 16.

Mr. Cain	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cook	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Webber
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	
Mr. McKenzie	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy	
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Satchell	Mr. Reid

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 11TH JUNE, 1931.

No. 2—

Question—That the new paragraph proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Luxton
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Burnett Gray	
Mr. J. A. Gray	
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Linton	Mr. Maltby

*Tellers.*

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Cain	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Slater
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Keane	Mr. Reid

*Tellers.*

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1931.

No. 4.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 18TH JUNE, 1931.

TUESDAY, 16TH JUNE, 1931.

No. 1.—*Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Bill*—Clause 3.

In this Part unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter—

“Dwelling” means a dwelling-house, and includes a residential “flat.”

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—(*Mr. Slater.*)Amendment proposed—That after the word “flat,” in line 2, the words “and a room” be inserted.  
(*Mr. Hayes.*)Question That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
Committee divided.

(Chairman—Mr. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Reid
Mr. Creamean	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	Mr. Bond
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Pollard

Noes, 39.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McLachlan
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Downward	Mr. Slater
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Everard	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Webber
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. J. A. Gray	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hyland	
Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Lemmon
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Maltby

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JUNE, 1931.

No. 2.—*Unemployed Occupiers and Farmers Relief Bill*—Clause 6 on recommitment.

(1) The court upon the application of—

(a) any "tenant" occupying a dwelling at a rent not exceeding the rate of "One hundred and four" pounds per annum; or

(b) any mortgagor occupying a dwelling—

may make a protection order in respect of the dwelling occupied by such tenant or mortgagor.

\* \* \* \* \*  
—(*Mr. Slater.*)Amendment proposed—That after the word "tenant," in line 1 of paragraph (a) of sub-section (1), the words "(other than a tenant of a religious body or charitable institution)" be inserted.—  
(*Mr. Macfarlan.*)Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
Committee divided.(Chairman—*MR. BROWNBILL.*)

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Linton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Luxton
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bond	Mr. Manifold
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cain	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Cleary	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Old
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Downward	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Slater
Mr. Everard	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Frost	Mr. Webber
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Burnett Gray	
Mr. J. A. Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Lemmon
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Maltby

Noes, 16.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Solly
Mr. Holland	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Hayes
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Reid

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 3—

Further amendment proposed—That the words "One hundred and four," in lines 1 and 2 of paragraph (a) of sub-section (1), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word "Fifty-two."—(*Mr. Coyle.*)Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.  
Committee divided.(Chairman—*MR. BROWNBILL.*)

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bond	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Reid
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Solly
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Hjorth	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Holland	Mr. Tunnecliffe

Noes, 28.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Cleary	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Coyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Downward	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. J. A. Gray	
Mr. Hyland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Lind	Mr. Maitby

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 4—

And the proposed further amendment to insert the word " Fifty-two " in place of the words " One hundred and four " omitted having been withdrawn—

Further amendment proposed—That the word " Seventy-eight " be inserted in place of the words " One hundred and four " omitted.—(*Mr. Coyle.*)

Question—That the word proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted—put. Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton
Mr. Alnutt	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold
Colonel Bourchier	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cleary	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Downward	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Hyland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Lind	Mr. Maltby

Noes, 21.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Cain	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Webber
Mr. Burnett Gray	
Mr. Hayes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Pollard

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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SESSION 1931.

No. 5.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 25TH JUNE, 1931.

TUESDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1931.

No. 1.—*Stock Foods Bill*—Clause 3.

(1) Every manufacturer or importer of any mixed concentrated or prepared stock food or any by-product shall within thirty days after the commencement of this Act or within thirty days after the date of his commencing in business or trade as a manufacturer or importer of such stock food or by-product (whichever is the later date) and thereafter in each year on or before the last day of February in that year make to the Director of Agriculture an application for registration of such stock food or by-product in writing in the prescribed form setting out—

\* \* \* \* \*

“(f) (i) in the case where such stock food or by-product is manufactured in Victoria the current retail price per pound bushel or hundredweight thereof free on rails at the railway station nearest the place of manufacture ; and

(ii) in the case where such stock food or by-product is imported into Victoria the current retail price per pound bushel or hundredweight thereof free on rails at Melbourne.”

—(Mr. Pollard.)

\* \* \* \* \*

Amendment proposed—That paragraph (f) of sub-section (1) be omitted.—(Mr. Pennington.)

Question—That paragraph (f) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 27.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Bailey  
Mr. Blackburn  
Mr. Bond  
Mr. Cain  
Mr. Cook  
Mr. Cotter  
Mr. Cremean  
Mr. Drakeford  
Mr. Frost  
Mr. Glowrey  
Mr. Hayes  
Mr. Hogan  
Mr. Holland  
Mr. Jackson  
Mr. Jewell

Mr. Keane  
Mr. McAdam  
Mr. McKenzie  
Mr. Murphy  
Mr. Pollard  
Mr. Prendergast  
Mr. Satchell  
Mr. Slater  
Mr. Solly  
Mr. Webber

Tellers.

Mr. Lemmon  
Mr. Reid

Mr. Allan  
Mr. Allnutt  
Mr. Angus  
Sir Stanley Argyle  
Mr. Beardmore  
Mr. Bennett  
Colonel Bouchier  
Mr. Coyle  
Mr. Diffey  
Mr. Downward  
Mr. Dunstan  
Mr. Everard  
Mr. Burnett Gray  
Mr. J. A. Gray  
Mr. Hyland  
Mr. Lind

Mr. Linton  
Mr. Luxton  
Mr. Macfarlan  
Mr. Mackrell  
Mr. Manifold  
Mr. McDonald  
Mr. McLachlan  
Mr. Moncur  
Mr. Old  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Wettenhall

Tellers.

Mr. Maltby  
Mr. Menzies

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JUNE, 1931.

No. 2.—*Stock Foods Bill*—Clause 5.

(1) The chemist of the Department of Agriculture shall compile a complete list of all mixed concentrated or prepared stock foods and all by-products registered under this Act showing—

“ (a) the respective current retail prices of the same ; ”

(b) the respective distinguishing names of such stock foods and by-products ; and

(c) such other matters as are prescribed.

\* \* \* \* \*

—(Mr. Pollard.)

Amendment proposed—That paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) be omitted.—(Mr. Pennington.)

Question—That paragraph (a) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Cain
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Reid

Noes, 24.

Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Angus	Mr. Manifold
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Downward	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. J. A. Gray	
Lieut.-Col. Knox	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Linton	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Maltby

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3.—Clause 15.

Where an analysis of any sample or part of a sample of any stock food is made under the Stock Foods Acts there may be published in the newspaper known as *The Journal of the Department of Agriculture of Victoria, Australia*, or in such other manner as the Minister directs or as is prescribed—

\* \* \* \* \*

“ (e) any comments of the said chemist or his deputy on the result of the analysis.”

—(Mr. Pollard.)

Amendment proposed—That paragraph (e) be omitted.—(Mr. J. A. Gray.)

Question—That paragraph (e) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Cook	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Reid

Noes, 15.

Mr. Angus	Mr. McLachlan
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. J. A. Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Linton	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Maltby	

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1931.

No. 6.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 23RD JULY, 1931.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND JULY, 1931.

No. 1.—Financial Emergency Bill—Clause 7.

In this Part unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter—

“ Officer ” does not include—

The Governor ; “ or  
The Judges of the Supreme Court ” ; but—

(a) includes—

The President of the Legislative Council ;  
The Speaker ;  
The Responsible Ministers of the Crown ;

\* \* \* \* \*

—(Mr. Hogan.)

Amendment proposed—That the words “ or The Judges of the Supreme Court,” in lines 3-4, be omitted.

—(Mr. Slater.)

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

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 13.

Noes, 43.

Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. J. A. Gray	
Mr. Linton	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Manifold	
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Menzies	Mr. Maltby

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Alnut	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Cain	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Cook	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Downward	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Reid
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Solly
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Webber
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Hyland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Hjorth
Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon

And so it passed in the negative.

THURSDAY (MORNING), 23RD JULY, 1931.

No. 2.—Clause 11.

(1) For the period to which this Part applies—

- (a) section sixty of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928* shall be read and construed as if for the words “Two hundred pounds” there were substituted the words “One hundred and seventy-seven pounds”; and
- (b) section one hundred and forty-one of the said Act shall be read and construed as if for the words “Five hundred pounds” there were substituted the words “Three hundred and ninety-seven pounds.”

\* \* \* \* \*

—(Mr. Hogan.)

Amendment proposed—That paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the following new paragraph:—

“(b) section one hundred and forty-one of the said Act shall be read and construed as if for the words “Five hundred pounds per annum” there were substituted the words “Three hundred and ninety-seven pounds per annum in the case of those members representing electoral districts described as ‘Metropolitan’ in the Seventeenth Schedule to the said Act and Four hundred and forty-seven pounds per annum in the case of those members representing electoral districts described as ‘Urban’ or ‘Country’ in the said Schedule.”

—(Mr. Menzies.)

Question—That paragraph (b) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.  
Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 29.
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Allan
Mr. Cain	Mr. McLachlan	Sir Stanley Argyle
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Bennett
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Reid	Mr. Blackburn
Mr. Downward	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Colonel Bourchier
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Cleary
Mr. Burnett Gray		Mr. Cook
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Diffey
Mr. Jackson		Mr. Drakeford
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Dunstan
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Webber	Mr. Frost
		Mr. Glowrey
		Mr. J. A. Gray
		Mr. Hjorth
		Mr. Hyland
		Mr. Lind
		<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Kent Hughes
		Mr. Maltby

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3—

Question—That new paragraph (b) proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 19.
Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind	Mr. Bond
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Linton	Mr. Cain
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Coyle
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Cremean
Colonel Bourchier	Mr. Manifold	Mr. Downward
Mr. Cleary	Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Everard
Mr. Cook	Mr. Moncur	Mr. Burnett Gray
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Old	Mr. Hogan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Pennington	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Satchell	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater	Lieut.-Col. Knox
Mr. Glowrey		
Mr. J. A. Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. Hjorth		
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Maltby	
Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Menzies	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 23RD JULY, 1931.

No. 4.—*Financial Emergency Bill*—Clause 19 as amended.

(1) Any mortgagor, \* upon notice in the prescribed form, may apply to the court at any time within twelve months after the coming into operation of this Part for reduction of the rate of interest payable under his mortgage.

(2) A copy of every such notice shall be served as prescribed upon the mortgagee, who shall be given an opportunity to show cause why the application should not be granted.

“(3) Where it is not shown to the court that there are any special circumstances relating to the mortgage in respect of which the application is made, the court shall make an order for the reduction of the rate of interest payable under such mortgage at the rate of Four shillings and sixpence for every One pound of such interest calculated as provided by such mortgage. But no such order shall have the effect of reducing the rate of interest under the mortgage below Five pounds per centum per annum.”

\* \* \* \* \*

--(Mr. Slater.)

Amendment proposed—That sub-section (3) be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the following new sub-section :—

“(3) Where the mortgagor satisfies the court that by reason of any special circumstances relating to the mortgage in respect of which the application is made a reduction of the rate of interest payable under such mortgage would be just and equitable as between the parties to such mortgage, the court may make an order for the reduction of such rate of interest at a rate not exceeding Four shillings and sixpence for every One pound of such interest calculated as provided by such mortgage. But no such order shall have the effect of reducing the rate of interest under the mortgage below Five pounds per centum per annum.”—(Sir Stanley Argyle.)

Motion made and question put—That the question be now put.  
Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 24.

Noes, 16.

Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Bond	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Solly
Mr. Everard	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Lieut-Col. Knox	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Lind	Mr. Webber
Mr. Linton	
Mr. Macfarlan	
Mr. Maltby	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Manifold	
Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Pennington	Mr. Lemmon

Mr. Allan	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Cook	
Mr. Drakeford	
Mr. Dunstan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Glowrey	
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Cremean
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Old

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 5—

Question—That sub-section (3) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—accordingly put.  
Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 20.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Slater
Mr. Bond	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cook	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Webber
Mr. Glowrey	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	
Mr. Old	Mr. Cremean
Mr. Pollard	Mr. Lemmon

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Burnett Gray	
Mr. Hyland	
Lieut.-Col. Knox	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	
Mr. Linton	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Maltby

And the numbers being equal, the Chairman of Committees gave his casting vote with the “Ayes.”

