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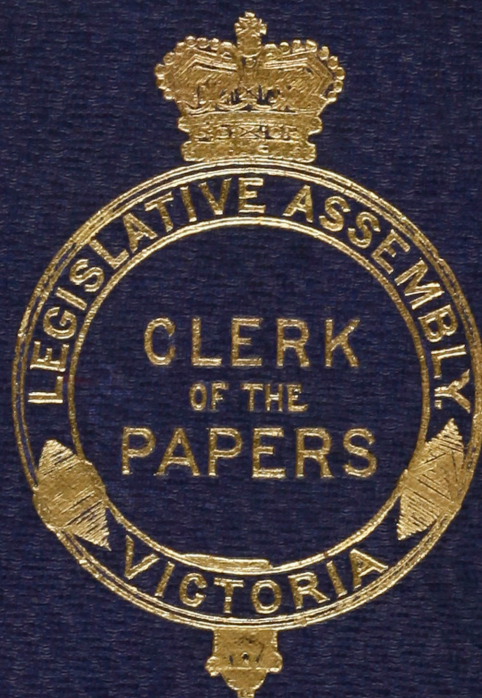
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SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS ON BILLS.

* Bills initiated during the Session	100

Passed and assented to	60
Passed the Legislative Assembly but not the Legislative Council	2
Withdrawn	7
Lapsed	31
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* Including 7 Bills brought from the Legislative Council, 4 of which were passed and assented to, 2 lapsed, and 1 was withdrawn.

PROCEEDINGS ON BILLS.

ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE: Bill to amend the *Administration and Probate Act 1915* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Bailey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 34; read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee, 9 Sept., p. 59; 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, 16 Sept., p. 65; the Council's agreement notified, 29 Sept., p. 76. (*Assented to 5 October, 1926. Act No. 3450.*)

ALBION TO BROADMEADOWS RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION: Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Albion to Broadmeadows—(*Mr. Allan*).—Initiated and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., 1926, p. 141; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 142. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3493.*)

APPROPRIATION: Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1927, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 17 Dec., 1926, p. 140; further considered in Committee and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Dec., p. 142; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 143. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3499.*)

ARARAT LAND: Bill to revoke the reservation of certain land situate in the township of Ararat as a site for the interment of the dead and for other purposes—(*Mr. Downward*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Oct., 1926, p. 84; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 142. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3484.*)

BALLAARAT GAS COMPANY: Bill to amend *The Ballarat Gas Company's Act 1857*—(*Mr. McDonald-Polwarth*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1926, p. 127; order for second reading read; Bill ruled a private Bill; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders except those relating to the payment of fees 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. 137; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 142. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3483.*)

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES: Bill relating to the corporation known as the Bank of New South Wales—(*Mr. Snowball*).—Petition presented for leave to introduce the Bill, 6 July, 1926, p. 9; report of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that the Standing Orders had been fully complied with, read; Bill initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., p. 36; read a second time and committed to a Select Committee, 19 Aug., p. 39; Committee appointed and

leave given to print the evidence taken before such Committee, 26 Aug., p. 45; Report, &c., presented, 21 Sept., p. 67; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 30 Sept., p. 77; Message from the Legislative Council requesting copies of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee on the Bill; ordered—That copies be transmitted to the Legislative Council, 5 Oct., p. 80; the Council's agreement to the Bill notified, 3 Nov., p. 97. (*Assented to 11 November, 1926. Act No. 3453.*)

BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY: Bill to further amend the *Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Street Railway Act 1920*—(*Mr. Mackrell*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Oct., 1926, p. 84; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 141; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 142. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3492.*)

CARLTON LAND: Bill to revoke the permanent reservation of certain land in the city of Melbourne reserved as a site for the Carlton cricket ground—(*Dr. Argyle*).—Motion made, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the City of Melbourne reserved as a site for the Carlton Cricket Ground*"; amendment proposed—That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "in view of the fact that the passage of the motion before the Chair involves an alienation of one of the playgrounds of the people of 5½ acres, which is an essential provision of a scheme that involves—(1) the occupancy of an additional area of approximately 6 acres of the Princes Park for school purposes; (2) the scrapping of the Melbourne Hospital, which was re-built in the year 1912 at a cost of £300,000, and the selling of the site; (3) the vacation of the recently-built and specially-constructed medical school at the University, which cost the State of Victoria £80,000, and the building of an additional medical school, this House is of opinion that the Bill should not be proceeded with"; amendment negatived, on division; motion for leave to bring in the Bill agreed to, on division, and Bill read a first time, on division; motion, That the Bill be printed, agreed to, on division; motion, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next, agreed to, on division, 10-11 Nov., 1926, pp. 101-4.—Bill lapsed.

CASTLEMAINE LAND: Bill to provide for the grant to The Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria of certain Crown land situate at Castlemaine in exchange for certain land the property of the said Commissioners and for other purposes—(*Mr. Downward*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 34; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 18 Aug., p. 38; further considered in Committee, 14 Oct., p. 87; further considered in Committee and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Nov., p. 100; the Council's agreement notified, 24 Nov., p. 112. (*Assented to 30 November, 1926. Act No. 3457.*)

- CATTLE COMPENSATION:** Bill to amend the Cattle Compensation Acts—(*Colonel Bouchier*).—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, 20 July, 1926, p. 18; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 18 Aug., p. 38; debate resumed and adjourned, 5 Oct., p. 80; 13 Oct., p. 86; 11 Nov., p. 105; 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 and a further amendment made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Nov., p. 107; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 2 Dec., p. 117; amendments agreed to, 2 Dec., p. 118. (*Assented to 9 December, 1926. Act No. 3459.*)
- CENSORSHIP OF FILMS:** Bill intituled "*An Act to make provision for the Censoring of Cinematograph Films and with respect to the Exhibition of such Films and for other purposes*"—(*Dr. Argyle*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 18 Aug., 1926, p. 38; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 5 Oct., p. 80; debate resumed and adjourned, 12 Oct., p. 84; debate continued—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 13 Oct., p. 86; further considered in Committee, 24 Nov., p. 112; 30 Nov., p. 115; 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 with the Assembly's amendments desired, 14 Dec., pp. 125-6; the Council's agreement to the amendments notified, 15 Dec., p. 132; communication from Acting Clerk of the Parliaments reporting clerical errors in the Bill; correction of clerical errors agreed to, 17 Dec., p. 137. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3465.*)
- CHILDREN'S WELFARE:** Bill to amend the *Neglected Children's Act 1915*—(*Mr. Webber*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 35; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 141; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 143. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3497.*)
- COMPANIES (NAMES):** Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Name Style or Title of Companies and for other purposes*"—(*Mr. Eggleston*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 5 Aug., 1926, p. 30; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 18 Aug., p. 38; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 6 Oct., pp. 81-2; 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 with the Assembly's amendments desired, 24 Nov., p. 112; the Council's agreement to some and disagreement with one of the amendments notified; the Assembly do not insist on their amendment disagreed with by the Council, 7 Dec., p. 121. (*Assented to 14 December, 1926. Act No. 3462.*)
- COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS):** Bill to provide for compulsory voting at elections for the Legislative Assembly—(*Mr. Murphy for Mr. Cotter*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 35.—Bill lapsed.
- COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS) (BILL No. 2):** Bill for the purpose of making provision for compulsory voting at Legislative Assembly elections—(*Dr. Argyle*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 Dec., 1926, p. 119; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 14 Dec., p. 126; 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, 17 Dec., p. 137; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 142. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3488.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 1):** Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £1,470,517 to the service of the year 1926-27—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 30 June, 1926, p. 8; the Council's agreement notified, 7 July, p. 10. (*Assented to 7 July, 1926. Act No. 3442.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 2):** Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £530,783 to the service of the year 1925-26—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 27 July, 1926, p. 25; the Council's agreement notified, 28 July, p. 26. (*Assented to 29 July, 1926. Act No. 3443.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 3):** Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £1,410,202 to the service of the year 1926-27—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 4 Aug., 1926, p. 30; the Council's agreement notified, 5 Aug., p. 30. (*Assented to 5 August, 1926. Act No. 3444.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 4):** Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £1,484,395 to the service of the year 1926-27—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 Aug., 1926, p. 47; the Council's agreement notified, 2 Sept., p. 53. (*Assented to 1 September, 1926. Act No. 3445.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 5):** Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £1,634,840 to the service of the year 1926-27—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 29 Sept., 1926, p. 76; the Council's agreement notified, 30 Sept., p. 78. (*Assented to 30 September, 1926. Act No. 3449.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 6):** Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £1,472,747 to the service of the year 1926-27—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 Nov., 1926, p. 97; the Council's agreement notified, 9 Nov., p. 99. (*Assented to 8 November, 1926. Act No. 3452.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 7):** Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of £1,549,333 to the service of the year 1926-27—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without

amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 7 Dec., 1926, p. 121; the Council's agreement notified, 9 Dec., p. 122. (*Assented to 9 December, 1926. Act No. 3460.*)

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT: Bill to amend The Constitution Act Amendment Acts—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Message from His Excellency the 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, 15 Dec., 1926, p. 129; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 140; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified; amendments agreed to, 18 Dec., p. 142. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3498.*)

COUNTRY ROADS BOARD: Bill relating to the salaries of the chairman and of the other members of the Country Roads Board—(*Mr. Allan*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 43) 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 passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., 1926, pp. 141-2; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 142. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3495.*)

CRIMES: Bill to amend the law relating to crimes and criminal offenders—(*Mr. Eggleston*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Oct., 1926, p. 33; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 14 Dec., p. 127.

DARLING TO GLEN WAVERLEY RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION: Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Darling to Glen Waverley—(*Mr. Allan*).—Initiated and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Dec., 1926, p. 142; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 143. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3500.*)

DAY BAKING: Bill for the establishment of day baking in the State of Victoria—(*Mr. Brownbill*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 35; read a second time, on division, and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 30 Sept., p. 78.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.

DIVORCE: Bill to make separation a ground for divorce under the Marriage Acts—(*Mr. Snowball*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 35.—Bill lapsed.

DRIED FRUITS: Bill to continue the operation of the Dried Fruits Acts—(*Colonel Bouchier*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 18) 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, 29 Sept., 1926, p. 74; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 9 Nov., p. 100; read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 24 Nov., p. 111; the Council's agreement notified, 7 Dec., p. 121. (*Assented to 14 December, 1926. Act No. 3461.*)

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS: Bill relating to the redivision of the State of Victoria into electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly and for other purposes—(*Dr. Argyle*).—Motion made, That he have leave to

bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Redivision of the State of Victoria into Electoral Districts for the Legislative Assembly and for other purposes*"; amendment proposed—That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words—"while affirming the need of an equitable redistribution, this House is not prepared to grant leave for the introduction of a Bill which—(a) is admittedly substantially identical with the Bill rejected by the House in 1924, and again rejected in the same year by the people; (b) if carried will impose upon the people of this State an unjust and undemocratic scheme of redivision which, under the pretext of reform, will tend to perpetuate minority rule"—debate adjourned, 2 Sept., 1926, pp. 53-4; debate resumed and adjourned, 7 Sept., p. 56; debate continued—amendment negatived; motion for leave to bring in the Bill agreed to, on division; Bill initiated and motion made, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That this Bill be now advanced through all its stages up to the consideration of the Bill in Committee—debate adjourned, 8 Sept., pp. 57-8; motion declared an urgent motion; motion—That the motion be considered an urgent motion agreed to, on division; motion—That the time allotted for debating the motion be until half-past Ten o'clock p.m. this day, agreed to, on division, on casting vote; amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the main motion—"but that the Committee be directed to so amend the Bill as to provide for the redivision of this State into sixty electorates based upon the principle of allowing three members for each existing Commonwealth electorate"; amendment debated and negatived, on division; question—That this Bill be now advanced through all its stages up to the consideration of the Bill in Committee, agreed to, on division; Bill read a first time; read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee, 15 Sept., pp. 62-4; further considered in Committee, 21 Sept., p. 67; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 22 Sept., p. 68; as amended, agreed to, on division; Bill read the third time, on division, and further amendments made; question—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, agreed to, on division, 28-9 Sept., pp. 69-73; the Council's agreement notified, 12 Oct., p. 94. (*Assented to 14 October, 1926. Act No. 3451.*)

FACTORIES AND SHOPS: Bill to amend the Factories and Shops Acts—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 34.—Bill lapsed.

FACTORIES AND SHOPS (SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY): Bill to make further provision with respect to a Saturday half-holiday in shops under the Factories and Shops Acts—(*Sir William McPherson for Mr. Baird*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 34.—Bill lapsed.

FAIR RENTS: Bill for the establishment of courts for the purpose of fixing fair rents for dwelling-houses and shops—(*Mr. Murphy*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 35; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 4 Nov., p. 97.—Bill lapsed.

FARM PRODUCE AGENTS: Bill to amend the *Farm Produce Agents Act 1920* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Pollard*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 35.—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 making available by the Commonwealth of moneys

- for the purpose of the construction and reconstruction of "Federal Aid Roads" in Victoria—(*Mr. Allan*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 41) 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., 1926, pp. 134-5; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 137; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 142. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3481.*)
- FOOTSCRAY LAND:** Bill to revoke in part the reservation and Crown grant of certain land in the city of Footscray permanently reserved as a site for a mechanics' institute and to provide for the transfer of portion to the Minister of Public Instruction and to declare portion to be a public highway and for other purposes—(*Mr. Downward*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1926, p. 127.—Bill lapsed.
- FORESTS:** Bill to amend the Forests Acts and the law relating to the careless use of fire and for other purposes—(*Mr. Mackrell*).—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, 20 July, 1926, p. 19.—Bill lapsed.
- FORESTS (BILL No. 2):** Bill to amend the Forests Acts and for other purposes—(*Mr. Jewell for Mr. Bond*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 36.—Bill lapsed.
- FRUIT:** Bill to amend the Fruit Acts—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1926, p. 130; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 140; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 142. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3487.*)
- FYANSFORD LAND:** Bill to provide for the issue of Crown grants to a company registered under the name of Australian Cement Limited in respect of certain land now forming portions of certain streets in the town of Fyansford and of portion of certain other land in the said town now permanently reserved as a site for a Protestant orphan asylum and for other purposes—(*Mr. Downward*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1926, p. 128; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 142; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 142. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3486.*)
- GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE:** Bill to further amend the *Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act 1915*—(*Mr. Allan*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1926, p. 127; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 140; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 142. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3485.*)
- HARBOR BOARDS:** Bill to make provision for harbor boards for certain ports and for other purposes—(*Mr. Allan*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1926, p. 128.—Bill lapsed.
- HEALTH:** Bill to amend the *Health Act 1919* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Pollard*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 35.—Bill lapsed.
- HEALTH (BILL No. 2):** Bill to amend the Health Acts—(*Dr. Argyle*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1926, p. 127; read a second time and committed; motion, by leave, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to consider an amendment of section 109 of the *Health Act 1919* for the purpose of repealing the proviso to paragraph (e) of sub-section (2) of the said section—agreed to; Bill 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, 16 Dec., p. 135; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 137. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3470.*)
- HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES:** Bill relating to fees under the Second Schedule to the *Highways and Vehicles Act 1924*—(*Dr. Argyle*).—House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the fees to be charged under the Bill; matter considered in Committee; resolution specifying the fees chargeable under the Bill reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 17 Aug., 1926, p. 37; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Aug., p. 38; the Council's agreement notified, 21 Sept., p. 67. (*Assented to 28 September, 1926. Act No. 3448.*)
- INCOME TAX ACTS AMENDMENT:** Bill to amend the Income Tax Acts and for other purposes—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1926, p. 128; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 136; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 137. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3473.*)
- INCOME TAX:** Bill to declare the rates of income tax for the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1927, and to continue the Income Tax Acts—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1926, p. 132; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 136; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 137. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3472.*)
- INTERMEDIATE HOSPITALS:** Bill to make provision for intermediate hospitals and for intermediate wards in public hospitals and for other purposes—(*Dr. Argyle*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 Dec., 1926, p. 119.—Bill lapsed.
- JUSTICES:** Bill to make provision for a metropolitan court of petty sessions—(*Mr. Eggleston*).—Initiated and read a first time, 30 June, 1926, p. 4; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 17 Aug., p. 37; debate resumed and adjourned, 1 Dec., p. 117; order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 14 Dec., p. 127.
- JUSTICES OF THE PEACE:** Bill relating to justices of the peace—(*Mr. Eggleston*).—Motion for leave to bring in the Bill debated and agreed to, on division; Bill read a first time, on division, 2 Sept., 1926, p. 53; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 5 Oct., p. 80; order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 14 Dec., p. 127.
- LAND TAX:** Bill to declare the rate of land tax for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1927—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1926, p. 130; read a second time and

- passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 136; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 137. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3471.*)
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Local Government Acts*"—(*Mr. Eggleston*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 30 Sept., 1926, p. 78.—Bill lapsed.
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT (OVERDRAFTS):** Bill to amend the *Local Government Act 1915* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Pollard*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 35.—Bill lapsed.
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WERRIBEE RATING):** Bill relating to the rateability of certain lands in the municipal district of Werribee used for sewage farm and other purposes—(*Mr. Hjorth*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 35.—Bill lapsed.
- MALLEE LAND ACCOUNT:** Bill relating to the Mallee Land Account—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—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, 15 Dec., 1926, p. 130.—Bill lapsed.
- MEDICAL (DENTISTS):** Bill to amend the *Medical Act 1915* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Snowball*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 35.—Bill lapsed.
- MEDICAL (DENTISTS) (BILL No. 2):** Bill to amend the law relating to dentists and for other purposes—(*Dr. Argyle*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Oct., 1926, p. 84.—Bill lapsed.
- MELBOURNE AND GEELONG LIGHTING RATE:** Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Lighting Rates in the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong*"—(*Mr. McDonald—Polwarth*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 15 Sept., 1926, p. 62; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 14 Oct., p. 87; further considered in Committee and passed remaining stages without amendment, 9 Nov., p. 100. (*Assented to 17 November, 1926. Act No. 3454.*)
- MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS:** Bill to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Acts and for other purposes—(*Mr. Eggleston*).—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, 20 July, 1926, p. 18; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 11 Nov., p. 105; debate resumed and adjourned, 1 Dec., p. 116; debate continued and amendment proposed, That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "this House refuses to grant the second reading of this Bill on the ground that— (a) it fails to provide for the democratization of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works by providing for direct election of its members in lieu of the present system of indirect election; (b) it fails to make definite and certain provision for the immediate construction of the Spencer-street bridge"; debate on amendment adjourned, 2 Dec., p. 118.—Bill lapsed.
- MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS:** Bill to amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Jackson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 35.—Bill lapsed.
- MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS (BILL No. 2):** Bill relating to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board and to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Acts—(*Mr. Allan for Mr. Eggleston*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 Sept., 1926, p. 55; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 140; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 142. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3489.*)
- MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST:** Bill to amend the Melbourne Harbor Trust Acts—(*Mr. Eggleston*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 36) 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., 1926, p. 128; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 140; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 143. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3496.*)
- MENTAL DEFICIENCY:** Bill to make further and better provision for the care of feeble-minded and other mentally defective persons and for other purposes—(*Dr. Argyle*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 34; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 6 Oct., p. 81; order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 14 Dec., p. 127.
- METROPOLITAN COUNCIL:** Bill to constitute a Greater Melbourne Council and for other purposes—(*Mr. Jackson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 35.—Bill lapsed.
- METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS:** Bill to amend the *Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers Act 1923*—(*Sir Alexander Peacock for Mr. Eggleston*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 34; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 12 Oct., p. 84; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 1 Dec., p. 116; read the third time and amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 Dec., p. 118; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Dec., p. 126. (*Assented to 21 December, 1926. Act No. 3463.*)
- MIDWIVES:** Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Midwives Board*"—(*Dr. Argyle*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 8 Dec., 1926, p. 122; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time; motion, That the debate be now adjourned, negatived, on division; debate on second reading resumed and adjourned, 14 Dec., p. 126.—Bill lapsed.
- MILK SUPPLY:** Bill to amend the *Milk Supply Act 1922* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Webber*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 35.—Bill lapsed.
- MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT:** Bill relating to municipal endowment—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 34) 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, 14 Dec., 1926, pp. 124-5; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired; the Council's agreement notified, 15 Dec., p. 132. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3466.*)

NEWPORT LAND: Bill to provide for the grant to the British Imperial Oil Company Limited of certain Crown land situate at Newport in exchange for certain land of which the said company is the registered proprietor and the reservation of the last-mentioned land as a site for a public park and garden, and for other purposes—(*Mr. Downward*).—Initiated and read a first time, 8 Dec., 1926, p. 122; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 143. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3501.*)

ORBOST TO BRODRIBB RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION: Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Orbost to Brodrigg—(*Mr. Allan*).—Initiated and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., 1926, p. 141; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 142. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3494.*)

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. Brownbill*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 35; read a second time, on division, and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 19 Aug., p. 39.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.

POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION): Bill intituled "*An Act to make further provision with respect to the Protection of Animals*"—(*Dr. Argyle*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1926, pp. 113-4; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 14 Dec., p. 127.

POLICE OFFENCES (RACE MEETINGS): Bill to amend the *Police Offences Act 1915*—(*Mr. Carlisle*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 35.—Bill lapsed.

PRIMARY PRODUCTS ADVANCES: Bill to amend the Act providing for the making of advances to companies for the purposes of undertakings for dealing with certain primary products—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 35.—Bill lapsed.

PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION: Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for public works and other purposes—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1926, p. 128; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 136; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 137. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3475.*)

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—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1926, p. 128; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 136; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 140. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3477.*)

RAILWAYS: Bill to amend the *Railways Act 1915*—(*Mr. Hayes*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 35.—Bill lapsed.