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1931.

No. 7.

## DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 30TH JULY, 1931.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH JULY, 1931.

No. 1.—*Financial Emergency Bill—Clause 22 as amended.*

\* \* \* \* \*

(1) *In respect of the financial years ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two and the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three the "Licensing Act 1928" shall be read and construed and take effect as if for section three hundred and twelve of the said Act there were substituted the following section:—*

*"312. Where after paying or providing for the requirements of the last preceding section the moneys remaining in the Licensing Fund—*

*(a) on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two are greater than the moneys therein on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one; or*

*(b) on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three are greater than the moneys therein on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two—*

*the surplus shall be transferred to the consolidated revenue."*

(2) Without prejudice to any other method of citation, the *Licensing Act 1928* and any Acts amending the same and this section of this Act may be cited together as the *Licensing Acts*.

—(*Mr. Slater.*)

Question—That clause 22, as amended, stand part of the Bill put.

Committee divided.

(Chairman:—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Bond	Mr. Moncur
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Reid
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Downward	Mr. Slater
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Hyland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Cain
Mr. Lind	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 21.

Mr. Angus	Mr. Manifold
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Solly
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Kent Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Lieut.-Col. Knox	
Mr. Linton	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Pennington

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 8.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 6TH AUGUST, 1931.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 1931.

No. 1.—*Financial Emergency Bill*—Clause 6.

(1) In the *Special and Other Appropriations Reduction Act 1930* and in the *Public Service Payments Reduction Act 1930* for the words "thirtieth day of June" (wherever occurring) there shall be and, as on from and after the commencement of the said Acts respectively, be deemed to have been substituted the words "fourth day of July"; and the references in the Schedules to the said Acts to the "financial year 1930-31" shall be read and construed as if the said financial year began on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirty and ended on the fourth day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

\* \* \* \* \*

—(Mr. Slater.)

Amendment proposed—That after the word "June," in line 2, the words "One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one" be inserted.—(Mr. Burnett Gray.)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Cook	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Reid
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Frost
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Hjorth
Mr. Keane	

Noes, 40.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Angus	Mr. Manifold
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bond	Mr. Moncur
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Downward	Mr. Slater
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Webber
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Lind	
Mr. Linton	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Cain
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Lemmon

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2.—Clause 14 *as amended*.

Notwithstanding anything in any Act or any law to the contrary, on from and after the tenth day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two and until the seventh day of July One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, the rate of pension or superannuation or retiring allowance \* \* \* to which any person or his representatives is or are or becomes or become entitled and which is *or has been* computed under Act No. 160 (and whether pursuant to *section fifty-seven* or *section fifty-eight* of the *Superannuation Act 1928* or otherwise) and which is *paid out of the consolidated revenue or The Superannuation Fund* shall be and is hereby reduced as provided in the Second Schedule: Provided that no part of any such pension superannuation \* \* \* or retiring allowance with respect to which contributions under the Superannuation Acts have been made shall be reduced:

Provided further that the pension superannuation \* \* \* or retiring allowance to which any such person or his representatives is or are or becomes or become entitled and which is comprised in any group specified in the Second Schedule shall not for the purposes of this Part be reduced below the amount thereof that would be receivable by him or them if the same were comprised in the group next lower in amount and such person or his representatives were entitled to the maximum pension superannuation \* \* \* or retiring allowance specified in the Second Schedule in respect of that lower group but less the reduction applicable thereto.

—(Mr. Slater.)

Question—That clause 14, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.  
Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 38.		Noes, 14.	
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Maltby	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Angus	Mr. Manifold	Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Burnett Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Frost
Mr. Bond	Mr. Moncur	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Hjorth
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old	Mr. McAdam	
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pennington		
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Pollard		
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Satchell		
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Slater		
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Tunnecliffe		
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wallace		
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Webber		
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Wettenhall		
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Linton	Mr. Kent Hughes		
Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Lemmon		
Mr. Mackrell			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY (MORNING), 6TH AUGUST, 1931.

## No. 3.—New clause II.

(1) In this Part unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter—

- \* \* \* \* \*
- “Mortgage” means any deed memorandum of mortgage instrument or agreement whereby security for payment of money is granted over real or personal property or any interest therein; “and, without affecting the generality of this definition, includes a mortgage given as security for moneys granted by a bank on overdraft”; and also includes—
- (a) an agreement for sale and purchase of real or personal property under which interest is payable in respect of the whole or any portion of the purchase money;
- “ (b) a conveyance or transfer to a society registered under the *Building Societies Act 1928* which is subject to a deed of defeasance and any other form of mortgage or security given to such a society”; and
- (c) a hire purchase agreement relating to chattels.
- \* \* \* \* \*

—(Mr. Slater.)

Amendment proposed—That the words “and, without affecting the generality of this definition, includes a mortgage given as security for moneys granted by a bank on overdraft,” in lines 4 and 5, be omitted.—(Sir Stanley Argyle.)

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

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 38.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Angus	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Lind	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Coyle	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam	Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Bond	Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Linton	Mr. Maltby
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Moncur	Mr. Manifold	
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy		
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Old		
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard		
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Reid		
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Satchell		
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Slater		
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Tunnecliffe		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace		
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Webber		
Mr. Burnett Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Hjorth		
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Lemmon		
Mr. Jackson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 4—

Further amendment proposed—That paragraph (b) of the definition of “Mortgage” be omitted.—  
(*Sir Stanley Argyle.*)

Question—That paragraph (b) proposed to be omitted stand part of the new clause—put.

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 37.		Noes, 14.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Lind	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Coyle	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Everard	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McKenzie	Lieut.-Col. Knox	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bond	Mr. Moncur	Mr. Linton	Mr. Kent Hughes
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Cain	Mr. Old	Mr. Manifold	
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Pollard		
Mr. Cook	Mr. Reid		
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Satchell		
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Slater		
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Tunnecliffe		
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wallace		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Webber		
Mr. Glowrey	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Hjorth		
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Lemmon		
Mr. Hyland			
Mr. Jackson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1931.

No. 5.—*Financial Emergency Bill*—New Clause B.

(1) No scheme of rationing or part time employment shall be applied to any officer or person whose pay has been reduced pursuant to this Act.

(2) Subject to the following sub-section during the continuance of this Part every such officer or person shall be entitled to continue in the position in which he is employed at the commencement of this Part.

(3) Nothing in this section shall derogate from the right or power of any person or corporation to terminate compulsorily the employment of any such officer or person for misconduct or ill-health or physical or mental incapacity to perform his duty.

—(*Mr. Blackburn.*)

Question—That new clause B be now read a second time—put.

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 13.			Noes, 38.	
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Murphy		Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Reid		Mr. Angus	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Solly		Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Drakeford			Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Hjorth			Mr. Bennett	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>		Mr. Bond	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Frost		Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Keane	Mr. Hayes		Mr. Cain	Mr. Pennington
			Mr. Cleary	Mr. Pollard
			Mr. Coyle	Mr. Satchell
			Mr. Diffey	Mr. Slater
			Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
			Mr. Everard	Mr. Tunnecliffe
			Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Wallace
			Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Webber
			Mr. Jewell	Mr. Wettenhall
			Lieut.-Col. Knox	
			Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
			Mr. Linton	Mr. Kent Hughes
			Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Lemmon

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 6.—New clause F.

(1) Except as hereinafter provided every lease for any term of life lives and years shall be construed and take effect as if it were a term of the lease that on and from the coming into operation of this Part the rent payable under the lease should be reduced at the rate of Four shillings and sixpence for every pound of such rent.

(2) In any case where the lessor satisfies the court—

(a) that he has already reduced the rent payable under the lease ; or

(b) that there are good and sufficient reasons applying to the transaction for modifying the provisions of this section in relation thereto—

the court may make an order modifying or excluding the operation of the provisions of this section in relation to such lease.

—(Mr. Blackburn.)

Question—That new clause F be now read a second time—put.

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 12.			Noes, 31.	
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane		Mr. Allan	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast		Mr. Allnutt	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Solly		Mr. Angus	Mr. Old
Mr. Burnett Gray			Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Hayes	<i>Tellers.</i>		Mr. Bennett	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Holland	Mr. Cremean		Mr. Bond	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Hjorth		Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Slater
			Mr. Coyle	Mr. Toutcher
			Mr. Diffey	Mr. Tunnecliffe
			Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wallace
			Mr. Everard	Mr. Webber
			Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Wettenhall
			Mr. Lemmon	
			Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
			Mr. Linton	Mr. Bailey
			Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Kent Hughes
			Mr. Mackrell	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 7.—New First Schedule.

RATE OF REDUCTION TO BE MADE IN THE PAY OF RESPONSIBLE MINISTERS  
OFFICERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND CERTAIN OTHER OFFICERS AND  
PERSONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1931-32.

Number of Group.	Rate of Pay per Annum.	Rate of Reduction.
" 1	Not exceeding £100 .. .. .	Per centum. 6 "
2	Exceeding £100 and not exceeding £225 .. .. .	11½
3	Exceeding £225 and not exceeding £260 .. .. .	15
4	Exceeding £260 and not exceeding £312 .. .. .	17
5	Exceeding £312 and not exceeding £364 .. .. .	18½
6	Exceeding £364 and not exceeding £416 .. .. .	19
7	Exceeding £416 and not exceeding £520 .. .. .	19½
8	Exceeding £520 and not exceeding £624 .. .. .	20
9	Exceeding £624 and not exceeding £728 .. .. .	20½
10	Exceeding £728 and not exceeding £832 .. .. .	21
11	Exceeding £832 and not exceeding £1,000 .. .. .	21½
12	Exceeding £1,000 and not exceeding £1,250 .. .. .	22
13	Exceeding £1,250 and not exceeding £1,500 .. .. .	23
14	Exceeding £1,500 and not exceeding £2,000 .. .. .	24
15	Exceeding £2,000 .. .. .	25

Provided that the rate of pay of any person in group 3 shall not be reduced to a rate of pay lower than £200 per annum.

Question—That the new First Schedule be now read a second time—put.  
Committee divided.

—(Mr. Cremean.)

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Allan  
Mr. Allnutt  
Mr. Angus  
Sir Stanley Argyle  
Mr. Bailey  
Mr. Bennett  
Mr. Bond  
Colonel Bouchier  
Mr. Diffey  
Mr. Everard  
Mr. Burnett Gray  
Mr. Jewell  
Lieut.-Col. Knox  
Mr. Lind  
Mr. Linton  
Mr. Macfarlan  
Mr. Mackrell

Mr. Maniford  
Mr. McLachlan  
Mr. Old  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Pollard  
Mr. Satchell  
Mr. Slater  
Mr. Toutcher  
Mr. Tunnecliffe  
Mr. Wallace  
Mr. Webber  
Mr. Wettenhall

Tellers.  
Mr. Kent Hughes  
Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 10.

Mr. Blackburn  
Mr. Cotter  
Mr. Drakeford  
Mr. Hayes  
Mr. Holland  
Mr. Keane

Mr. Prendergast  
Mr. Solly

Tellers.  
Mr. Hjorth  
Mr. Jackson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 8—

Further amendment proposed—That the following words and figures be omitted :—  
" Group 1. Not exceeding £100 .. .. . 6 per centum."

Question—That the words and figures proposed to be omitted stand part of the new First Schedule—  
put.

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Allan  
Mr. Allnutt  
Mr. Angus  
Sir Stanley Argyle  
Mr. Bailey  
Mr. Bennett  
Mr. Bond  
Colonel Bouchier  
Mr. Diffey  
Mr. Dunstan  
Mr. Everard  
Lieut.-Col. Knox  
Mr. Lind  
Mr. Linton  
Mr. Macfarlan  
Mr. Mackrell

Mr. Maniford  
Mr. McLachlan  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Pollard  
Mr. Satchell  
Mr. Slater  
Mr. Toutcher  
Mr. Tunnecliffe  
Mr. Wallace  
Mr. Webber  
Mr. Wettenhall

Tellers.  
Mr. Kent Hughes  
Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 10.