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES: Bill to make further provision with respect to the registration of vehicles and for other purposes—(*Mr. Allan*).—Motion for leave

to bring in the Bill debated and agreed to, on division; Bill read a first time, 12 Oct., 1926, p. 83; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 14 Dec., p. 127.

RURAL BANK: Bill to provide for the establishment and carrying on of a rural bank department of the State Savings Bank of Victoria for the purpose of affording credit for promoting the settlement, cultivation, and improvement of lands in country districts and to make provision for obtaining funds for carrying on the said department, and for other purposes—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—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, 20 July, 1926, p. 19; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 5 Oct., p. 80; debate resumed and adjourned, 1 Dec., p. 116.—Bill lapsed.

SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS): Bill to provide that all State parliamentary elections be held on a Saturday—(*Dr. Argyle*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 Dec., 1926, p. 127; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 137; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 142. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3490.*)

SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LANDS: Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Part II. of the 'Settled Estates and Settled Lands Act 1915'*"—(*Mr. Eggleston*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 4 Aug., 1926, p. 30; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 18 Aug., p. 38; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 9 Nov., p. 100. (*Assented to 17 November, 1926. Act No. 3455.*)

SINKING FUNDS AND REDEMPTION FUNDS: Bill to make provision with respect to certain sinking funds and redemption funds and for other purposes—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 42) 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 passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., 1926, pp. 140-41; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 142. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3491.*)

SOUTH KENSINGTON TO WEST FOOTSCRAY RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION: Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from South Kensington to West Footscray—(*Mr. Allan for Mr. Mackrell*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Nov., 1926, p. 99; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 16 Nov., p. 107; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 23 Nov., p. 111; 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, 1 Dec., p. 116; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Dec., p. 126. (*Assented to 21 December, 1926. Act No. 3464.*)

STAMPS: Bill to amend the Stamps Acts—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain stamp duties; matter considered in Committee; resolution specifying certain stamp duties reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read

a first time, 16 Dec., 1926, pp. 133-4; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 137; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 141. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3479.*)

STATE SAVINGS BANK: Bill to amend the State Savings Bank Acts and to further amend the *Housing and Reclamation Act 1920*—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—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, 20 July, 1926, p. 18; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 5 Oct., p. 80.—Bill lapsed.

STOCK FOODS: Bill relating to stock foods—(*Colonel Bouchier*).—Initiated and read a first time, 5 Oct., 1926, p. 80; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 14 Dec., p. 126; 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, 16 Dec., p. 135; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 142. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3482.*)

SUPREME COURT: Bill to further amend the *Supreme Court Act 1915*—(*Mr. Eggleston*).—Motion for leave to bring in the Bill debated and agreed to, on division; Bill read a first time, 12 Oct., 1926, p. 84; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 14 Dec., p. 127.

TEACHERS: Bill to amend the *Teachers Act 1925* and for other purposes—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Message from His Excellency the 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, 15 Dec., 1926, pp. 128-9; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 137; the Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 142. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3480.*)

THEATRES: Bill to amend the law relating to public entertainments in certain public buildings, gardens, and places and for other purposes—(*Dr. Argyle*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1926, p. 128; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 135; the Council's agreement notified, 16 Dec., p. 136. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3468.*)

TREASURY BILLS AND ADVANCES: Bill to further amend the *Treasury Bills and Advances Act 1922*—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—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, 15 Dec., 1926, p. 129; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 136. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3469.*)

TREASURY BONDS: Bill to authorize the issue of Treasury Bonds—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 33) 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, 14 Dec., 1926, p. 124; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time, on division; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 15 Dec., p. 132; the Council's agreement notified, 16 Dec., p. 136. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3467.*)

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE: Bill to provide insurance against unemployment and for other purposes—(*Mr. Jackson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 35.—Bill lapsed.

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN: Bill to authorize the raising of money for railways—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 31) 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, 14 Dec., 1926, p. 123; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time, on division; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16-17 Dec., p. 136; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 137. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3476.*)

VICTORIAN LOAN: Bill to authorize the raising of money for irrigation works and water supply works and for drainage and flood protection works in country districts and for works under the River Murray Waters Acts—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 15) 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, 8 Sept., 1926, p. 57; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 8 Sept., p. 58; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 14 Sept., p. 61; the Council's agreement notified, 15 Sept., p. 64. (*Assented to 21 September, 1926. Act No. 3446.*)

VICTORIAN LOAN (ELECTRICITY SUPPLY) AND APPLICATION: Bill to authorize the raising of money for works and undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria and to sanction the issue and application of such money—(*Mr. Eggleston*).—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, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 14 Dec., 1926, p. 125; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 15 Dec., p. 132; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 136; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 141. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3478.*)

VICTORIAN LOAN (PUBLIC WORKS): Bill to authorize the raising of money for public works and other purposes—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—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, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 14 Dec., 1926, p. 124; read a second time and passed remaining stages without

amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 136; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 137. (*Assented to 23 December, 1926. Act No. 3474.*)

WALPEUP WEST LANDS: Bill relating to certain Crown lands situate within the Walpeup West Waterworks District and certain improvements thereon—(*Mr. Downward*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 28) 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, 2 Dec., 1926, p. 117.—Bill lapsed.

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—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 Sept., 1926, p. 55; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 8 Sept., p. 58; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 14 Sept., p. 61; the Council's agreement notified, 15 Sept., p. 64. (*Assented to 21 September, 1926. Act No. 3447.*)

WOMEN'S QUALIFICATION: Bill to amend the law with respect to disqualifications on account of sex and for other purposes—(*Mr. Blackburn*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Aug., 1926, p. 36; 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, 4 Nov., p. 97; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 24 Nov., p. 111; amendments agreed to, 24 Nov., p. 112. (*Assented to 30 November, 1926. Act No. 3458.*)

WYCHEPROOF LAND: Bill to provide for the sale by auction of certain Crown land in the parish of Bunguluke temporarily reserved as a site for public recreation and for the permanent reservation as a site for public recreation of certain other land in the said parish and for other purposes—(*Mr. Downward*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 9) 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, 28 July, 1926, p. 25; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Nov., p. 100; the Council's agreement notified, 24 Nov., p. 112. (*Assented to 30 November, 1926. Act No. 3456.*)

SESSION 1926.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Under Section 130 of The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, No. 2632, the Legislative Assembly consists of Sixty-five Members.

TWENTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT.

THIRD SESSION (30TH JUNE TO 18TH DECEMBER, 1926).

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.			Votes recorded for each Sitting Member.		Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
			Male.	Female.	Total.	First Preference Votes.	Final Result after Distribution of Votes under The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Allan, The Honorable John ¹ ..	Rodney ..	11,194	3,614	2,770	6,384	4,125	..	61·51	52·08	57·03
Allison, David, Esquire ..	Borong ..	7,856	2,203	1,559	3,762	1,901	..	51·22	43·85	47·89
Angus, The Honorable Henry ..	Gunbower ..	9,178	3,411	2,606	6,017	3,289	..	67·50	63·18	65·56
Argyle, The Honorable Dr. Stanley ² ..	Toorak ..	24,441	4,928	6,728	11,656	7,741	..	51·19	45·41	47·69
Bailey, The Honorable Henry Stephen ..	Port Fairy ..	7,313	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Baird, The Honorable Matthew ..	Ballaarat West ..	10,549	3,276	4,215	7,491	4,286	..	75·64	67·79	71·01
Barnes, The Honorable Samuel ..	Walhalla ..	7,797	2,726	1,451	4,177	2,219	..	58·04	46·81	53·57
Beardmore, The Honorable Henry ..	Benambra ..	6,700	2,164	1,490	3,654	2,713	..	59·57	48·58	54·54
Billson, The Honorable Alfred Arthur ³ ..	Ovens ..	4,880	1,861	1,701	3,562	1,986	..	75·80	70·14	72·99
Blackburn, Maurice McCrea, Esquire ⁴ ..	Fitzroy ..	12,460	3,709	3,634	7,343	4,395	..	64·83	53·92	58·93
Bond, Ernest Edward, Esquire ⁵ ..	Glenelg ..	9,765	3,780	3,543	7,323	4,066	..	76·92	73·04	74·99
Bourchier, Colonel The Honorable Murray William James, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D. ⁶ ..	Goulburn Valley ..	8,924	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Bowser, The Honorable John ⁷ ..	Wangaratta ..	7,165	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Brownbill, William, Esquire ⁸ ..	Geelong ..	15,405	5,392	5,785	11,177	6,197	..	75·58	69·94	72·55
Cain, The Honorable John ..	Jika Jika ..	41,548	12,031	10,920	22,951	14,927	..	61·64	49·57	55·24
Carlisle, The Honorable John Joseph ⁹ ..	Benalla ..	7,108	2,187	1,723	3,910	2,397	..	60·01	49·74	55·01
Clough, Luke James, Esquire ..	Bendigo East ..	8,204	2,541	3,016	5,557	3,327	..	70·14	65·84	67·74
Cook, Arthur Ernest, Esquire ..	Bendigo West ..	9,017	3,234	3,496	6,730	3,425	..	77·65	72·05	74·64
Cotter, Edmund John, Esquire ¹⁰ ..	Richmond ..	16,381	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Deany, James Davidson, Esquire ..	Warrnambool ..	9,410	3,338	3,073	6,411	3,188	..	71·40	64·90	68·13
Downward, The Honorable Alfred ¹¹ ..	Mornington ..	17,066	5,434	3,954	9,388	2,298	4,865	58·34	51·01	55·01
Dunstan, Albert Arthur, Esquire ..	Eaglehawk ..	5,861	1,726	1,583	3,309	2,747	..	60·58	52·56	56·46
Eggleston, The Honorable Frederic William ¹² ..	St. Kilda ..	35,932	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Everard, William Hugh, Esquire ¹³ ..	Evelyn ..	12,231	3,298	2,606	5,904	4,553	..	53·32	43·10	48·27
Farthing, Alfred Alexander, Esquire ¹⁴ ..	East Melbourne ..	10,938	2,872	2,819	5,691	2,542	2,826	53·29	50·80	52·03
Frost, George Clement, Esquire ..	Maryborough ..	6,360	2,422	2,304	4,726	3,207	..	78·15	70·65	74·31
Gordon, The Honorable John ..	Waranga ..	6,466	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Greenwood, Edmund Wilson, Esquire ¹⁵ ..	Boroondara ..	63,123	13,250	14,895	28,145	17,670	..	47·40	42·35	44·59

NOTES.

The particulars given in the above table relate to the General Election 1924; the date of each Member's election, when noted as "unopposed," being 12 June, 1924, the "day of nomination," and in other cases 26 June, 1924, 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 1924, and the date of such elections will be found in the following notes:—

- ¹ The Hon. J. Allan, Premier and Minister of Water Supply from 18 November, 1924; Minister of Railways (without salary) and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 24 August, 1926.
- ² The Hon. Dr. S. S. Argyle, Chief Secretary, and Minister of Public Health (without salary) from 7 September, 1923, to 18 July and from 18 November, 1924.
- ³ The Hon. A. A. Billson, Chairman of Committees from 28 September, 1921, to 30 September, 1926.
- ⁴ Mr. M. M. Blackburn, elected 4 February, 1925, *vice* the Hon. J. W. Billson, deceased 23 December, 1924.
- ⁵ Mr. E. E. Bond, elected 14 August, 1924, *vice* Mr. W. E. Thomas, deceased 11 July, 1924.
- ⁶ Col. the Hon. M. W. J. Bourchier, Minister of Agriculture, and Minister of Markets (without salary) from 18 November, 1924.
- ⁷ The Hon. J. Bowser, Speaker from 30 April, 1924.
- ⁸ Mr. W. Brownbill, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 2 September, 1924.
- ⁹ The Hon. J. J. Carlisle, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 8 July, 1925.
- ¹⁰ Mr. E. J. Cotter, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 30 November, 1920.
- ¹¹ The Hon. A. Downward, President of the Board of Land and Works, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, and Minister of Immigration (without salary) from 18 November, 1924.
- ¹² The Hon. F. W. Eggleston, Minister of Railways from 19 March to 18 July, 1924; a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 19 March to 18 July and from 18 November, 1924, to 24 August, 1926; Attorney-General, and Solicitor-General (without salary) from 18 November, 1924; Minister of Railways (without salary) from 18 November, 1924, to 24 August, 1926.
- ¹³ Mr. W. H. Everard, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 8 July, 1924.
- ¹⁴ Mr. A. A. Farthing, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 11 September, 1923; Chairman of Committees from 13 October, 1926, *vice* the Hon. A. A. Billson, resigned 30 September, 1926.
- ¹⁵ Mr. E. W. Greenwood, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 30 November, 1920.

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Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.			Votes recorded for each Sitting Member.		Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
			Male.	Female.	Total.	First Preference Votes.	Final Result after Distribution of Votes under <i>The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.</i>	Male.	Female.	Total.
Groves, The Honorable Frank ..	Dandenong ..	19,505	5,599	4,494	10,093	5,227	..	57·12	46·32	51·75
Hayes, Thomas, Esquire ..	Melbourne ..	7,738	2,427	2,011	4,438	3,385	..	57·42	57·28	57·35
Hjorth, Ralph Theodore, Esquire ..	Bulla ..	11,810	4,208	3,162	7,370	3,301	3,695	67·77	56·45	62·40
Hogan, The Honorable Edmond John ..	Warrenheip ..	5,192	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Holland, John Joseph, Esquire ¹⁶ ..	Flemington ..	25,912	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Hughes, Arthur, Esquire ..	Grenville ..	4,256	1,639	1,573	3,212	1,735	..	77·90	73·09	75·47
Jackson, Arthur Richard, Esquire ..	Prahran ..	19,436	5,541	6,995	12,536	6,316	..	68·01	61·96	64·50
Jewell, James Roberts, Esquire ..	Brunswick ..	27,788	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Keane, Frank, Esquire ..	Essendon ..	37,039	11,352	11,225	22,577	12,375	..	65·79	56·74	60·95
Lawson, The Honorable Harry Sutherland Wightman	Castlemaine and Maldon	6,246	2,230	2,304	4,534	3,075	..	77·27	68·57	72·59
Lonnon, The Honorable John ..	Williamstown ..	24,058	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Lind, Albert Eli, Esquire ..	Gippsland East	6,134	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Mackrell, The Honorable Edwin Joseph ¹⁷	Upper Goulburn	7,760	3,218	2,437	5,655	1,889	3,257	76·53	68·55	72·87
McAdam, William James, Esquire ¹⁸ ..	Ballaarat East	9,756	3,349	3,974	7,323	3,403	3,617	77·88	72·84	75·06
McDonald, James, Esquire ..	Daylesford ..	6,185	2,637	2,483	5,120	2,668	..	86·97	78·75	82·78
McDonald, The Honorable James ¹⁹ ..	Polwarth ..	11,494	4,076	3,279	7,355	4,112	..	67·17	60·43	63·99
McLachlan, James Weir, Esquire ..	Gippsland North	9,543	3,389	3,097	6,486	4,533	..	69·89	65·98	67·97
McPherson, The Honorable Sir William Murray, K.B.E.	Hawthorn ..	32,143	8,730	10,478	19,208	9,576	..	64·52	56·29	59·76
Morley, Edward, Esquire ²⁰ ..	Barwon ..	12,355	3,780	3,587	7,367	5,086	..	62·77	56·64	59·63
Murphy, James Laurence, Esquire ..	Port Melbourne	15,435	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Old, The Honorable Francis Edward ..	Swan Hill ..	21,313	6,468	3,940	10,408	5,347	..	51·34	45·21	48·83
Oman, The Honorable David Swan ..	Hampden ..	11,573	3,632	2,782	6,414	3,860	..	60·32	50·11	55·42
Peacock, The Honorable Sir Alexander James, K.C.M.G. ²¹	Allandale ..	5,216	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Pennington, The Honorable John Warburton	Kara Kara ..	5,958	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Pollard, Reginald Thomas, Esquire ..	Dalhousie ..	6,704	2,755	2,747	5,502	2,232	2,857	83·69	80·51	82·07
Prendergast, The Honorable George Michael	North Melbourne	15,915	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Slater, The Honorable William ..	Dundas ..	8,256	3,294	2,798	6,092	3,282	..	77·27	70·07	73·79
Snowball, Oswald Robinson, Esquire ..	Brighton ..	30,536	7,845	8,804	16,649	10,692	..	57·22	52·32	54·52
Solly, Robert Henry, Esquire ²² ..	Carlton ..	11,767	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Toucher, The Honorable Richard Frederick	Stawell and Ararat	7,910	3,012	2,873	5,885	3,331	..	77·01	71·84	74·40
Tunnecliffe, The Honorable Thomas ..	Collingwood ..	14,212	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Wallace, Arthur Knight, Esquire ..	Albert Park ..	20,431	5,862	6,212	12,074	7,262	..	62·91	55·90	59·10
Walter, Arthur Lewis Nathan, Esquire	Gippsland West	9,385	3,399	2,596	5,995	2,830	3,966	67·66	59·53	63·88
Weaver, Isaac Job, Esquire ..	Korong ..	6,518	2,267	1,878	4,145	2,791	..	66·02	60·89	63·59
Webber, The Honorable Gordon Charles	Abbotsford ..	14,510	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
West, Walter, Esquire ..	Gippsland South	9,745	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Wettenhall, The Honorable Marcus Edwy	Lowan ..	10,470	3,840	3,170	7,010	2,959	3,877	70·25	63·35	66·95

¹⁶ Mr. J. J. Holland, elected 27 November, 1925, *vice* Mr. E. C. Warde, deceased 10 November, 1925.¹⁷ The Hon. E. J. Mackrell, appointed a member of the Executive Council; also a member of the Government without office, 18 November, 1924.¹⁸ Mr. W. J. McAdam, elected by a majority of 8 votes at the General Election 1924, and by 4 votes on recount before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, 21 October, 1924.¹⁹ The Hon. J. McDonald (*Polwarth*), appointed a member of the Executive Council; also a member of the Government without office, 18 November, 1924.²⁰ Mr. E. Morley, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 19 December, 1924.²¹ The Hon. Sir A. J. Peacock, Minister of Labour (without salary), from 4 November, 1920, to 18 July and from 18 November, 1924; Premier from 28 April to 18 July, 1924; Treasurer from 28 April to 18 July and from 18 November, 1924; Minister of Public Instruction (without salary) from 18 November, 1924.²² Mr. R. H. Solly, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 7 October, 1913.

OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

<i>The Speaker</i>	The Honorable JOHN BOWSER.
<i>The Chairman of Committees</i>	{ The Honorable ALFRED ARTHUR BILLSON.*
	{ ALFRED ALEXANDER FARTHING, Esquire.†
<i>Clerk of the Legislative Assembly</i>	WILLIAM ROBERT ALEXANDER, Esquire, J.P.
<i>The Clerk-Assistant</i>	THOMAS RAE GILCHRIST, Esquire.
<i>Clerk of Committees and Serjeant-at-Arms</i>	WILLIAM ROSS BARSTOW, Esquire, J.P.

* Resigned 30 September, 1926.—† Appointed 13 October, 1926.

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VICTORIA.
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1926.

1. The Legislative Assembly met pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, bearing date the twenty-first day of June, 1926, which Proclamation was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

FURTHER PROROGUING PARLIAMENT AND FIXING THE TIME FOR
HOLDING THE THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT
OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honorable SIR WILLIAM HILL IRVINE, Doctor of Laws, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Lieutenant-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-second day of June, 1926: Now I, the Lieutenant-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 thirtieth day of June, 1926, and I do hereby fix Wednesday, the thirtieth day of June, 1926, aforesaid, at half-past 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 dispatch of business, in the State Parliament Houses, situate in Carlton Gardens, 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.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this twenty-first day of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and in the seventeenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

W. H. IRVINE.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALLAN.

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. 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-sixth section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I do hereby appoint the Honorable Henry Angus, The Honorable John Joseph Carlisle, Luke James Clough, Esquire, The Honorable John Gordon, Oswald Robinson Snowball, Esquire, Robert Henry Solly, Esquire, 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 thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

JOHN BOWSER,

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 William Brownbill, Esquire, The Honorable John Joseph Carlisle, Edmund John Cotter, Esquire, William Hugh Everard, Esquire, Alfred Alexander Farthing, Esquire, Edmund Wilson Greenwood, Esquire, Edward Morley, Esquire, 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 thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

5. ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the following Address to His Excellency the Governor be agreed to by this House :—

To His Excellency Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Honorable Arthur Herbert Tennyson, Baron Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C.; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in Parliament assembled, desire to convey to Your Excellency the expression of our loyalty to His Majesty's Throne and Person, and our regard for the high office His Majesty has been pleased to confer upon Your Excellency.

We extend to Your Excellency on behalf of the people of this State a cordial welcome to Victoria, and we beg that Your Excellency will receive our assurances that we shall at all times readily co-operate with Your Excellency in advancing the welfare of this part of His Majesty's Dominions beyond the Seas, and in preserving the connexion with the Mother Country.

—(*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Speaker and the Members of this House.

6. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Deany, Chairman, brought up Reports from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the following questions :—

Connecting the district lying between Casterton, Chetwynd, and the South Australian Border with the existing railway system by means of a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.

Connecting the districts of Keilor and Bulla with the existing railway system by means of a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan—Progress Report.

Connecting the district lying between the Camberwell to Ferntree Gully and Oakleigh to Dandenong railway lines with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3-in. gauge railway; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.

Connecting the Dookie to Katamatite and the Benalla to Yarrawonga railways by means of a 5-ft. 3 in. gauge railway; together with Minutes of Evidence.