Mr. Blackburn  
Mr. Cotter  
Mr. Drakeford  
Mr. Burnett Gray  
Mr. Holland  
Mr. Keane

Mr. Prendergast  
Mr. Solly

Tellers.  
Mr. Hayes  
Mr. Jackson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 9—

And the new Schedule having been amended by the omission of the figures "15," in column 3, and the insertion in place thereof of the figures "14½"—

Further amendment proposed—That the figures "25," in column 3, be omitted with a view of inserting, in columns 1-3, the following words and figures:—

		"and not exceeding £2,500	...	25 per centum
Group 16	...	Exceeding £2,500 and not exceeding £3,000	...	26 "
" 17	...	Exceeding £3,000 and not exceeding £3,500	...	27 "
" 18	...	Exceeding £3,500 and not exceeding £4,000	...	28 "
" 19	...	Exceeding £4,000 and not exceeding £4,500	...	29 "
" 20	...	Exceeding £4,500	...	30 "

—(Mr. Drakeford.)

Question—That the words and figures proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Satchell	Mr. Allan	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Bond	Mr. Slater	Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly	Mr. Angus	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Bennett	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Webber	Mr. Diffev	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Hayes		Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>	Lieut.-Col. Knox	
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Lind	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Linton	Mr. Menzies

And the numbers being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote with the "Ayes."  
And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 10—

Question—That the new Schedule, as amended, be added to the Bill—put.  
Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 11.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Bond	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Webber	Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Linton
Mr. Jackson		Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Satchell		Mr. Bennett	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Slater	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Pennington
		Mr. Cremean	Mr. Prendergast
		Mr. Diffev	Mr. Solly
		Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Toutcher
		Mr. Everard	
		Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Hayes	
		Mr. Holland	Mr. Kent Hughes
		Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Menzies

And so it passed in the negative.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1931.

No. 9.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 13TH AUGUST, 1931.

TUESDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 1931.

No. 1.—*Financial Emergency Bill*—New First Schedule.

RATE OF REDUCTION TO BE MADE IN THE PAY OF RESPONSIBLE MINISTERS  
OFFICERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND CERTAIN OTHER OFFICERS AND  
PERSONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1931-32.

Number of Group.	Rate of Pay per Annum.	Rate of Reduction.
		Per centum.
" 1	Not exceeding £100 .. .. .	6 "
2	Exceeding £100 and not exceeding £225 .. .. .	" 11½ "
3	Exceeding £225 and not exceeding £260 .. .. .	14½
4	Exceeding £260 and not exceeding £312 .. .. .	17
5	Exceeding £312 and not exceeding £364 .. .. .	18½
6	Exceeding £364 and not exceeding £416 .. .. .	19
7	Exceeding £416 and not exceeding £520 .. .. .	19½
8	Exceeding £520 and not exceeding £624 .. .. .	20
9	Exceeding £624 and not exceeding £728 .. .. .	20½
10	Exceeding £728 and not exceeding £832 .. .. .	21
11	Exceeding £832 and not exceeding £1,000 .. .. .	21½
12	Exceeding £1,000 and not exceeding £1,250 .. .. .	22
13	Exceeding £1,250 and not exceeding £1,500 .. .. .	23
14	Exceeding £1,500 and not exceeding £2,000 .. .. .	24
15	Exceeding £2,000 and not exceeding £2,500 .. .. .	25
16	Exceeding £2,500 and not exceeding £3,000 .. .. .	26
17	Exceeding " £3,000 " .. .. .	27

Provided that the rate of pay of any person in Group 3 shall not be reduced to a rate of pay lower than £200 per annum.

—(Mr. Slater.)

Amendment proposed—That the following words and figures be omitted:—

" 1 .. Not exceeding £100.. .. . 6 per centum "

—(Mr. Blackburn.)

Question—That the words and figures proposed to be omitted stand part of the new First Schedule—put.

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 39.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Cook	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Angus	Mr. Manifold	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Reid
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Burnett Gray	
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Moncur	Mr. Hayes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bond	Mr. Old	Mr. Holland	
Colonel Bourchier	Mr. Pennington	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hjorth
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Keane	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Satchell		
Mr. Downward	Mr. Slater		
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher		
Mr. Everard	Mr. Tunnecliffe		
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Wallace		
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Wettenhall		
Mr. Kent Hughes			
Lieut.-Col. Knox	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Lind			
Mr. Linton	Mr. Lemmon		
Mr. Luxton	Mr. Maltby		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2—

Further amendment proposed—That the figures “11½,” in column 3, be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the figures “10.”—(*Mr. Hjorth.*)

Question—That the figures proposed to be omitted stand part of the new First Schedule—put.

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 41.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Luxton	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Cook	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Reid
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Burnett Gray	
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Hayes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bond	Mr. Moncur	Mr. Holland	Mr. Hjorth
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Old	Mr. Keane	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Pennington		
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Pollard		
Mr. Downward	Mr. Satchell		
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Slater		
Mr. Everard	Mr. Toutcher		
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe		
Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Wallace		
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Wettenhall		
Mr. Jackson			
Mr. Kent Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Lieut.-Col. Knox			
Mr. Lind	Mr. Lemmon		
Mr. Linton	Mr. Maltby		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 3—

Further amendment proposed—That after the figures “£3,000,” at the end of column 2, the words and figures “and not exceeding £3,500” be inserted.—(*Mr. Drakeford.*)

Question—That the words and figures proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 40.	
Mr. Bond	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton
Mr. Cook	Mr. Reid	Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly	Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Drakeford		Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Frost	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Murphy	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Beardmore	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Pollard	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Bennett	Mr. McKenzie
		Colonel Bouchier	Mr. McLachlan
		Mr. Cleary	Mr. Moncur
		Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
		Mr. Cremean	Mr. Pennington
		Mr. Downward	Mr. Satchell
		Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Slater
		Mr. Everard	Mr. Toutcher
		Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe
		Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace
		Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Wettenhall
		Mr. Hyland	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Lemmon
		Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Maltby
		Mr. Lind	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 4—

Further amendment proposed—That the following proviso be added to the new First Schedule :—  
“ Provided further that the rate of pay of any person shall not be reduced to a rate of pay lower than £84 per annum.”—(*Mr. Blackburn.*)

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

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 42.	
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Allan	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Cook	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Solly	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Frost		Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Burnett Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Beardmore	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Bennett	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Reid	Mr. Bond	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Keane		Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
		Mr. Cleary	Mr. Pennington
		Mr. Coyle	Mr. Pollard
		Mr. Cremean	Mr. Satchell
		Mr. Downward	Mr. Slater
		Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
		Mr. Everard	Mr. Tunnecliffe
		Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Wallace
		Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Webber
		Mr. Hyland	Mr. Wettenhall
		Mr. Kent Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Lemmon
		Mr. Lind	Mr. Maltby
		Mr. Linton	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 5.—Second Schedule.

RATE OF REDUCTIONS TO BE MADE IN CERTAIN PENSIONS FOR THE  
FINANCIAL YEAR 1931-32.

Rate of Pension per Annum.						Rate of Reduction.
Groups.						Per centum.
“ Over	£104	and not	exceeding	£105	.. .. .	·95
”	£105	”	”	£106	.. .. .	1·89
”	£106	”	”	£107	.. .. .	2·8
”	£107	”	”	£108	.. .. .	3·7
”	£108	”	”	£109	.. .. .	4·59
”	£109	”	”	£110	.. .. .	5·45
”	£110	”	”	£111	.. .. .	6·31

RATE OF REDUCTIONS TO BE MADE IN CERTAIN PENSIONS FOR THE  
FINANCIAL YEAR 1931-32—*continued.*

Rate of Pension per Annum.								Rate of Reduction.
Groups.								Per centum.
Over	£111	and not exceeding	£112	..	..	..	..	7·14
"	£112	"	£113	..	..	..	..	7·96
"	£113	"	£114	..	..	..	..	8·77
"	£114	"	£115	..	..	..	..	9·57
"	£115	"	£116	..	..	..	..	10·34
"	£116	"	£117	..	..	..	..	11·11
"	£117	"	£118	..	..	..	..	11·75
"	£118	"	£119	..	..	..	..	12
"	£119	"	£120	..	..	..	..	12·25
"	£120	"	£121	..	..	..	..	12·5
"	£121	"	£123	..	..	..	..	12·75
"	£123	"	£125	..	..	..	..	13
"	£125	"	£130	..	..	..	..	13·5
"	£130	"	£135	..	..	..	..	14
"	£135	"	£140	..	..	..	..	14·5
"	£140	"	£145	..	..	..	..	15
"	£145	"	£150	..	..	..	..	15·5"
"	£150	"	£155	..	..	..	..	16
"	£155	"	£230	..	..	..	..	16·5
"	£230	"	£240	..	..	..	..	16·55
"	£240	"	£250	..	..	..	..	16·6
"	£250	"	£260	..	..	..	..	16·65
"	£260	"	£270	..	..	..	..	16·7
"	£270	"	£280	..	..	..	..	16·8
"	£280	"	£290	..	..	..	..	16·9
"	£290	"	£300	..	..	..	..	17
"	£300	"	£310	..	..	..	..	17·1
"	£310	"	£320	..	..	..	..	17·2
"	£320	"	£330	..	..	..	..	17·3
"	£330	"	£340	..	..	..	..	17·4
"	£340	"	£350	..	..	..	..	17·5
"	£350	"	£360	..	..	..	..	17·6
"	£360	"	£370	..	..	..	..	17·7
"	£370	"	£380	..	..	..	..	17·8
"	£380	"	£390	..	..	..	..	17·9
"	£390	"	£400	..	..	..	..	18
"	£400	"	£410	..	..	..	..	18·2
"	£410	"	£420	..	..	..	..	18·4
"	£420	"	£430	..	..	..	..	18·6
"	£430	"	£440	..	..	..	..	18·8
"	£440	"	£450	..	..	..	..	19
"	£450	"	£460	..	..	..	..	19·2
"	£460	"	£470	..	..	..	..	19·4
"	£470	"	£480	..	..	..	..	19·6
"	£480	"	£490	..	..	..	..	19·8
"	£490	"	£500	..	..	..	..	20
"	£500	"	£520	..	..	..	..	20·2
"	£520	"	£540	..	..	..	..	20·4
"	£540	"	£560	..	..	..	..	20·6
"	£560	"	£580	..	..	..	..	20·8
"	£580	"	£600	..	..	..	..	21
"	£600	"	£620	..	..	..	..	21·2
"	£620	"	£640	..	..	..	..	21·4
"	£640	"	£660	..	..	..	..	21·6
"	£660	"	£680	..	..	..	..	21·8
"	£680	"	£700	..	..	..	..	22
"	£700	"	£720	..	..	..	..	22·2
"	£720	"	£740	..	..	..	..	22·4
"	£740	"	£760	..	..	..	..	22·6
"	£760	"	£780	..	..	..	..	22·8
"	£780	"	£800	..	..	..	..	23
"	£800	"	£820	..	..	..	..	23·2
"	£820	"	£840	..	..	..	..	23·4
"	£840	"	£860	..	..	..	..	23·6
"	£860	"	£880	..	..	..	..	23·8
"	£880	"	£900	..	..	..	..	24
"	£900	"	£920	..	..	..	..	24·2
"	£920	"	£940	..	..	..	..	24·4
"	£940	"	£960	..	..	..	..	24·6
"	£960	"	£980	..	..	..	..	24·8
"	£980	"	£1,000	..	..	..	..	25

Provided that the rate of any such pension shall not be reduced below £104 per annum.

—(Mr. Slater.)

Amendment proposed—That all the words and figures from "Over £104," in the first column, down to and including "15·5," in the second column, be omitted.—(Mr. Blackburn.)