Connecting the district of Corop with the existing railway system by means of a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway; together with Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Reports and Plans to be printed.

7. ARARAT—IMPROVED STATION, YARD, AND LOCOMOTIVE FACILITIES, ETC., AT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a copy of the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Expenditure under Railway Loan Application Act, No. 3417 (Improved Station, Yard, and Locomotive Facilities, &c., at Ararat); together with Minutes of Evidence (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.

8. PAPER.—Mr. Eggleston presented—

Ararat—Improved Station, Yard, and Locomotive Facilities, &c., at.—Return to the foregoing Order.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.

9. GLENROY AND ALBION, TOTTENHAM GRAVITATION YARDS, AND MELBOURNE GOODS YARDS, ETC.—PROVISION OF CONNECTING LINES BETWEEN.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Progress Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Expenditure under Railway Loan Application Act, No. 3417 (Provision of Connecting Lines between Glenroy and Albion, Tottenham Gravitation Yards, and Melbourne Goods Yards, &c.); together with Minutes of Evidence and Plans (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.

10. PAPER.—Mr. Eggleston presented—

Glenroy and Albion, Tottenham Gravitation Yards, and Melbourne Goods Yards, &c.—
Provision of Connecting Lines between—Progress Report.—Return to the foregoing Order.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report and Plans to be printed.

11. PAPERS.—Dr. Argyle presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Inebriate Institutions.—Report of the Inspector of Inebriate Institutions for the year 1924.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Eggleston presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—

State Electricity Commission of Victoria.—Report on the Status and Affairs of the ; and the
Scope and Working of the State Electricity Commission Acts, by Willits H. Sawyer,

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Sir Alexander Peacock presented—

Clothing, Whitework, Dressmaking, Hat and Cap, Dyeing and Cleaning, and Millinery Factories
and Work-rooms.—Return to an Order of the House dated 17th December, 1925.

Mr. Eggleston 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 Materials manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth
and purchased for the use of the Railway Department (State Coal Mine) during the period
from 1st July, 1924, to 30th June, 1925.

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 :—

Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council
of Agricultural Education—

For the three months ended 31st March, 1925.

For the six months ended 30th September, 1925.

Audit Act 1915.—General Regulations respecting Public Accounts.—Addition to Clause 57—
Pensions under *Superannuation Act* 1925.

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns—

For the quarter ended 31st December, 1925.

For the quarter ended 31st March, 1926.

Companies Act 1915—Rule 196.—Return by Prothonotary of Business of Supreme Court, 1925.

Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.—Part VIII. Statement of Appointments and Alteration
in Classification in the Department of the Legislative Council.

Dried Fruits Acts.—Regulations—

Registration of Dried Fruit Dealers.

Registration of Packing Sheds.

Returns to be furnished by Packing Sheds.

Payment of Contributions by Dried Fruit Packing Sheds.

Fire Brigades Act 1915.—Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.—Report for year ending 30th
June, 1925 ; together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and
Liabilities, &c., for that period.

Fruit Acts.—Standards for Fresh Grapes Regulations.

Health Act 1919—

General Sanitary Regulations 1925.

Regulations amending the Food and Drug Standards Regulations 1924.—Preservatives ;
Meat.

Regulations relating to Eating-houses.

Horse Breeding Acts.—Regulations rescinded, new Regulations substituted.

Land Act 1915—

Particulars of Leases of Swamp or Reclaimed Land under Section 110 (3 papers).

Regulations.—Part I., Chapter IV.—Survey.—Regulations rescinded, new Regulations
made.

Land Acts.—Compulsory Resumption of Land for the purposes of the Education Acts—
Certificates of the Minister of Public Instruction, with Plans :—

Part of Crown Portion 73, at Collingwood, Parish of Jika Jika, County of Bourke.

Part of Crown Allotment 28, at Caldermeade, Parish of Yallock, County of Mornington.

Part of Crown Allotment 14A, Section A, at Welshpool, Parish of Welshpool, County
of Buln Buln.

Part of Crown Portion 138, at Preston South, Parish of Jika Jika, County of Bourke.

Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act 1925—

Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Rules 1926.

Amendment of Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Rules 1926.

Marine Act 1915.—Marine Board of Victoria—

Amendment of Regulations relating to the Examination of Engineers.

Amendment of Scale of Pilotage Rates.

Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on Pilotage Account for the year 1925.

Mines Act 1915.—List of Suspensions granted of the Labour Covenants of Mining Leases and
Licences during the year 1925.

Poisons Act 1920.—Dangerous Drugs Regulations 1926.

Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria.—Report of the Trustees for 1925, with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1924–25.

Public Service Acts—

Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Officers—

Cove, Wilton Howard, from the Fourth to the Third Class, in the Department of Chief Secretary.

McKenzie, Mervyn Raymond, from the Fifth to the Fourth Class, in the Department of Lands and Survey.

Williams, Harold Spencer, from the Fourth to the Third Class, in the Department of Lands and Survey.

Regulations.—Professional Division, Chapter II.—

Department of Agriculture (3 papers).

Department of Chief Secretary (3 papers).

Department of Law (3 papers).

Department of Public Health.

Department of Public Instruction (2 papers).

Department of Treasurer.

Departments of Law and Mines.

Regulations.—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—

Department of Chief Secretary (2 papers).

Department of Public Health.

Department of Public Works.

Department of Treasurer (4 papers).

Departments of Chief Secretary, Public Health, and Public Instruction.

Regulations.—Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX., Part II.—Allowances to certain Officers

Department of Public Instruction.

Departments of Chief Secretary and Lands and Survey.

Regulations.—Attendance and Conduct of Officers, Chapter XIII., Part II.—Discipline and Conduct of Officers (2 papers).

Regulations repealed.—Chapter VII.—Insurance of Officers (2 papers).

Railways Standing Committee.—Thirty-sixth General Report.

Scaffolding Inspection Act 1922.—Additional Regulations—Suspended Scaffolding Regulations.

State Savings Bank Act 1918.—Copy of Arrangement between the War Service Homes Commissioner and the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria.

Vegetation and Vine Diseases Act 1915.—Regulations—Clause 7 rescinded, new Clause substituted.

Victorian Railways.—Reports of the Victorian Railways Commissioners—

For the quarter ended 31st December, 1925.

For the quarter ended 31st March, 1926.

Workers' Compensation Acts.—Addition to Rule 8—Appearance of Infants.

12. JUSTICES BILL.—Mr. Eggleston obtained leave, with Dr. Argyle, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to make Provision for a Metropolitan Court of Petty Sessions* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
13. COMMITTEES OF SUPPLY AND WAYS AND MEANS—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means to be appointed forthwith (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.
14. SUPPLY.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.
15. WAYS AND MEANS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.
16. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—SUPPLY.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

1926.

VICTORIA.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE, 1926–27.

SOMERS,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 1.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the month of July, in the year 1926–27, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

State Government House,
Melbourne, 30th June, 1926.

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

17. 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 called you together for the consideration of important public business.

On this, the first occasion of my meeting Parliament, I am glad to be able to congratulate you on the general well-being of the community.

Notwithstanding the drought of last summer, the bountiful rains that have fallen all over the State give promise of a good season.

Though the returns of State enterprises, such as the railways, were adversely affected by the drought, the country is prosperous, and business is advancing along sound lines.

During the summer devastating bush fires occurred in many parts of Victoria, and culminated in one of the most disastrous outbreaks in the history of the State. The fires were most destructive in the dense forests of the Dividing Range. It is regretted that 31 lives were lost, and that several townships and much property were destroyed. This disaster evoked a demonstration of spontaneous and generous sympathy in the community ; and in a few weeks a sum of over £180,000 was raised for the relief of the sufferers. The relief fund is being administered by a committee of citizens under the Lord Mayor of Melbourne. Working in co-operation with them, a committee composed of some of my Advisers has directed measures of relief given by the State. While nothing can obliterate the horror of the calamity, my Advisers feel that everything humanly possible was done to meet the wants of the sufferers, and that those who organized these remedial efforts deserve the thanks of the community for their energy and the good results of their work.

The administration of the State has been carried on with the prudence and efficiency characteristic of Victoria.

Special efforts have been made to promote economy in the public services. A committee of my Advisers made an exhaustive examination of the finances. An expert has been appointed to inquire into and report upon the organization of the departments, and to make recommendations with a view to the prevention of any defects which may be found to exist.

Considerable progress has been made in the developmental policy of the State.

The first instalment of the construction of railways in the Riverina district of New South Wales was completed in April on the opening of the railway to Balranald. The railway to Stony Crossing and bridges across the Murray River are being built.

In Victoria 25 miles of railways have been opened during the year ; and 18 miles are under construction. The further development of the metropolitan railways system is being specially considered.

The State Rivers and Water Supply Commission has in progress works which in a few years will raise the storage capacity of its undertakings from 950,000 acre-feet to 2,000,000 acre-feet.

The Country Roads Board, while continuing its activities in relation to main and developmental roads, has begun its work in connexion with State highways. A sum of £2,000,000 per annum is being expended by this Board in country districts.

Loan moneys recently made available to the Forests Commission have enabled it to pursue a progressive policy. The recent bush fires emphasize the need for strengthening the legislation as to forests, and a Bill for that and other forest purposes will be introduced.

The Department of Agriculture, in addition to discharging its duties in regard to exports and its other functions, is carrying on extensive research and educational work for the assistance of those engaged in agricultural pursuits.

The recent legislation relating to dried fruits has greatly assisted in the marketing of these products, and in relieving the difficult situation in which the growers were placed.

In furtherance of their developmental programme my Advisers will submit to you a measure for the establishment of a Rural Bank.

The construction of new school buildings in centres of growing population and the reconstruction and improvement of existing school buildings have been systematically continued.

My Advisers, having regard to the importance to the community of safeguarding the public health, have taken steps to carry out an effective health policy.

Sanatoria have been commenced at Janefield and Mont Park ; and increased accommodation for consumptives at Heatherton is under consideration. A special hospital for the treatment of venereal disease is nearly completed, and a further clinic is to be established almost immediately.

An area of 450 acres has been acquired for a colony for the care and training of mental defectives ; and provision is being made for residential institutions for the education of backward children.

The strength of the police force has been increased by making 130 additional appointments.

A system has been inaugurated for the better classification of prisoners, and the more individual treatment of youthful delinquents ; and, in order to promote these objects, arrangements have been made for the accommodation of a number of prisoners, under indeterminate sentence, in Beechworth Gaol, which has been remodelled for the purpose.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The Estimates of Expenditure for the current financial year, which will in due course be laid before you, have been framed with such regard for economy as is consistent with efficiency.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

In furtherance of the Imperial Migration Agreement, my Advisers have submitted several schemes to the Government of the Commonwealth. These provide, in the main, for the settlement of immigrants in groups. It is hoped that a number of immigrants may be received under these conditions.

My Advisers view with grave concern the far-reaching disorganization of the finances of the State that must be brought about if the present financial proposals of the Government of the Commonwealth are carried into effect.

The proposed referendums for the amendment of the Constitution of the Commonwealth are engaging the careful attention of my Advisers. They regard with apprehension the possibility of the industrial policy of the State, including matters of such importance to the State as wages boards, being in effect removed from the control of the Parliament of Victoria.

The report of the Royal Commission relating to outer ports, and the report of the Royal Commission relating to the State Electricity Commission are being carefully considered; and any measures required to deal with matters arising out of the recommendations made therein will be brought forward.

The Bill to provide for the redistribution of seats for the Legislative Assembly, the second reading of which was carried last session, will be again submitted.

My Advisers have had to deal with a number of intricate metropolitan problems which have accumulated during the past few years, and for which legislation is necessary. Early in the session Bills will be introduced dealing with The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, metropolitan main roads and bridges, metropolitan drainage and rivers, The Melbourne Harbor Trust, The Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board, The Metropolitan Gas Company, and the regulation of the supply of gas. The question of the removal of the cattle saleyards from Newmarket, which will involve the expenditure of several millions of money, is being carefully considered, and a decision will shortly be made.

A Bill to amend the Local Government Acts will be laid before you. Measures for the more adequate taxation of heavy commercial vehicles and the taxation of horse-drawn vehicles throughout the State will be brought forward.

Proposals for extending the powers of the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank so as to enable them to deal more effectively with housing problems will be submitted.

There will be laid before you a Bill to provide for the care, treatment, and training of mental defectives, and also a Bill dealing with intermediate hospitals.

You will be gratified to learn that His Honour Sir Leo Cussen, with characteristic public spirit, has again undertaken to prepare a general consolidation of the Statutes; and it is hoped that this may include the Acts passed during the present session.

Measures dealing with the following subjects will also be introduced :—

- Metropolitan Court of Petty Sessions ;
- Censorship of Films ;
- Apprenticeship ;
- Companies ;
- Crimes and Police Offences ;
- Country Race Meetings ;
- Factories and Shops ;
- Appointment of Women as Justices of the Peace ;
- Marriage and Maintenance ;
- County Courts ;
- Stock Foods ;
- Land Acts Amendment.

I now leave you to the discharge of those high duties which are entrusted to you, and pray that the blessing of Divine Providence may attend your deliberations.

Melbourne, 30th June, 1926.

SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria.

13. 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. Wettenhall*)—and, after debate—

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and do take precedence of all other business.

19. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—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.

20. SUPPLY.—Mr. Greenwood reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution:—
Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,470,517 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1926–27, viz.:—

Division No.		£
1.	Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	114
2.	Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	942
3.	Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	107
4.	Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	361
5.	Engineers—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	52
6.	The Library—Salaries	36
7.	The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	258
8.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	603
9.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,890
10.	" " Pensions, &c.	9,100
12.	Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	432
13.	Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	555
14.	State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries	254
16.	Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	850
17.	Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	133
18.	The Governor's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	44
19.	Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	360
20.	Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	61
21.	Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	453
22.	Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	347
23.	Agent-General—Staff and Office	830
24.	Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,283
25.	Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,730
26.	Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure... ..	36,500
27.	Children's Welfare, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	29,432
28.	Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,731
29.	Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	50,650
30.	Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,300
30A.	" " Exceptional Expenditure	1,000
31.	Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	405
32.	Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,569
33.	Education—Salaries	145,000
34.	" Ordinary Expenditure	17,000
35.	" Pensions, &c.	15
36.	" Works and Buildings	2,000
37.	" Endowments and Grants	32,000
38.	" Exceptional Expenditure	15
39.	Attorney-General—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	13,752
40.	Solicitor-General—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,670
41.	" " Exceptional Expenditure	42
42.	Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,900
43.	" Transport, &c.	540
44.	" Unforeseen Expenditure	180
45.	" Payments to Railway Department	29,400
46.	" Hospitals and Charities	25,000
47.	" Grants	485
48.	" Pensions, &c.	80
49.	" Exceptional Expenditure	340
50.	" State Superannuation Board	220
51.	Taxation Office—Administration—Salaries	290
52.	" " Income Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	9,000
53.	" " Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,000
54.	" " Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	250
55.	Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	567
56.	Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	11,994
57.	" " Exceptional Expenditure	250
58.	" " Advertising	317
59.	Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	14,977
60.	Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	70
62.	Botanic, &c., Gardens and National Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure... ..	1,496
63.	Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,633
64.	Works and Buildings	146

Division No.	£
65. Crown Lands—Exceptional Expenditure	1,400
66. Immigration Bureau—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,515
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,955
68. Ports and Harbours—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,677
69. " " Works, &c.	3,798
70. " " Exceptional Expenditure	250
72. Public Works—Works and Buildings	32,000
73. " " Roads, Works, and Bridges	2,500
74. " " Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	3,000
76. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,022
77. " Furtherance of Mining Industry	2,300
78. " Exceptional Expenditure	500
79. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,650
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c.	19,400
81. Agriculture—Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,259
82. " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	11,045
83. Horticulture—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,654
85. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,419
86. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	14,192
87. Marketing	416
88. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	16,189
89. " " Grants	604
90. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	796,287
91. " Pensions, &c.	1,386
92. " Railway Construction Branch	1,092
93. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses	49,066
Total...	£1,470,517

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

21. WAYS AND MEANS.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—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.

22. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Greenwood 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 1925-27 the sum of £1,470,517 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 Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

23. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).—Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million four hundred and seventy thousand five hundred and seventeen pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven*"; 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.

24. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, 6th JULY, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Snowball presented a petition from the Bank of New South Wales, praying that the House will give leave to the petitioner to introduce a Bill in the present Session of Parliament relating to the corporation called the "Bank of New South Wales."
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Allan presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Mines.—Gold and Mineral Statistics for the year 1925.
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:—
Country Roads Act 1915.—Twelfth Annual Report of the Country Roads Board, for year ended 30th June, 1925.
Land Acts.—Compulsory Resumption of part of Crown Allotment 66, at Wychitella, Parish of Buckrabanyule, County of Gladstone, for the purposes of the Education Acts.—Certificate of the Minister of Public Instruction, with Plan.
Lifts Regulation Act 1915.—Regulations repealed, new Regulations made.—General Rules applying to all Lifts.
Railways Classification Board Acts.—Copy of Awards made by the Railways Classification Board: together with Copy of the Reports of the Railways Commissioners thereon—
Dated 22nd December, 1925—
Award No. 14.—Salaries and Wages for the year 1925.
Award No. 15.—Allowance to Employees in charge of Breakdown Vans at Country Dépôts.
Award No. 16.—Payment to Officers relieving in Higher Positions.
Dated 7th May, 1926—
Award No. 17.—Allowances to be paid to Painters working under Special Conditions.
Award No. 18.—Sunday Duty.
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. 6 *ante*); debate resumed.
Amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—"and we beg to inform Your Excellency that the Government has lost the confidence of this House by the incapacity and muddling revealed in connexion with the legislation and administration of the Highways and Vehicles Act; the unsound financial policy of selling land which had been purchased with borrowed money and using the proceeds of such land sales for ordinary State expenditure; the policy of scrapping the 10-ton railway trucks and replacing them with 20, 30, and 40 ton trucks; the gross ineptitude displayed in connexion with the determining of the saleyards site; the importation of teachers from abroad, thus violating the settled policy of this State of staffing the State schools with its own trainees; the failure of the Government to provide avenues of employment for the unemployed workers of the State and to introduce the necessary legislation to deal with the problem of unemployment; the violation of the principles of democratic representation embodied in the policy of the Government in the proposed Redistribution of Seats Bill; and the general maladministration of the affairs of the State (*Mr. Hogan*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow; that Mr. Hogan have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed; and that the debate do take precedence of all other business.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Three o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH JULY, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Mr. Speaker reported that, as directed by this Honorable House, he had yesterday waited upon His Excellency the Governor, and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Assembly, agreed to on Wednesday, 30th June last, and that 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 the expression of loyalty to His Majesty's Throne and Person.

It will afford me much pleasure to convey to His Majesty the sentiments expressed in the Address which you have just presented to me.

For the cordial welcome which you, on behalf of the people of this State, have extended to me I thank you ; and I assure you that it will always be a pleasure to me to associate myself with you in advancing the welfare of this part of His Majesty's Dominions and in preserving the connexion which so happily exists between the Mother Country and our State.

SOMERS,

Governor of Victoria.

Melbourne, 6th July, 1926.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 1) without amendment.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Allan, and the same was read :—

SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 2.

The 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 four hundred and seventy thousand five hundred and seventeen pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th July, 1926.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Eggleston presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
State Electricity Commission of Victoria. Report on the Coal Winning Operations of the State Electricity Commission at Yallourn, by J. Klitzing.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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

Melbourne Sailors' Home Act 1901.—Accounts and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Melbourne Sailors' Home for the year 1925.

Public Service Acts—

Regulations.—Professional Division, Chapter II.—Department of Chief Secretary.

Regulations.—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—Departments of Chief Secretary and Mines.

Regulations.—Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX., Part II.—Allowances to Certain Officers.
—Department of Public Instruction.

6. MR. SPEAKER—TEMPORARY RELIEF TO.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That, during any unavoidable absence of Mr. Deputy-Speaker during the present Session, Mr. Speaker be authorized to call upon any of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees to temporarily relieve him in the Chair (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
7. 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. 6 *ante*) and on the amendment—That the following words be added to the proposed Address :—“ and we beg to inform Your Excellency that the Government has lost the confidence of this House by the incapacity and muddling revealed in connexion with the legislation and administration of the Highways and Vehicles Act ; the unsound financial policy of selling land which had been purchased with borrowed money and using the proceeds of such land sales for ordinary State expenditure ; the policy of scrapping the 10-ton railway trucks and replacing them with 20, 30, and 40 ton trucks ; the gross ineptitude displayed in connexion with the determining of the saleyards site ; the importation of teachers from abroad, thus violating the settled policy of this State of staffing the State schools with its own trainees ; the failure of the Government to provide avenues of employment for the unemployed workers of the

State and to introduce the necessary legislation to deal with the problem of unemployment; the violation of the principles of democratic representation embodied in the policy of the Government in the proposed Redistribution of Seats Bill; and the general maladministration of the affairs of the State"; debate resumed.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and do take precedence of all other business.

8. 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.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 4.

THURSDAY, 8TH JULY, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. 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. 6 *ante*) and on the amendment—That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—"and we beg to inform Your Excellency that the Government has lost the confidence of this House by the incapacity and muddling revealed in connexion with the legislation and administration of the Highways and Vehicles Act; the unsound financial policy of selling land which had been purchased with borrowed money and using the proceeds of such land sales for ordinary State expenditure; the policy of scrapping the 10-ton railway trucks and replacing them with 20, 30, and 40 ton trucks; the gross ineptitude displayed in connexion with the determining of the saleyards site; the importation of teachers from abroad, thus violating the settled policy of this State of staffing the State schools with its own trainees; the failure of the Government to provide avenues of employment for the unemployed workers of the State and to introduce the necessary legislation to deal with the problem of unemployment; the violation of the principles of democratic representation embodied in the policy of the Government in the proposed Redistribution of Seats Bill; and the general maladministration of the affairs of the State"; debate resumed.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and do take precedence of all other business.
3. PAPER.—Dr. Argyle presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Welfare of Women and Children in New Zealand and Victoria.—Report on the, by
Drs. Main and Scantlebury.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.