Question—That the words and figures proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put.

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Luxton
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	Mr. McLachlan
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Cain	Mr. Old
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Downward	Mr. Slater
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Webber
Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hyland	
Mr. Kent Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Lind	Mr. Maltby

Noes, 15.

Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Cook	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Burnett Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Hjorth
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Keane	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 6—

Further amendment proposed—That the words “ nor, in the case of any married pensioner or of any pensioner being a widower or a widow with a child or children solely dependent upon him or her shall such rate be reduced below £150 per annum ” be added to the Schedule.—(*Mr. Blackburn.*)

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

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Cook	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Reid
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Burnett Gray	
Mr. Hayes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hjorth
Mr. Keane	Mr. Jewell
Mr. McAdam	

Noes, 40.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Luxton
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	Mr. McLachlan
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Cain	Mr. Old
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Downward	Mr. Slater
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Everard	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Wallace
Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hyland	
Mr. Kent Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Lind	Mr. Maltby

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 7.—Clause 11 as amended on recommendal.

(1) For the period to which this Part applies—

- (a) section sixty of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1928* shall be read and construed as if for the words “ Two hundred pounds ” there were substituted the words “ One hundred and seventy-seven pounds ” ; and
- (b) section one hundred and forty-one of the said Act shall be read and construed as if for the words “ Five hundred pounds per annum ” there were substituted the words \* \* \* “ Four hundred and two pounds ten shillings ’ per annum ’ in the case of those members representing electoral districts described as ‘ Metropolitan ’ in the Seventeenth Schedule to the said ‘ Act ’ and Four hundred and forty-seven pounds per annum in the case of those members representing electoral districts described as ‘ Urban ’ or ‘ Country ’ in the said Schedule.”

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—(*Mr. Slater.*)

Amendment proposed—That all the words after “per annum,” in line 3 of paragraph (b), to the end of the paragraph be omitted.—(Mr. Reid.)

[The Chairman decided to have this amendment tested on the question that all the words in the proposed amendment down to and including “Act,” in line 5, stand part of the clause, so as not to preclude any subsequent amendment being proposed in the paragraph.]

Question—That the words “in the case of those members representing electoral districts described as ‘Metropolitan’ in the Seventeenth Schedule to the said Act,” in lines 3-5 of paragraph (b), proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWN BILL.)

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Luxton
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McKenzie
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Old
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Glowrey	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Hjorth
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Kent Hughes

Noes, 24.

Mr. Angus	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Reid
Mr. Downward	Mr. Slater
Mr. Everard	Mr. Solly
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Jewell	
Lieut.-Col. Knox	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Linton	Mr. Cremean
Mr. Maltby	Mr. Lemmon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1931.

No. 10.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 20TH AUGUST, 1931.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 1931.

No. 1.—*Unemployment Relief Amendment Bill*—Clause 3 as amended.

(1) For sub-section (1) of section three of the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* there shall be substituted the following sub-section:—

“(1) Subject to the Unemployment Relief Acts there shall be charged levied collected and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the consolidated revenue—

(a) for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one—an unemployment relief tax in accordance with the Unemployment Relief Acts as in force immediately before the commencement of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1931*; and

(b) for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two—an unemployment relief tax in accordance with the Unemployment Relief Acts.”

(2) *Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Unemployment Relief Acts or the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts, every person whose taxable income (within the meaning of the “Unemployment Relief Act 1930” as in operation before the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and thirty) for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty was more than three hundred and twelve pounds shall (notwithstanding that his taxable income for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one or for any subsequent year, whether derived or received from salary or wages or any other source or all or some of them, amounts to Three hundred and twelve pounds or less) not be liable to pay stamp duties under the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts but shall continue to be liable to pay unemployment relief tax.*

(3) For the purposes of this Part of this Act and the unemployment relief tax for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, the Unemployment Relief Acts as in force immediately before the commencement of this Act shall be read and construed and have effect as if they were amended as follows:—

(a) As if sub-section (2) of section four of the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* as amended by section three of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* were hereby repealed; and

(b) As if for the Schedule to the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* as re-enacted by section seven of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* there were substituted the following Schedule :—

“ SCHEDULE.

The tax shall be calculated on the taxable income of each taxpayer as hereinafter provided.

The tax shall be payable on each £1 of the taxable income and shall be calculated as follows :—

Amount of Taxable Income.	Rates per £100.
Not less than £52 but not amounting to £104	Ten shillings
Not less than £104 but not amounting to £208	Twenty-seven shillings
Not less than £208 but not exceeding £312	Thirty-three shillings and ninepence
Exceeding £312 but not exceeding £500	Thirty-three shillings and ninepence
Exceeding £500 but not exceeding £750	Forty shillings and sixpence
Exceeding £750 but not exceeding £1,000	Forty-seven shillings and threepence
Exceeding £1,000 but not exceeding £1,200	Fifty-four shillings
Exceeding £1,200 but not exceeding £1,400	Sixty shillings and ninepence
Exceeding £1,400 but not exceeding £1,600	Sixty-seven shillings and sixpence
Exceeding £1,600 but not exceeding £1,800	Seventy-four shillings and threepence
Exceeding £1,800 but not exceeding £2,000	Eighty-one shillings
Exceeding £2,000 but not exceeding £2,200	Eighty-seven shillings and ninepence
Exceeding £2,200 but not exceeding £2,400	Ninety-four shillings and sixpence
Exceeding £2,400 but not exceeding £2,600	One hundred and one shillings and threepence
Exceeding £2,600 but not exceeding £2,800	One hundred and eight shillings
Exceeding £2,800 but not exceeding £3,000	One hundred and fourteen shillings and ninepence
Exceeding £3,000	One hundred and twenty-one shillings and sixpence.”

—(Mr. Cain.)

Amendment proposed—That the Schedule in paragraph (b) of sub-section (3) be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the following new Schedule :—

“ SCHEDULE.

The tax shall be calculated on the taxable income of each taxpayer as hereinafter provided.

The tax shall be payable on each £1 of the taxable income, and shall be calculated as follows :—

Amount of Taxable Income.	Rates per £100.
Not less than £52 but not amounting to £104	Ten shillings
Not less than £104 but not amounting to £208	Twenty-five shillings
Not less than £208 but not exceeding £312	Twenty-eight shillings
Exceeding £312 but not exceeding £500	Thirty shillings
Exceeding £500 but not exceeding £750	Thirty-three shillings
Exceeding £750 but not exceeding £1,000	Thirty-nine shillings
Exceeding £1,000 but not exceeding £1,200	Forty-five shillings

SCHEDULE—*continued.*

Amount of Taxable Income.	Rates per £100.
Exceeding £1,200 but not exceeding £1,400	Fifty-one shillings
Exceeding £1,400 but not exceeding £1,600	Fifty-seven shillings
Exceeding £1,600 but not exceeding £1,800	Sixty-three shillings
Exceeding £1,800 but not exceeding £2,000	Sixty-nine shillings
Exceeding £2,000 but not exceeding £2,200	Seventy-five shillings
Exceeding £2,200 but not exceeding £2,400	Eighty-one shillings
Exceeding £2,400 but not exceeding £2,600	Eighty-seven shillings
Exceeding £2,600 .. ..	Ninety-three shillings."

—(Mr. Allan.)

Question—That the Schedule proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.  
Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Cremean
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 25.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Luxton
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Old
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. J. A. Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hyland	
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Lind	Mr. Maltby

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1931.

No. 2.—*Unemployment Relief Amendment Bill*—New clause C1.

Sub-section (6) of section nine of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* is hereby amended as follows:—

- (i) In paragraph (a) thereof—after the word “metropolis” there shall be inserted the words “eighty per centum of” and for the words “thirtieth day of September One thousand nine hundred and thirty” there shall be substituted the words “thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.”
- (ii) In paragraph (b) thereof—after the word “metropolis” there shall be inserted the words “eighty per centum of” and for the words “thirtieth day of September One thousand nine hundred and thirty” there shall be substituted the words “thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.”
- (iii) For the words “February May August and November” there shall be substituted the words “November February May and August.”
- (iv) For the words “not more than four days’ work in any week” there shall be substituted the words “for not less than three consecutive weeks.”

—(Sir Stanley Argyle.)

Question—That new clause C1 be now read a second time—put.  
Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Angus	Mr. Luxton
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Coyle	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Downward	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Eberard	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. A. Gray	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. H. d	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Manifold
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Lind	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Reid
Mr. Bond	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Webber
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Cremean
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Lemmon

And so it passed in the negative.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1931.

No. 11.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 27TH AUGUST, 1931.

TUESDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1931.

No. 1.—*Unemployment Relief Amendment Bill*—New clause D.

(1) With the object of enabling persons out of employment to obtain employment and of enabling farmers to clear and improve land the Unemployment Relief Works Board may for the purposes of this section cause a special employment register to be kept at such places in Victoria as the Board directs.

(2) Any person who desires employment under the provisions of this section shall upon making application to the Board be entitled to have his name entered in such special register.

(3) Upon the application of any farmer the Board may make arrangements for the performance by persons whose names are entered on such register of work for the purposes of subsection (1) of this section.

(4) The following provisions shall apply with respect to any such work to be performed by any such person:—

(a) The rate of pecuniary remuneration shall be fixed by the Board "but shall not exceed One pound per week," and all such remuneration shall be paid out of the Unemployment Relief Fund;

(b) The number of hours of work shall not exceed ten hours in any one day or forty-eight hours in any one week;

(c) The farmer shall provide for such person such board and lodging as the Board deems suitable;

(d) No work other than the clearing draining or subdividing of the land by fencing or the destruction of noxious weeds and vermin or any other work approved by the Board shall be required to be performed; and

(e) Either the farmer or such person shall be entitled to terminate any such arrangement so far as it affects any such person upon giving one week's notice to the Board.

(5) The total amount paid as remuneration to any persons in respect of work performed as aforesaid before the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two for the farmer shall be deemed to be an advance to the farmer repayable within the period of three years immediately following such day.

(6) If such amount is not repaid by the farmer within such period the same may be recovered as a debt due to the Crown in a court of petty sessions as a civil debt recoverable summarily or in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(7) All amounts so repaid or recovered shall be paid into a fund to be established in the Treasury and called the "Permanent Unemployment Relief Fund."

(8) All moneys standing to the credit of such fund shall be used only for the purpose of the relief or prevention of unemployment.

(9) For the purposes of this section "farmer" means any person engaged in agricultural horticultural viticultural dairying pastoral or other like pursuits.

—(Mr. Menzies.)

Question—That new clause D be now read a second time—put.  
Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind	Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Luxton	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Moncur	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Old	Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Downward	Mr. Pennington	Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Webber
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Glowrey		Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. A. Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Cremean
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Maltby		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Amendment proposed—That the words "but shall not exceed One pound per week," in lines 1 and 2 of paragraph (a) of sub-section (4), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "at such rate of wages as is in the opinion of the Board usually paid for such work in the district in which such work is to be performed to an employee for whom the employer provides board and lodging."—(Mr. Blackburn.)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the new clause—put.  
Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Luxton	Mr. Bailey	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Bond	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Cain	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Moncur	Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Old	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Downward	Mr. Pennington	Mr. Frost	Mr. Webber
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Glowrey	
Mr. Everard		Mr. Burnett Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. A. Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Maltby	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Cremean
Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1931.

No. 12.

## DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 15TH OCTOBER, 1931.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1931.

No. 1.—*Dairy Produce Bill*—Clause 24.Motion made and question put—That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.—  
(*Mr. Pollard.*)

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Bond	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Webber
Mr. Burnett Gray	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Hayes
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 19.

Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Manifold
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. J. A. Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Kent Hughes
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Lind	

And so it passed in the negative.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1931.

No. 13.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 22ND OCTOBER, 1931.

TUESDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1931.

No. 1.—*Wheat and Flour Acquisition Bill*—Clause 1.This Act may be cited as the "*Wheat and Flour Acquisition Act 1931*."—(Mr. Slater.)Amendment proposed—That the words "*Wheat and*" be omitted.—(Mr. Dunstan.)

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

Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Reid
Mr. Frost	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Bailey
Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 18.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Angus	Mr. Manifold
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Moncur
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington
Mr. J. A. Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kent Hughes	
Mr. Lind	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Linton	Mr. Menzies

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 1931.

No. 2.—*Wheat and Flour Acquisition Bill*—Clause 7.

(1) Subject to this Act the compensation to be paid for any wheat acquired by His Majesty under this Act shall be "as follows:—

(a) If acquired from any wheat merchant or miller, such compensation shall be—

in any case where the wheat was harvested during the season 1931–1932—a price equivalent to the price paid to the wheat-grower together with any handling charges in connexion therewith; or

- (b) If acquired from any wheat-pooling authority, such compensation shall be—  
in any case where the wheat was harvested during the season 1931-1932—a price equivalent to the price which the Board, after investigation, determines to be the average price paid by wheat merchants to wheat-growers during the month of December One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and the months of January and February One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, together with any handling charges incurred in connexion therewith ; or
- (c) If acquired from any wheat merchant, wheat-pooling authority, or miller, such compensation shall be—  
in the case of old wheat—a price which the Board determines to be the Melbourne price based on world's parity on the date of acquisition ; or
- (d) If acquired from any wheat-grower or any other person not provided for in paragraphs (a) (b) and (c) hereof, such compensation shall be the price which in the opinion of the Board would have been paid to the wheat-grower by a purchaser if he purchased the wheat from the wheat-grower on the date of acquisition at the railway station or railway siding nearest to the place where the wheat was grown and world's parity were the basis for payment."

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— (Mr. Slater.)

Amendment proposed—That all the words and figures after " shall be," in line 2 of sub-section (1), to the end of paragraph (d) be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words " (whether acquired from any wheat-grower, wheat merchant, wheat-pooling authority, miller or any other person) a price which the Board determines to be the Melbourne price based on world's parity on the date of acquisition."—(Mr. Wettenhall.)

Question—That the words and figures proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.  
Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Cain	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Webber
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Glowrey	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Hjorth
Mr. Holland	Mr. Reid

Noes, 21.

Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Angus	Mr. McLachlan
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Downward	
Mr. J. A. Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	
Mr. Linton	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Menzies

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3.—Clause 9.

(1) The Board shall for and on behalf of the Government of Victoria sell or dispose of any wheat acquired under this Act at such times, at such prices and on such terms as to payment or otherwise as to the Board seem proper : Provided that for all wheat sold or disposed of to any miller for the purpose of being gisted for consumption in Victoria the price payable by such miller shall be Four " shillings " per bushel on rails at the railway station or railway siding nearest to the mill of such miller.

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—(Mr. Slater.)

Amendment proposed—That after the word " shillings," in line 5 of sub-section (1), the words " and sixpence " be inserted.—(Mr. Glowrey.)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Bennett	Mr. Toutcher
Colonel Bouchier	
Mr. Diffey	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Downward	Mr. Old
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Wettenhall

Noes, 26.

Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cain	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Webber
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Kent Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Linton	Mr. Hjorth
Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Reid

And so it passed in the negative.

## No. 4.—Clause 13.

(1) Every contract made in Victoria "on or after the first day of September One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one," so far as it relates to the sale of Victorian wheat or flour for delivery on or after the commencement of this Act up to but not later than the first day of March One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, shall when specified by the Board in a notification published in the *Government Gazette* be and is hereby declared to be and to have been void and of no effect so far as such contract has not been completed by delivery at the date of such notification: Provided that for the purposes of this section any such contract shall be deemed to be severable.

(2) Any transaction or contract with respect to any wheat or flour which is the subject-matter of any contract or part of a contract which is by this section declared to be void shall also be void and of no effect and any money paid in respect of any contract hereby made void or of any such transaction shall to the extent to which the said contract or transaction is made void be repaid.

—(Mr. Slater.)

Amendment proposed—That the words "on or after the first day of September One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one," in lines 1 and 2 of sub-section (1), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "after the coming into operation of this Act."—(Mr. Pennington.)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.  
Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 17.
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Satchell	Mr. Allnutt
Mr. Bond	Mr. Slater	Sir Stanley Argyle
Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly	Mr. Bennett
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Colonel Bouchier
Mr. Frost		Mr. Diffey
Mr. Glowrey	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Downward
Mr. Hogan		Mr. Lind
Mr. Holland	Mr. Reid	Mr. Linton
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Webber	Mr. Manifold
		Mr. McLachlan
		Mr. Menzies
		Mr. Old
		Mr. Pennington
		Mr. Toutcher
		Mr. Wettenhall
		<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. J. A. Gray
		Mr. Kent Hughes

And so it passed in the negative.

## No. 5.—Clause 20.

*Fixing Prices of Flour and Bread.*

(1) In this section unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter—

"Flour" means flour gristed from wheat and includes semolina, wheatmeal, self-raising flour, bran and pollard.

(2) The Board from time to time—

(a) shall inquire into and report to the Governor in Council as to what prices should for the purposes of this section be the highest selling prices for any flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread:

(b) may in any inquiry or report deal with the prices of any flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread whether included in a previous report or not:

(c) may in any report specify different selling prices for flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread having regard to—

(i) the different qualities thereof;

(ii) the sale or supply thereof wholesale or retail;

(iii) the sale or supply thereof under differing terms and conditions; and

(iv) any other matter which the Board thinks fit to consider or which is prescribed.

(3) (a) The Governor in Council may by Order published in the *Government Gazette* declare that any price or prices specified in any report of the Board for any flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread shall for the purposes of this section be the highest selling price or prices for any such flour or bread or any such kind of flour or bread, and in this section the expression "declared price" shall (as the case requires) be deemed and taken to refer to any such price or to any of such prices.

(b) Any Order in Council under this sub-section may be rescinded revoked amended or varied by an Order in Council made in accordance with a report of the Board subsequent to the first-mentioned Order in Council.

(c) In any proceedings for an offence against this section the production of a copy of the *Government Gazette* containing any Order in Council under this sub-section for the time being in force shall be conclusive evidence of the "declared price" of any flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread as set out therein.

(4) Every person who before the first day of March One thousand nine hundred and thirty-three—

(a) sells or supplies or offers for sale or supply any flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread at a price higher than the "declared price" thereof for any such sale or supply; or

(b) absolutely refuses to sell (except at a price higher than the "declared price" thereof for any such sale) any flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread—

(i) which he is entitled to sell; and

(ii) which is in excess of what is required for the use of himself and his dependants for a period of one month from the date of the refusal—

shall be guilty of an offence under this section.

(5) Every person who in Victoria aids abets counsels procures or is in any way knowingly concerned in the commission of an offence under this section shall be deemed to have committed that offence and shall be punishable accordingly.

(6) (a) Every person who commits an offence under this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and shall be liable to a penalty of not more than One hundred pounds.

(b) If two or more persons are responsible for the same offence under this section each of those persons shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and shall be liable to a penalty of not more than One hundred pounds; and the liability of each of them shall be independent of the liability of the others.

(7) (a) In any proceedings for an offence under this section the burden of proof that any flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread is not in excess of what is required for the use of the defendant and his dependants for a period of one month from the date of any refusal to sell flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread (as the case may be) shall be on the defendant.

(b) In any proceedings under this section evidence that flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread is in the possession or under the control of any person shall be *prima facie* evidence that such person is entitled to sell such flour or bread or such kind of flour or bread (as the case may be).

(8) No proceedings for an offence under this section shall be taken by any person whomsoever without the written consent of the Attorney-General, but the Attorney-General instead of proceeding by presentment or authorizing any other criminal proceedings for an offence under this section may elect to institute proceedings in the Supreme Court by way of civil action for the recovery of the penalties for the offence.

(9) (a) In addition to the powers conferred by the last preceding section of this Act, the Governor in Council may make regulations not inconsistent with this section prescribing all matters necessary or expedient to be prescribed for carrying into full effect the objects of this section; and may in any such regulations provide for a penalty of not more than Fifty pounds for any breach thereof.

(b) All such regulations shall be published in the *Government Gazette* and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after the making thereof if Parliament is then sitting and if Parliament is not then sitting then within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament.

(10) This section shall not apply to any sales disposals or purchases of flour or bread or any kind of flour or bread by to from or on behalf of the Crown (including any Government Department or any statutory body representing the Crown) or the Minister or the Board.

—(Mr. Slater.)

Question—That clause 20 stand part of the Bill—put.  
Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Bond	Mr. Satchell	Mr. Allnutt	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Bennett	Mr. Old
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Webber	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Hogan		Mr. Coyle	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Diffey	
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Downward	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Reid	Mr. Cain	Mr. Lind	Mr. J. A. Gray
		Mr. Linton	Mr. Kent Hughes
		Mr. Manifold	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 6.—Clause 3.

(1) For the purposes of this Act the Governor in Council may appoint a Board of "three" persons which shall have the powers and discharge the duties conferred or imposed on it by this Act.

(2) The members of the Board may be paid such fees as are prescribed.

—(Mr. Slater.)

Amendment proposed—That the word "three," in line 1 of sub-section (1), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word "five."—(Mr. J. A. Gray.)

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.  
Committee divided.

(Chairman—MR. BROWNBILL.)

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Allnutt	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cain	Mr. Satchell	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater	Mr. Bennett	Mr. Old
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Glowrey		Mr. Diffey	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Downward	
Mr. Holland	Mr. Bailey	Mr. J. A. Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Reid	Mr. Lind	Mr. Kent Hughes
		Mr. Linton	Mr. Maltby
		Mr. Manifold	

And so it passed in the negative.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1931.

No. 14.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 29TH OCTOBER, 1931.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1931.

No. 1.—*Stock Foods Bill*—Clause 15 as amended.

Where an analysis of any sample or part of a sample of any stock food is made under the Stock Foods Acts there may be published in the newspaper known as *The Journal of the Department of Agriculture of Victoria, Australia*, or in such other manner as the Minister directs or as is prescribed—

- (a) the result of the analysis ;
- (b) the name and address or place of business of the manufacturer or importer of the stock food ;
- (c) the name and address or place of business of the vendor from whom such stock food was bought or taken or of the person who apparently was in possession custody or control of the lot from which the sample was bought or taken ;
- (d) a copy of any particulars set out in the application for registration hereinbefore provided for ; and

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—(Mr. Pollard.)

Further amendment proposed—That the following new paragraph be inserted in place of paragraph (e) omitted :—

“(e) any explanatory comments of the said chemist or his deputy on the result of the analysis.”

—(Mr. J. A. Gray.)

Question—That new paragraph (e) proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. COTTER.)

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Burnett Gray	
Mr. J. A. Gray	
Mr. Linton	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Luxton	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Menzies

Noes, 16.

Mr. Bennett	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Bond	Mr. Old
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Reid
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Cremean
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Frost

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2.—Clause 17 *as amended*.

The provisions of section twenty-four of the Principal Act shall extend and apply—

- (a) to the making of regulations for or with respect to—
- (i) prescribing standards for and fixing the composition and fair average quality of any stock food (other than bran and pollard);
  - (ii) prescribing preparations consisting of or containing any *mineral, inorganic substance, bone, or mineral salt or salts* to be stock licks;
  - (iii) prescribing labels to be used in connexion with any parcel of mixed concentrated or prepared stock food or of a by-product; the kind and size of type to be used in the printing thereof; and any matters or things which are not to be printed on such labels;
  - (iv) applications for registration of mixed concentrated or prepared stock foods or of by-products; fees accompanying such applications; “the keeping of a register-book for such stock foods and by-products; and fees for the inspection of such book”; and
  - (v) generally any matters and things authorized to be prescribed or necessary or convenient to be prescribed to give effect to this Act; and
- (b) to such regulations when made.

—(Mr. Pollard.)