TUESDAY, 13TH JULY, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Cotter presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date providing for the closing of licensed premises on Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. PAPERS.—Sir Alexander Peacock 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 Department of Labour during the period from 1st July, 1925, to 30th June, 1926.

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:—

Education Act 1915—

Regulation XII. (H).—Nominated Courses for Art Teachers at the Working Men's College (Melbourne Technical School).—Regulation added.

Regulation XII. (I).—Special Course of Training—Teachers in Primary Schools.—Regulation added.

Regulation XLI.—Classification of Schools and Teachers.—Regulation added.

Public Service Acts—

Regulation X.—Junior Teachers and Sewing Mistresses.—Amendment of.

Regulation XI. (B).—Primary Teacher's Certificate, Second Class.—Amendment of.

Regulation XX.—Staffs, Appointments and Transfers of Teachers, and Maintenance Allowances.—Regulation substituted.

Regulation XXVI.—Schools of Domestic Arts.—Clause 8 rescinded, new Clause substituted.

Regulation XXXI.—Classified Roll—Qualifications of Female Teachers.—Clause substituted for Clause 1, and new Clauses added.

Teachers Act 1925—

Regulation XXXA.—Secondary Schools Division—Order of Precedence of Teachers on Classified Roll.

Regulation XLII.—Staffing of Secondary Schools.

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. 6 *ante*) and on the amendment That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—"and we beg to inform Your Excellency that the Government has lost the confidence of this House by the incapacity and muddling revealed in connexion with the legislation and administration of the Highways and Vehicles Act; the unsound financial policy of selling land which had been purchased with borrowed money and using the proceeds of such land sales for ordinary State expenditure; the policy of scrapping the 10-ton railway trucks and replacing them with 20, 30, and 40 ton trucks; the gross ineptitude displayed in connexion with the determining of the saleyards site; the importation of teachers from abroad, thus violating the settled policy of this State of staffing the State schools with its own trainees; the failure of the Government to provide avenues of employment for the unemployed workers of the State and to introduce the necessary legislation to deal with the problem of unemployment; the violation of the principles of democratic representation embodied in the policy of the Government in the proposed Redistribution of Seats Bill; and the general maladministration of the affairs of the State"; debate resumed.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and do take precedence of all other business.

5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Three o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 6.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH JULY, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **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. 6 *ante*) and on the amendment—That the following words be added to the proposed Address :—“ and we beg to inform Your Excellency that the Government has lost the confidence of this House by the incapacity and muddling revealed in connexion with the legislation and administration of the Highways and Vehicles Act ; the unsound financial policy of selling land which had been purchased with borrowed money and using the proceeds of such land sales for ordinary State expenditure ; the policy of scrapping the 10-ton railway trucks and replacing them with 20, 30, and 40 ton trucks ; the gross ineptitude displayed in connexion with the determining of the saleyards site ; the importation of teachers from abroad, thus violating the settled policy of this State of staffing the State schools with its own trainees ; the failure of the Government to provide avenues of employment for the unemployed workers of the State and to introduce the necessary legislation to deal with the problem of unemployment ; the violation of the principles of democratic representation embodied in the policy of the Government in the proposed Redistribution of Seats Bill ; and the general maladministration of the affairs of the State ” ; debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cain	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Clough	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber

Noes, 33.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Angus	Mr. McLachlan
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bourchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toucher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wattenhall
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and do take precedence of all other business.

3. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
4. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

THURSDAY, 15TH JULY, 1926.

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

Fisheries Acts.—Notices of Intention—

- Re* Cleaning, &c., of Murray Cod and Golden Perch.
- To prohibit Netting within a quarter mile of St. Kilda Pier.
- To prohibit all Fishing in portion of the Jack River until 31st August, 1928.
- To alter the Close Season for Blackfish.
- To prohibit all Fishing in or the taking of Fish from the Cobden Dam and portion of the Curdie's River near Cobden for a period of two years.
- To alter the Proclamation prohibiting all Fishing in or taking of Fish from portion of the Bass River and its Tributaries for portion of the year.
- To alter the Netting Restrictions at Bancroft Bay in the Gippsland Lakes.

3. 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 10 inclusive be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 11.

4. FINANCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE STATES.—Motion made and question proposed—

1. That, inasmuch as the duty of developing the resources of their respective States by means of land settlement, soldier settlement, railway construction, irrigation, and other public works devolves upon State Parliaments, and they are charged with the responsibility of maintaining education and charity systems, and providing for the administration of justice and other services, the financial obligations connected with which will inevitably increase with the growth of population, it is the opinion of this House that no financial scheme can be assented to by the States which does not provide for their receiving from the Commonwealth Government a fixed annual payment of not less than 25s. per head of population.
2. That this House is of the opinion that there should be no departure from the basis upon which the financial relations of the Commonwealth and States have rested without the fullest consideration at a Constitutional Session and the approval of the people at a referendum.
3. That this House asserts emphatically that the Commonwealth estimates of the value to the States of the fields of taxation to be evacuated by the Commonwealth cannot possibly be realized.
4. That this House considers the Commonwealth proposals will delay necessary reduction of taxation by the Commonwealth Government. On the other hand, the finances of the States will be disorganized, and they will have to revise their whole scheme of direct taxation, the incidence of which will have to be radically changed.
5. That this House is of opinion the burdens of taxation will be increased (*Mr. Allan*).

Amendment proposed—That the words " a fixed," in line 8 of paragraph 1, be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word " an " (*Mr. Hogan*)—and, after debate—

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

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Order of the Day (*to take precedence*) and the Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 8.

TUESDAY, 20TH JULY, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION—UNUSED PLANT AND MATERIAL.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing the cost of unused plant and material sold by the State Electricity Commission, from whom such plant and material were purchased, and to whom and at what prices they were sold (*Mr. Snowball*)—put and agreed to.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Public Service Acts.—Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—Department of Public Works.
Street Trading Act 1925.—Regulations.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day and Notices of Motion Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive be postponed until after Notices of Motion Nos. 4 to 10 inclusive.
5. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Motion made 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, Dr. Argyle, Mr. Eggleston, Mr. Slater, and Mr. Wallace ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
6. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Motion made and question—That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Allan, Mr. Billson, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Cain, Mr. Farthing, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Lawson, Sir Alexander Peacock, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Snowball, 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. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
7. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Motion made and question—That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Beardmore, Colonel Bouchier, Mr. Brownbill, Mr. Deany, Mr. Dunstan, Mr. Frost, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Oman, and Mr. West ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
8. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Motion made and question—That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session :—Mr. Brownbill, Mr. Clough, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Morley, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Pennington, and Mr. Walter ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
9. STATUTE LAW REVISION COMMITTEE.—Motion made 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 a 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. Eggleston, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Snowball, 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. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution.
10. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Motion made and question—That the following Members be appointed members of the House Committee :—Mr. Clough, Mr. Dunstan, Mr. Everard, Mr. Jewell, and Mr. Morley (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
11. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—CATTLE COMPENSATION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Colonel Bouchier, 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 to amend the Cattle Compensation Acts.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1926.

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

12. CATTLE COMPENSATION 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. Farthing 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 Cattle Compensation Acts.

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

Ordered—That Colonel Bouchier and Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*) do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Colonel Bouchier then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Cattle Compensation Acts* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

13. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—STATE SAVINGS BANK BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, 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 amend the State Savings Bank Acts and to further amend the *Housing and Reclamation Act 1920*.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1926.

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

14. STATE SAVINGS BANK 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. Farthing 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 State Savings Bank Acts and to further amend the *Housing and Reclamation Act 1920*.

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

Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the State Savings Bank Acts and to further amend the ' Housing and Reclamation Act 1920 '* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

15. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Eggleston, 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 Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Acts and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1926.

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

16. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS 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. Farthing 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 Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Acts and for other purposes.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Eggleston and Dr. Argyle do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Eggleston then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Acts and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

17. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—FORESTS BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Mackrell, 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 amend the Forests Acts and the Law relating to the Careless Use of Fire and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1926.

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

18. FORESTS 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. Farthing 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 Forests Acts and the Law relating to the Careless Use of Fire and for other purposes.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Mackrell and Sir Alexander Peacock do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Mackrell then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Forests Acts and the Law relating to the Careless Use of Fire and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

19. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—RURAL BANK BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, 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 the establishment and carrying on of a Rural Bank Department of the State Savings Bank of Victoria for the purpose of affording Credit for promoting the Settlement, Cultivation, and Improvement of Lands in Country Districts and to make provision for obtaining Funds for carrying on the said Department, and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1926.

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

20. RURAL BANK 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. Farthing 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 the establishment and carrying on of a Rural Bank Department of the State Savings Bank of Victoria for the purpose of affording Credit for promoting the Settlement, Cultivation, and Improvement of Lands in Country Districts and to make provision for obtaining Funds for carrying on the said Department, and for other purposes.

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

Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the establishment and carrying on of a Rural Bank Department of the State Savings Bank of Victoria for the purpose of affording Credit for promoting the Settlement Cultivation and Improvement of Lands in Country Districts and to make provision for obtaining Funds for carrying on the said Department, and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

21. FINANCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE STATES.—Order read for resuming debate on question—

1. That, inasmuch as the duty of developing the resources of their respective States by means of land settlement, soldier settlement, railway construction, irrigation, and other public works devolves upon State Parliaments, and they are charged with the responsibility of maintaining education and charity systems, and providing for the administration of justice and other services, the financial obligations connected with which will inevitably increase with the growth of population, it is the opinion of this House that no financial scheme can be assented to by the States which does not provide for their receiving from the Commonwealth Government a fixed annual payment of not less than 25s. per head of population.
2. That this House is of the opinion that there should be no departure from the basis upon which the financial relations of the Commonwealth and States have rested without the fullest consideration at a Constitutional Session and the approval of the people at a referendum.

3. That this House asserts emphatically that the Commonwealth estimates of the value to the States of the fields of taxation to be evacuated by the Commonwealth cannot possibly be realized.
4. That this House considers the Commonwealth proposals will delay necessary reduction of taxation by the Commonwealth Government. On the other hand, the finances of the States will be disorganized, and they will have to revise their whole scheme of direct taxation, the incidence of which will have to be radically changed.
5. That this House is of opinion the burdens of taxation will be increased ;

and on the amendment—That the words “ a fixed,” in line 8 of paragraph 1, be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word “ an ” ; debate resumed.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and that Mr. Jackson have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

23. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow* at half-past Three o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.

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

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 9

WEDNESDAY, 21ST JULY, 1926.

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

2. DRAGLINE EXCAVATOR FOR STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The amount paid for the dragline excavator ordered in September, 1925, from the Bucyrus Company, of America, for use by the State Electricity Commission.
2. The amount of freight, insurance, and other charges payable on its arrival in Victoria.
3. The amount of Customs charges on this excavator.
4. The cost of assembling the parts of the excavator before being put into working operation.
5. The total cost of the excavator in working order at Yallourn.

—(*Mr. Murphy*)—put and agreed to.

3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Pollard 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 incorrect answer given by the Honorable the Minister of Railways in reply to my question upon the 20th instant.”

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

Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Pollard*).

Member Named and Suspended.—The Honorable Member for Dalhousie (*Mr. Pollard*) having been named by Mr. Speaker for disregarding the authority of the Chair—

Motion made and question—That the Honorable Member for Dalhousie (*Mr. Pollard*) be suspended from the service of the House (*Mr. Allan*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Allan	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Angus	Mr. Old
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Oman
Mr. Baird	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Walter
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. West
Mr. Deany	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Downward	
Mr. Dunstan	
Mr. Eggleston	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farthing	
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Pennington

(*Polwarth*)

Noes, 22.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Cain	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Clough	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cook	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Frost	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Whereupon Mr. Speaker stated that, in pursuance of the Standing Order, the Honorable Member was suspended for the remainder of the sitting.
Thereupon Mr. Pollard withdrew from the Chamber.
Debate on the question—That the House do now adjourn—resumed.
Question—put and negatived.

4. PAPER.—Dr. Argyle presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Public Service Commissioner.—Report for the year 1925.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. FINANCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE STATES.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—

1. That, inasmuch as the duty of developing the resources of their respective States by means of land settlement, soldier settlement, railway construction, irrigation, and other public works devolves upon State Parliaments, and they are charged with the responsibility of maintaining education and charity systems, and providing for the administration of justice and other services, the financial obligations connected with which will inevitably increase with the growth of population, it is the opinion of this House that no financial scheme can be assented to by the States which does not provide for their receiving from the Commonwealth Government a fixed annual payment of not less than 25s. per head of population.
2. That this House is of the opinion that there should be no departure from the basis upon which the financial relations of the Commonwealth and States have rested without the fullest consideration at a Constitutional Session and the approval of the people at a referendum.
3. That this House asserts emphatically that the Commonwealth estimates of the value to the States of the fields of taxation to be evacuated by the Commonwealth cannot possibly be realized.
4. That this House considers the Commonwealth proposals will delay necessary reduction of taxation by the Commonwealth Government. On the other hand, the finances of the States will be disorganized, and they will have to revise their whole scheme of direct taxation, the incidence of which will have to be radically changed.
5. That this House is of opinion the burdens of taxation will be increased;

and on the amendment—That the words "a fixed," in line 8 of paragraph 1, be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word "an"; debate resumed.

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

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

Question—

1. That, inasmuch as the duty of developing the resources of their respective States by means of land settlement, soldier settlement, railway construction, irrigation, and other public works devolves upon State Parliaments, and they are charged with the responsibility of maintaining education and charity systems, and providing for the administration of justice and other services, the financial obligations connected with which will inevitably increase with the growth of population, it is the opinion of this House that no financial scheme can be assented to by the States which does not provide for their receiving from the Commonwealth Government an annual payment of not less than 25s. per head of population.
2. That this House is of the opinion that there should be no departure from the basis upon which the financial relations of the Commonwealth and States have rested without the fullest consideration at a Constitutional Session and the approval of the people at a referendum.
3. That this House asserts emphatically that the Commonwealth estimates of the value to the States of the fields of taxation to be evacuated by the Commonwealth cannot possibly be realized.
4. That this House considers the Commonwealth proposals will delay necessary reduction of taxation by the Commonwealth Government. On the other hand, the finances of the States will be disorganized, and they will have to revise their whole scheme of direct taxation, the incidence of which will have to be radically changed.
5. That this House is of opinion the burdens of taxation will be increased.

—put and agreed to.

6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read:—

SOMERS,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 8.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1925-26, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 20th July, 1926.

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

7. SUPPLY.—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 Nos. 3 to 10 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 10.

THURSDAY, 22ND JULY, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. 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. 6 *ante*); debate resumed.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Blackburn*)—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 9 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 11.

TUESDAY, 27TH JULY, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
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 1915.—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, 1925, to 30th June, 1926.
3. 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.
4. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1925–26.—Mr. Brownbill reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—
Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £530,783 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1925–26, viz. :—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

Division No.	£	£
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways	30	
Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly House Committee—		
4. Refreshment Rooms	12	
5. Engineers	108	
7. The Library, State Parliament House	200	
8. Victorian Parliamentary Debates	18	
9. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	124	
10. " " Pensions, Gratuities, Compensations, &c. ...	210	
13. Explosives	194	
14. State Accident Insurance Office	43	
16. Fisheries and Game	630	
17. Government Shorthand Writer... ..	90	
18. The Governor's Office	70	
19. Inebriates Institution	427	
20. Marine Board	365	
22. Premier's Office	39	
24. Audit Office	352	
25. Government Statist	294	
26. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	18,596	
26A. " " Exceptional Expenditure	27	
27. Children's Welfare Department	23,591	
28. Penal Establishments and Gaols	7,488	
29. Police	7,369	
30. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria	131	
31. Public Service Commissioner	359	
	60,767	

II.—LABOUR.

32. Department of Labour	984
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III.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

33. Education—Salaries	30,139
34. " Ordinary Expenditure	4,850
35. " Pensions, Gratuities, and Compensation	359
38. " Exceptional Expenditure	230
	35,578

IV.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

39. Attorney-General—Salaries	1,743
40. " Ordinary Expenditure	1,810
40A. " Pensions, Compensations, Gratuities, &c.	600
40B. " Exceptional Expenditure	6
	4,159

V.—SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

Division No.		£
41.	Solicitor-General—Salaries	945
42.	„ Ordinary Expenditure	800
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		1,745

VI.—TREASURER.

44.	Treasury—Ordinary Expenditure	1,882
45.	„ Transport, Samples, Marine Insurance, &c.	1,250
47.	„ Payments to Railway Department	8,000
48.	„ Grants	44,376
50.	„ Exceptional Expenditure	101,228
50A.	State Superannuation Board	1,540
53.	Taxation Office—Land Tax Branch	584
54.	„ „ Probate Duties Branch	10
56.	Government Printer	9,900
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		168,770

VII.—CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

59.	Survey, Land Settlement, Closer Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands	2,333
64A.	Pensions, Gratuities, Compensations	295
65.	Exceptional Expenditure	1,784
66.	Immigration Bureau	1,274
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		5,686

VIII.—PUBLIC WORKS AND MINES.

67.	Public Works—Ordinary Expenditure	150
68.	Ports and Harbours	1,060
69A.	Pensions, Compensation, Gratuities, &c.	128
71.	Electricity Commission	1,750
72.	Public Works—Works and Buildings	79,061
73.	„ „ Road Works and Bridges	248
74.	„ „ Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	3,754
78.	Mines—Exceptional Expenditure	2,000
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IX.—FORESTS.

79.	Forests Commission	3,000
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XI.—AGRICULTURE.

81.	Agriculture—Administrative	440
82.	„ Ordinary Expenditure	700
83.	„ Horticulture	192
84A.	„ Exceptional Expenditure	421
85.	Stock and Dairy	1,740
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XII.—PUBLIC HEALTH.

87.	Public Health—Salaries	458
88.	„ „ Grants	250
88A.	„ „ Exceptional Expenditure	200
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XIII.—RAILWAYS AND STATE COAL MINES.

89.	Railways—Working Expenses of all Lines during the year 1925–26, &c.	157,040
90.	„ Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c.	192
91.	„ Construction Branch	4
92.	State Coal Mines	306
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		157,542
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	Total	£530,783

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

6. WAYS AND MEANS.—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 1925–26 the sum of £530,783 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 Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

7. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled ‘ *A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Five hundred and thirty thousand seven hundred and eighty-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five and 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; 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.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 9 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Three o’clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
- 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.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker

No. 12.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JULY, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ELECTRICITY GENERATED AT NEWPORT (A) AND YALLOURN POWER HOUSES, ETC.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The cost per unit of electricity generated at the railway power house, Newport (A), and delivered in Melbourne.
 2. The cost per unit of electricity generated at Yallourn and delivered in Melbourne.
 3. The capital cost of Yallourn power house equipment and its kilowatt capacity.
 4. The capital cost of the transmission lines from Yallourn to Melbourne.
 5. The capital cost of Newport (A) power house equipment and its kilowatt capacity.
 6. The output in units during the last twelve months of Yallourn and Newport respectively.

—(*Mr. Lemmon*)—put and agreed to.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—WYCHEPROOF LAND BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Downward, and the same was read:—

SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 9.

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 the Sale by Auction of certain Crown Land in the Parish of Bunguluke temporarily reserved as a Site for Public Recreation and for the Permanent Reservation as a Site for Public Recreation of certain other Land in the said Parish and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 28th July, 1926.

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

4. WYCHEPROOF LAND BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor’s Message No. 9.
- 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 the Sale by Auction of certain Crown Land in the Parish of Bunguluke temporarily reserved as a Site for Public Recreation and for the Permanent Reservation as a Site for Public Recreation of certain other Land in the said Parish and for other purposes.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Downward and Colonel Burchier do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Downward then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the Sale by Auction of certain Crown Land in the Parish of Bunguluke temporarily reserved as a Site for Public Recreation and for the Permanent Reservation as a Site for Public Recreation of certain other Land in the said Parish 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. 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. 6 *ante*); 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 to-morrow.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 2) without amendment.
7. 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.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 13.

THURSDAY, 29TH JULY, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PENSIONS OF £100 AND UNDER IN STATE DEPARTMENTS PAID DURING YEAR 1925.—*Amended* motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of pensions of £100 and under (at any given amount) being paid—(a) to males; and (b) to females in each Department of the State for the year ended 31st December, 1925 (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
3. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD—SALARIES OF £400 PER ANNUM OR OVER AND INCREMENTS.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The name, official designation, and salary of each official of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board in receipt of £400 per annum or over.
 2. The date and amount of the last increment, if any, received by each official.
- (*Mr. Webber*)—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. 6 *ante*); debate resumed.
Further amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—"but this House regrets that in the Speech there is no reference to the proposed agreement with the Commonwealth Government in connexion with the construction of roads, which agreement, in the opinion of this House, should not be further proceeded with (*Mr. Snowball*)—and, after debate—
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and do take precedence of all other business.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day No. 2 to 10 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at four o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 14.

TUESDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Allan presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Coal Mines Regulation Act 1915.—Annual Report of the Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Board for the year 1925.

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 :—

Explosives Act 1915.—Report of the Chief Inspector of Explosives on the Working of the Explosives Act during the year 1925.

Geelong Harbour Trust Act 1915.—Accounts of the Geelong Harbour