Further amendment proposed—That the words “the keeping of a register-book for such stock foods and by-products; and fees for the inspection of such book,” in sub-paragraph (iv) of paragraph (a), be omitted.—(Mr. J. A. Gray.)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.  
Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. COTTER.)

Ayes, 8.			Noes, 12.	
Mr. Bond	Mr. Webber		Mr. Angus	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Frost			Mr. Bennett	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>		Mr. Everard	Mr. Old
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Cremean		Mr. Burnett Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Satchell	Mr. McAdam		Mr. J. A. Gray	
			Mr. Linton	Mr. Luxton
			Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Menzies

And so it passed in the negative.

## THURSDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1931.

No. 3.—*Landlord and Tenant (Rent Reduction) Bill*—New clause DD *as amended*.

(1) Any lessee of any licensed premises may within one month after the coming into operation of this Act give to the lessor *and mortgagee* thereof notice in writing that he desires that—

- (a) the amount of the rent “bonus or other consideration in the nature of rent or bonus payable under the lease” be adjusted; or
- “ (b) in lieu of or in addition to such adjustment the term of the lease be extended.”

(2) If the said lessee and the said lessor do not agree as to such adjustment or extension the said lessee within three months after the coming into operation of this Act may make application in writing to the Board to adjust the amount of rent bonus or other consideration payable as aforesaid or in lieu of or in addition to such adjustment to extend the term of the lease.

(3) Upon making such application the said lessee shall forthwith serve on the said lessor and on any other person whom the Board directs to be served notice in writing that such application has been made.

—(Mr. Slater.)

Further amendment proposed—That the words “bonus or other consideration in the nature of rent or bonus payable under the lease,” in paragraph (a) of sub-section (1), be omitted.—(Mr. Macfarlan.)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the new clause—put.  
Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. FROST.)

Ayes, 15.			Noes, 16.	
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast		Mr. Allan	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Slater		Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Solly		Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Webber		Mr. Cleary	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Burnett Gray			Mr. Diffey	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>		Mr. Linton	
Mr. Holland			Mr. Luxton	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Bailey		Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. J. A. Gray
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Lemmon		Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Kent Hughes

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 4—

Further amendment proposed—That paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) be omitted.—(*Mr. Macfarlan.*)  
 Question—That paragraph (b) proposed to be omitted stand part of the new clause—put.  
 Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. COTTER.)

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Slater
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Solly
Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber
Mr. Keane	
Mr. McKenzie	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy	
Mr. Pollard	Mr. Cremean
Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Frost

Noes, 12.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Coyle	
Mr. Diffey	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Linton	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Wettenhall

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## VICTORIA

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SESSION 1931.

No. 15.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 5TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

No. 1.—*Landlord and Tenant (Rent Reduction) Bill*—Clause 4.

(1) (a) Every lease shall for a period of three years from and after the coming into operation of this Act be construed and take effect as if it were a term of the lease that on and from the coming into operation of this Act the rent payable under the lease should be reduced at a rate equivalent to Four shillings and sixpence for every One pound of such rent; and the rent payable under the lease shall by virtue of this paragraph be so reduced accordingly.

(b) Where such a lease contains an option to renew the same for a term of not less than one year, the lease shall be construed and take effect as if it were also a term thereof that, if the option be exercised, the rent payable under the renewed lease should until the expiration of the period of three years from and after the coming into operation of this Act be reduced at a rate equivalent to Four shillings and sixpence for every One pound of the rent which but for this paragraph would be payable; and the rent payable under the renewed lease shall by virtue of this paragraph be so reduced accordingly.

(2) In any case where the lessor on application to the court on summons within three months from and after the coming into operation of this Act or (where an option to renew a lease has been exercised) forthwith on the exercise of the option to renew satisfies the court—

(a) that he has already reduced the rent payable under the lease; or

(b) that there are good and sufficient reasons applying to the transaction for modifying or excluding the foregoing provisions of this section in relation thereto—

the court may make an order modifying or excluding the operation of the foregoing provisions of this section in relation to such "lease" and may make such order (if any) as to costs as it thinks fit, and the amount of any costs so ordered shall be specified in such order.

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—(Mr. Slater.)

Amendment proposed—That after paragraph (b) of sub-section (2) the following new paragraph be inserted :—

"(c) that owing to hardship which may result from reductions under sub-section (1) of this section the reductions provided for therein may be adjusted in whole or in part by extending the years of the lease on equitable terms, provided that no such extension shall be continued beyond a period of twelve months from and after the coming into operation of this Act—"

—(Mr. Burnett Gray.)

Question—That paragraph (c) proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. FROST.)

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cain	Mr. Reid
Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Solly
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Hjorth
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 22.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Angus	Mr. Manifold
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Coyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Downward	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Old
Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Wettenhall
Lieut.-Col. Knox	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Linton	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Luxton	Mr. Pennington

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2—

Further amendment proposed—That after the word “ lease,” in line 8 of sub-section (2), the words “ or extending such lease ” be inserted.—(Mr. Burnett Gray.)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.  
Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. FROST.)

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Solly
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Bailey
Mr. Murphy	Mr. McAdam

Noes, 20.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Wettenhall
Lieut.-Col. Knox	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Linton	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Luxton	Mr. Pennington

And the numbers being equal, the Temporary Chairman gave his casting vote with the “Ayes.”  
And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1931.

No. 16.

## DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 12TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

No. 1.—*Police Offences (Consorting) Bill*—Clause 2.

(1) Any person who habitually consorts with reputed thieves or known prostitutes or with persons who have been convicted of having no visible lawful means of support shall be deemed an idle and disorderly person within the meaning of Part III. of the Principal Act and shall be liable to the punishment mentioned in section sixty-nine of the said Act accordingly :

Provided that if any person charged with so consorting on being thereto required by the court gives to the satisfaction of the court a good account of his lawful means of support and also of his so consorting he shall be deemed not to be guilty of the offence charged.

(2) Proceedings against any person for an alleged offence against this section shall not be taken except by a member of the police force.

—(Mr. Slater.)

Amendment proposed—That the following proviso be added to sub-section (1) :—

“ Provided further that no person who has not already been convicted of any offence shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence charged.”

—(Mr. Blackburn.)

Question—That the proviso proposed to be added be so added—put.  
Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. FROST.)

Ayes, 6.  
Mr. Drakeford  
Mr. Burnett Gray  
Mr. Prendergast  
Mr. Solly

*Tellers.*

Mr. Blackburn  
Mr. Holland

Noes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Manifold
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Moncur
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Slater
Mr. Everard	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. J. A. Gray	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Jewell	
Lieut.-Col. Knox	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. Linton	Mr. Maltby

And so it passed in the negative.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1931.

No. 17.

## DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 19TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

TUESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

No. 1.—*Stock Foods Bill*—Clause 6 as amended.

(1) Every vendor of any mixed concentrated or prepared stock food or any by-product shall securely and conspicuously affix a label in accordance with this section to every parcel thereof.

(2) Every such label shall set out—

(a) the name and place of business of the vendor ;

(b) the distinguishing name and trade mark (if any) of such stock food or by-product ;

(c) the net weight of the parcel *in the case of any mixed concentrated or prepared stock food and the gross weight of the parcel in the case of any by-product* ;

“(d) the specific names of the grains salts or other materials from which such stock food or by-product was prepared and the name and proportion of the foreign ingredients (if any)” ; and

(e) the chemical analysis as required by the provisions of this Act relating to applications for registration of such stock foods and by-products.

—(Mr. Pollard.)

Amendment proposed—That paragraph (d) of sub-section (2) be omitted.—(Mr. Pennington.)

Question—That paragraph (d) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—Mr. Frost.)

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Bond	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cain	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Bailey
Mr. Pollard	Mr. Webber

Noes, 14.

Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Coyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hyland	
Mr. Linton	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. J. A. Gray
Mr. Maltby	Mr. Manifold

And so it passed in the negative.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1931.

No. 18.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 26TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

TUESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1931.

No. 1. *Unemployment Relief Amendment Bill (No. 2).*—Clause 4.

(1) The account kept in the Treasury and established under the Unemployment Relief Acts and known as the Unemployment Relief Fund is hereby closed.

(2) Sub-sections (1) (2) (8) and (10) of section seven of the *Unemployment Relief Act 1930* as amended by any Act are hereby repealed.(3) In section six of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* for the words "Unemployment Relief Fund" there shall be substituted the words "consolidated revenue."(4) Sub-section (4) of section eleven of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* is hereby repealed.

--(Mr. Hogan.)

Question--That clause 4 stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. FROST.)

Ayes, 28.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Allen	Mr. Lind
Mr. Cain	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Linton
Mr. Cook	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Pollard	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Bennett	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Reid	Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Satchell	Mr. Cleary	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Solly	Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber	Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Jackson		Mr. J. A. Gray	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Hyland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Luxton
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon	Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Maltby

And the numbers being equal, the Temporary Chairman gave his casting vote with the "Ayes."

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2. Clause 6 *as amended.*

Out of the consolidated revenue (which is hereby to the necessary extent appropriated accordingly) there may after the commencement of this Act be paid—

(a) for providing sustenance for persons out of employment, including sustenance at the rate of Five shillings per week for unemployed male persons over the age of fifteen years and under the age of nineteen years receiving instruction (approved for the purposes of the Unemployment Relief Acts by the Unemployment Relief Works

Board) in agricultural horticultural viticultural and dairying pastoral or other like pursuits and trades—an amount not exceeding seven-twelfths of forty-five per centum of the total revenue which the Treasurer estimates will be paid into the consolidated revenue in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two under the Unemployment Relief Acts and after the thirty-first day of August One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one under the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts; and

(b) for the purpose of providing works for the relief of unemployment by way of grants and advances to municipalities Sewerage Authorities within the meaning of the Sewerage District Acts *the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works* the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission the Country Roads Board the Board of Land and Works the Forests Commission *the Railway Department* and to persons and bodies engaged in prospecting or boring and for the purposes of, on the recommendation of the Charities Board of Victoria, building hospitals and extensions of hospitals and for any other purposes of the Unemployment Relief Acts (other than the purpose of providing sustenance for persons out of employment)—an amount equal to the total revenue which the Treasurer estimates will be paid into the consolidated revenue in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two under the Unemployment Relief Acts and after the thirty-first day of August One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one under the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts, less—

- (i) the amount which is paid out of the consolidated revenue pursuant to paragraph (a) hereof;
- (ii) the costs and expenses of the administration after the \* \* *date of the commencement of this Act* of the Unemployment Relief Acts and the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts (and such costs and expenses shall be paid out of the consolidated revenue which is hereby to the necessary extent appropriated accordingly);
- (iii) all sums paid after the said date by the Treasurer on refund certificates issued as provided in section ninety-two of the *Income Tax Act 1928* as extended and applied by the Unemployment Relief Acts of moneys overpaid as tax moneys under the said Acts and refunds paid pursuant to the Stamps (Unemployment Relief) Acts;
- (iv) the amount which was at the commencement of this Act due to be refunded and paid back into The Public Account out of the Unemployment Relief Fund (and The Public Account shall be recouped to the extent of such amount out of the consolidated revenue which is hereby to the necessary extent appropriated accordingly); and
- (v) an amount equal to the outstanding liabilities (other than liabilities to The Public Account) of the Fund immediately before the commencement of this Act (and such amount shall be paid out of the consolidated revenue which is hereby to the necessary extent appropriated accordingly).

—(*Mr. Hogan.*)

Further amendment proposed—That the following proviso be added to the clause:—

“Provided always that notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Unemployment Relief Acts the daily rate of pay to any person employed on the works referred to in paragraph (b) of this section shall not in any case exceed an amount which is ten per centum less than the rate fixed by law for the class of work on which such person is so employed.

In any case in which it is necessary to do so for the purpose of giving effect to this provision the Minister shall make application or cause application to be made as soon as practicable to the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for the suspension or variation of any award or of any industrial agreement under any Commonwealth Act.”—(*Mr. Macfarlan.*)

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

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. FROST.)

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Linton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McDonald
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Everard	
Mr. J. A. Gray	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Kent Hughes
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Maltby

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Cain	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Cook	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cremean	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Keane	Mr. Reid

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3—

Further amendment proposed— That the following proviso be added to the clause :—

“ Provided that the grants and advances under paragraph (b) shall be allotted by the Unemployment Relief Works Board in accordance with the provisions of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930.*”—(Mr. Glowrey.)

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

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—Mr. OLD.)

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cain	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Cook	Mr. McKenzie
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Frost	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	

*Tellers.*Mr. Cremean  
Mr. Reid

Noes, 26.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Linton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McDonald
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Menzies
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Moncur
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Hyland	
Mr. Kent Hughes	
Lieut.-Col. Knox	

*Tellers.*Mr. J. A. Gray  
Mr. Maltby

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.  
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1931.

No. 19.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 10TH DECEMBER, 1931.

TUESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1931.

No. 1.—*Factories and Shops Bill (No. 2)*—Clause 8.

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.—  
(*Mr. Macfarlan.*)

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. SOLLY.)

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 19.
Mr. Allan		Mr. Cain
Mr. Angus		Mr. Cotter
Mr. Downward		Mr. Cremean
Mr. Dunstan		Mr. Frost
Mr. Everard		Mr. Glowrey
Mr. J. A. Gray		Mr. Burnett Gray
Mr. Hyland		Mr. Jackson
Mr. Linton		Mr. Jewell
Mr. Luxton		Mr. McAdam
Mr. Macfarlan		Mr. Menzies
Mr. Mackrell		Mr. Murphy
		Mr. Pollard
		Mr. Reid
		Mr. Slater
		Mr. Tunnecliffe
		Mr. Wallace
		Mr. Webber
		<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Bailey
		Mr. Lemmon

And the numbers being equal, the Temporary Chairman gave his casting vote with the "Noes."  
And so it passed in the negative.

THURSDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1931.

No. 2.—*Supply—Budget and Estimates for 1931-32.*

Motion made and question put—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1931-32 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

**I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.**

DIVISION No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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The sum of £429.—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe.*)

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. SOLLY.)

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 20.
Mr. Bailey		Mr. Allan
Mr. Blackburn		Mr. Angus
Mr. Cain		Sir Stanley Argyle
Mr. Glowrey		Mr. Bennett
Mr. Burnett Gray		Mr. Cleary
Mr. Hayes		Mr. Coyle
Mr. Jewell		Mr. Diffey
Mr. Keane		Mr. Dunstan
Mr. McAdam		Mr. Hyland
Mr. McKenzie		Mr. Linton
Mr. McLachlan		Mr. Luxton
		Mr. Pollard
		Mr. Prendergast
		Mr. Reid
		Mr. Satchell
		Mr. Tunnecliffe
		Mr. Wallace
		Mr. Webber
		<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Hjorth
		Mr. Lemmon
		Lieut.-Col. Knox
		Mr. Pennington

And the numbers being equal, the Temporary Chairman gave his casting vote with the "Ayes."  
And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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VICTORIA.  
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1931.

No. 20.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 18TH DECEMBER, 1931.

TUESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1931.

No. 1.—*Vacuum Oil Company Bill*—Clause 2.

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.—  
(*Mr. Kent Hughes.*)

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. MURPHY.)

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 21.
Mr. Allnutt		Mr. Blackburn
Mr. Angus	Mr. Luxton	Mr. Cain
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Cotter
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Drakeford
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Maltby	Mr. Frost
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Moncur	Mr. Glowrey
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Old	Mr. Burnett Gray
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Hayes
Lieut.-Col. Knox	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Lind	Mr. Kent Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Linton	Mr. Pennington	Mr. Bailey
		Mr. Lemmon

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY (MORNING), 16TH DECEMBER, 1931.

No. 2.—Clause 3.

The agreement (a copy whereof is set out in the First Schedule) is hereby ratified and validated as on and from the date of the agreement.—(*Mr. Bailey.*)

Question—That clause 3 stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. FROST.)

Ayes, 25.		Noes 17.
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Allnutt
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Angus
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard	Sir Stanley Argyle
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Satchell	Mr. Bennett
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Slater	Brigadier Bouchier
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Solly	Mr. Dunstan
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Everard
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Hyland
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber	Mr. Lind
Mr. Jewell		Mr. Linton
Lieut.-Col. Knox	<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. Luxton		<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Kent Hughes
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Maltby	Mr. Wettenhall

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## No. 3.—Clause 6.

No works shall be constructed by the company on the land described in the Fifth Schedule or otherwise under this Act until general plans and descriptions of the works proposed to be so constructed have been approved by the Governor in "Council."—(*Mr. Bailey.*)

Amendment proposed—That after the word "Council," in line 3, the words "after consultation and agreement with the local authority or public body concerned" be added.—(*Mr. Wettenhall.*)

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

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. FROST.)

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Luxton	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Moncur	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Slater
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Old	Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Solly
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Pennington	Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Everard		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hyland		Mr. Jewell	
Lieut.-Col. Knox	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. McAdam	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Bailey
Mr. Linton	Mr. Maltby	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Lemmon

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 4.—*Factories and Shops Bill (No. 2)*—Clause 22.

For sub-section (3) of section one hundred and forty of the Principal Act there shall be substituted the following sub-section :—

"(3) (a) The representatives of the employers shall be—

(i) *bona fide* and actual employers in the trade concerned ; or

(ii) persons nominated to represent employers in the trade concerned which are corporations or public bodies—

and the representatives of the employes shall be *bona fide* and actual employes in such trade :

Provided that on any wages board one official of any trade association of such employers and one official of any trades union of such employes shall be eligible for appointment to represent the employers and employes respectively.

(b) No barrister and solicitor shall be eligible for appointment as a representative of employers or of employes on any wages board unless he is an employer or employe (as the case may be) who is directly interested as such in the trade for which the wages board is appointed.

(c) For the purposes of this sub-section 'public body' includes (without affecting the generality of the expression 'corporations' in paragraph (a) hereof)—

(i) any local authority within the meaning of the *Public Contracts Act 1928* ;

(ii) any municipality (including the city of Melbourne and the city of Geelong) ;

(iii) the trustees of any cemetery ; and

(iv) any body of persons corporate or unincorporate declared by Order of the Governor in Council published in the *Government Gazette* to be a public body for the purposes hereof."

—(*Mr. Webber.*)

Question—That clause 22 stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. FROST.)

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Bond	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Luxton
Mr. Cain	Mr. Slater	Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Bennett	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace	Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Webber	Mr. Coyle	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Jackson		Mr. Diffey	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Downward	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane		Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Linton
Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Reid	Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Maltby

And the numbers being equal, the Temporary Chairman gave his casting vote with the "Ayes."

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY (MORNING), 17TH DECEMBER, 1931.

No. 5.—*Unemployment Relief Amendment Bill (No. 4)*—Clause 15.

For sub-section (6) of section nine of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1930* there shall be substituted the following sub-section :—

- (6) (a) The work allotted to persons employed on any works for the relief of unemployment shall in all cases be as recommended by the Board.
- (b) Notwithstanding any determination of any wages board or the Court of Industrial Appeals and subject to the provisions of section seventeen of the *Unemployment Relief Amendment Act 1931* the rates of pay for such work shall not be greater than as hereinafter specified :—
- (i) In the case of married men on whose earnings other persons are ordinarily dependent—

Fifty-six shillings per week of forty-eight hours or, in any week in which less than forty-eight hours is worked, One shilling and threepence per hour up to twenty-four hours' work and One shilling and one penny per hour "thereafter"; and

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—(Mr. Tunnecliffe.)

Amendment proposed—That after the word "thereafter," in line 6 of sub-paragraph (i), the following sub-paragraphs, paragraphs, and proviso be inserted :—

- (ii) In the case of married women on whose earnings other persons are ordinarily dependent—
- Forty-four shillings per week of forty-eight hours or, in any week in which less than forty-eight hours is worked, twelvecpence per hour up to twenty-four hours' work and tenpence per hour thereafter.
- (iii) In the case of all adult male persons other than those specified in sub-paragraph (i) hereof—
- Forty shillings per week of forty-eight hours or, in any week in which less than forty-eight hours is worked, elevenpence per hour up to twenty-four hours' work and ninepence per hour thereafter.
- (iv) In the case of all adult female persons other than those specified in sub-paragraph (ii) hereof—
- Twenty-eight shillings per week of forty-eight hours or, in any week in which less than forty-eight hours is worked eightpence per hour up to twenty-four hours' work and sixpence per hour thereafter.
- (v) In the case of male persons and female persons under the age of twenty-one years—
- Not more than two-thirds of the amounts specified in sub-paragraphs (iii) and (iv) hereof respectively.
- (c) Overtime work shall be avoided as far as possible, but where unavoidable shall be paid for at the ordinary rates hereinbefore specified.
- (d) In any case in which it is necessary to do so for the purpose of giving effect to any of the provisions of the Unemployment Relief Acts, the Minister shall make application or cause application to be made as soon as practicable to the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for the suspension or variation of any award of such Court or of any industrial agreement under any Commonwealth Act.
- (e) In any case in which the rate of pay under any award of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration or any industrial agreement under any Commonwealth Act or any determination of a wages board or the Court of Industrial Appeals is lower than the corresponding rate of pay hereinbefore specified the lower rate of pay shall be paid :

Provided that such daily rates of pay respectively shall subsequently be subject to adjustment on the first day of February May August and November by increasing or decreasing the same by an amount equivalent to any increase or decrease respectively in the daily cost of living in the metropolis since the preceding quarter."—(Mr. McLachlan.)

Question—That the sub-paragraphs, paragraphs, and proviso proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. FROST.)

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Luxton	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Bond	Mr. Slater
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Cain	Mr. Solly
Mr. Bennett	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Moncur	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Pennington	Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Keane	Tellers.
Mr. Burnett Gray		Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Hyland	Tellers.	Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Pollard
Lieut.-Col. Knox			
Mr. Lind	Mr. Kent Hughes		
Mr. Linton	Mr. Maltby		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## No. 6.—New clause A.

Notwithstanding anything in the Unemployment Relief Acts there shall be paid out of the Unemployment Relief Fund by way of an advance to be applied by the Country Roads Board for the purpose of providing for isolated settlers outlets and tracks to roads a sum of Twenty-five thousand pounds; and such outlets and tracks shall be deemed to be works for the relief of unemployment.—(*Mr. Hyland.*)

Question—That new clause A be now read a second time—put.

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. FROST.)

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton	Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Angus	Mr. Luxton	Mr. Cain	Mr. Satchell
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Macfarlan	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Slater
Mr. Bennett	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Solly
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Moncur	Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hyland		Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Kent Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Maltby	Mr. McAdam	
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington	Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Bailey
		Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Lemmon

And so it passed in the negative.

## FRIDAY (MORNING), 18TH DECEMBER, 1931.

No. 7.—*Administration and Probate Duties Bill*—Clause 1.

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe.*)

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. FROST.)

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Allnut	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Bond	Mr. Reid	Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Cain	Mr. Satchell	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Slater	Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Coyle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Diffey	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber	Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. Hjorth		Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Kent Hughes	
Mr. Keane		Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Maltby
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Lemmon		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## No. 8—

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(*Mr. Slater.*)

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. FROST.)

Ayes, 23.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Allnut	Mr. Linton
Mr. Bond	Mr. Reid	Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Mr. Cain	Mr. Satchell	Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Slater	Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Cleary	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Coyle	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber	Mr. Diffey	
Mr. Hjorth		Mr. Dunstan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Everard	
Mr. Keane		Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Maltby
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Cremean	Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Pennington
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Lemmon		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 9.—*Supply—Estimates for 1931-32.*

Motion made—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1931-32 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

## VI.—LANDS AND SURVEY.

DIVISION No. 57.

## LAND SETTLEMENT.

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The sum of “£752,618.”—(*Mr. Bailey.*)Amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £1.—(*Mr. Old.*)

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. FROST.)

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Allnut	Mr. Linton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Old
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Diffey	
Mr. Dunstan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hyland	
Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Maltby
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 24.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Bond	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cain	Mr. Reid
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Slater
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Webber
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Cremean
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Lemmon

And so it passed in the negative.

## No. 10—

*Limitation of Debate.*—The Temporary Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the consideration of the whole of the Estimates had expired, and the question already proposed from the Chair having been put forthwith and agreed to—

Motion made and question put—That the remaining Estimates (Divisions Nos. 70 to 83 inclusive—See *Votes and Proceedings*, pp. 209-10) be agreed to.—(*Mr. Bailey.*)

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. FROST.)

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Bond	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cain	Mr. Reid
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Slater
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Webber
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Cremean
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 23.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Allnut	Mr. Linton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Old
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hyland	
Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Maltby
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Pennington

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

FRIDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 1931.No. 11.—*Appropriation Bill*—Clause 1.

Out of the Consolidated Revenue there shall and may be issued and applied for or towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding Seven million four hundred and twenty-one thousand six hundred and ten pounds for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe.*)

*Limitation of Debate.*—The Temporary Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the consideration of the resolutions preliminary to the introduction of the Appropriation Bill and motions in connexion therewith up to and including the fixing of the day for the third reading had expired—

Question—That clause 1 stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. FROST.)

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Reid
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Slater
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McAdam	
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Cremean
Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 23.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Cleary	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Hyland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kent Hughes	
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 12—

Motion made and question put—That the remaining clause, the Schedules, and the preamble stand part of the Bill.—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe.*)

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. FROST.)

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Reid
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Satchell
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Slater
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McAdam	
Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Cremean
Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 23.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Linton
Mr. Angus	Mr. Macfarlan
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. Mackrell
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Manifold
Mr. Cleary	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Coyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Diffey	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Hyland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kent Hughes	
Lieut.-Col. Knox	Mr. Maltby
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1931.

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No. 21.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 24TH DECEMBER, 1931.

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WEDNESDAY (MORNING), 23RD DECEMBER, 1931.

No. 1.—*Debt Conversion Agreement Bill (No. 2)*—Clause 3.

The Agreement, a copy of which is set forth in the Schedule to this Act, is approved.—  
(*Mr. Tunnecliffe.*)

Question—That clause 3 stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. COTTER.)

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 23.
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McKenzie	Mr. Allnutt
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Angus
Mr. Cleary	Mr. Reid	Sir Stanley Argyle
Mr. Cook	Mr. Satchell	Mr. Bennett
Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Slater	Mr. Blackburn
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly	Brigadier Bouchier
Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Coyle
Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Diffey
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber	Mr. Downward
Mr. Hjorth		Mr. Dunstan
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Everard
Mr. Jewell		Mr. Hyland
Mr. Keane	Mr. Cremean	Lieut.-Col. Knox
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Linton
		Mr. Macfarlan
		Mr. Mackrell
		Mr. Manifold
		Mr. Menzies
		Mr. Moncur
		Mr. Pennington
		Mr. Wettenhall
		<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Luxton
		Mr. Maltby

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 1931.

No. 2.—*Police Offences (Sports Grounds) Bill*—New clause B.

At the end of section one hundred and twelve of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following proviso :—

“ Provided that no wagering or betting shall take place at any sports without a permit in writing from the Chief Secretary.”—(*Mr. Dunstan.*)

Question—That new clause B be now read a second time—put.

Committee divided.

(Temporary Chairman—MR. FROST.)

Ayes, 14.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Allnutt	Mr. Maltby	Mr. Cain	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Angus	Mr. Manifold	Mr. Cook	Mr. Murphy
Sir Stanley Argyle	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Downward	Mr. Satchell
Brigadier Bouchier	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Diffey		Mr. Glowrey	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Dunstan	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Burnett Gray	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hyland	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber
Mr. Linton	Mr. Luxton	Mr. Holland	
		Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Jewell	Mr. Bailey
		Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon

And so it passed in the negative.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## JOINT SITTING

OF THE

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT OF THE STATE OF VICTORIA

TO CHOOSE A PERSON

TO

HOLD THE PLACE IN THE SENATE

RENDERED VACANT BY THE

DEATH OF SENATOR MAJOR-GENERAL HAROLD  
EDWARD ELLIOTT, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M., V.D.

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*Held in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act.*

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By Authority.

H. J. GREEN, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, MELBOURNE.

# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## JOINT SITTING

HELD IN THE

### LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER.

TUESDAY, 12TH MAY, 1931.

The Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly having, pursuant to resolution, assembled in the Legislative Assembly Chamber:—

1. **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.**—The Honorable Sir Alexander Peacock, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, rose and moved—That the Honorable Sir Francis Grenville Clarke, President of the Legislative Council, be appointed President of this Joint Sitting, which motion, being seconded by the Premier, the Honorable E. J. Hogan, M.L.A., was resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Sir F. G. Clarke, having expressed his acknowledgments for the honour which had been conferred upon him, then took the Chair.

2. **RULES OF PROCEDURE.**—The Attorney-General, the Honorable W. Slater, M.L.A., submitted the following rules of procedure for the consideration of honorable members, and moved that they be adopted as the rules of procedure of this Joint Sitting:—

1. On any debate arising the same shall be conducted according to parliamentary usage.
2. A Member, addressing himself to the President, shall propose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Harold Edward Elliott, and such proposition shall be duly seconded. When any person is so proposed his proposer shall state to the Members present that such person is willing to hold the vacant place if chosen.
3. If only one person be proposed and seconded, the President shall declare—"That has been chosen to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Harold Edward Elliott."
4. If more than one person be proposed and seconded, the person to hold the vacant place shall, subject to the following rules, be chosen by ballot.
5. Before giving directions to proceed with the ballot, the President shall ask if any Member desires to propose any other person to hold the vacant place, and, no other person being proposed, the ballot shall be proceeded with, after which no person shall be proposed.
6. Each Member present shall be provided with a ballot-paper certified by the Clerks of the two Houses, and shall write thereon the name of one of the persons duly proposed, and shall place his ballot-paper in the ballot-box.
7. If two or more persons be proposed and seconded, the proposer of each of such persons shall name some Member present to be a scrutineer. The scrutineers, with the Clerks of the two Houses, shall retire and ascertain the number of votes for each person; and the scrutineers shall make a written report of the result to the President.
8. No informal vote shall be taken into account.
9. If on the first ballot no person shall have received an absolute majority of the votes polled, a second ballot shall be taken, and the name of the person who shall have received the fewest votes at the first ballot shall be excluded; but if at the first ballot the names of only two persons be submitted and the number of votes for such persons be equal, the scrutineers shall by drawing lots determine which of such persons shall be chosen to hold the vacant place, and the person whose name shall be first drawn shall be deemed to have been duly chosen.
10. Until one of the persons proposed obtains an absolute majority of the votes polled, or (as the case may be) is chosen by lot to hold the vacant place, successive ballots shall be taken, and at each such ballot the name of the person who shall have the fewest votes at the preceding ballot shall be excluded.

11. If on any ballot it shall be necessary to decide between two or more persons as to which one is to be excluded from a subsequent ballot through the number of votes for such persons being equal, a special ballot shall be taken at which the names of only those persons shall be submitted, and the name of the person having the fewest votes at such special ballot shall be excluded; but if on any special ballot it shall be necessary to decide between two or more persons as to which one is to be excluded from a subsequent ballot through the number of votes for such persons being equal, the scrutineers by drawing lots shall determine which one of such persons shall be excluded, and the name of the person last drawn shall be excluded.

12. If at any ballot, other than the first ballot, or a special ballot hereinbefore provided for, the names of only two persons be submitted and the number of votes for such persons be equal, the scrutineers shall, by drawing lots, determine which of those persons shall be chosen to hold the vacant place, and the person whose name shall be first drawn shall be deemed to have been duly chosen.

13. As soon as any person obtains an absolute majority of the votes polled, or (as the case may be) is chosen by lot to hold the vacant place, the President shall declare—"That  
has been chosen to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Harold Edward Elliott.

14. The President shall in all cases be entitled to a vote.

15. The records of the proceedings and the ballot-papers shall be retained by the Clerk of the Parliaments of the State of Victoria, who shall be the custodian thereof, and shall keep the ballot-papers safely for one year and thereafter destroy them.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. SCRUTINEERS' REPORTS.—The Attorney-General, the Honorable W. Slater, M.L.A., moved, That the number of votes received by each candidate be disclosed by the Scrutineers in their reports.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. PERSONS PROPOSED TO HOLD THE VACANT PLACE IN THE SENATE.—The President announced that, the rules having been adopted, he was now prepared to receive proposals from any honorable member with regard to a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Harold Edward Elliott.

The Honorable Sir Stanley Argyle, M.L.A., proposed Major-General Sir Nevill Smyth, V.C., K.C.B., as the person to hold the vacant place, and stated that such person was willing to hold the vacant place, if chosen, and named T. K. Maltby, Esquire, M.L.A., to be a scrutineer, which proposal was seconded by Colonel the Honorable Harold Cohen, M.L.C.

W. S. Kent Hughes, Esquire, M.L.A., proposed Alured Kelly, Esquire, as the person to hold the vacant place, and stated that such person was willing to hold the vacant place, if chosen, and named the Honorable R. G. Menzies, M.L.A., to be a scrutineer, which proposal was seconded by J. A. Gray, Esquire, M.L.A.

The Honorable C. H. A. Eager, M.L.C., proposed Thomas Cornelius Brennan, Esquire, K.C., as the person to hold the vacant place, and stated that such person was willing to hold the vacant place, if chosen, and named the Honorable R. F. Tutchter, M.L.A., to be a scrutineer, which proposal was seconded by the Honorable I. Macfarlan, M.L.A.

5. BALLOTS.—The President having asked if any Member desired to propose any other person to hold the vacant place, and no other person being proposed, the President declared that the period for proposing persons had closed, and directed the ballots to be proceeded with, the names of the persons proposed, in the order in which they were proposed, being:—

SMYTH, SIR NEVILL.  
KELLY, ALURED.  
BRENNAN, T. C.

Ballot-papers duly certified by the Clerks of the two Houses were issued to honorable members before each ballot, and such ballot-papers when filled in were deposited in the ballot-box.

At the conclusion of each ballot the scrutineers, with the Clerks of the two Houses, made a scrutiny of the votes received by each person, and the written report of the scrutineers was handed to the President.

6. RESULT OF BALLOTS.—The result of each ballot, as reported by the scrutineers, and the declaration of the President thereon, were as follows:—

*First Ballot.*—The scrutineers reported that, at the first ballot, 89 votes were recorded by the honorable members present, and that the result of the ballot was as follows:—

Thomas Cornelius Brennan	..	..	..	..	38 votes
Major-General Sir Nevill Smyth	..	..	..	..	28 votes
Alured Kelly	..	..	..	..	23 votes

No person having obtained an absolute majority of the votes polled, and Mr. Kelly having obtained the fewest votes, the President declared Mr. Kelly's name excluded from the second ballot.

*Second Ballot.*—The scrutineers reported that, at the second ballot, 90 votes were recorded by the honorable members present, and that the result of the ballot was as follows:—

Thomas Cornelius Brennan	..	..	..	..	54 votes
Major-General Sir Nevill Smyth	..	..	..	..	36 votes

The President thereupon declared that Thomas Cornelius Brennan, Esquire, K.C., having obtained an absolute majority of the votes polled, had been chosen to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Harold Edward Elliott.

7. NOTIFICATION TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Premier, the Honorable E. J. Hogan, M.L.A., moved—That the President be requested to inform His Excellency the Governor that Thomas Cornelius Brennan, Esquire, K.C., has been chosen to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Harold Edward Elliott.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT.—The Premier, the Honorable E. J. Hogan, M.L.A., moved a vote of thanks to the President, which motion was seconded by the Honorable Sir Stanley Argyle, M.L.A., and carried unanimously.

The President, having returned thanks, declared the Joint Sitting closed.

W. R. ALEXANDER,

*Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

P. T. POOK,

*Clerk of the Legislative Council.*

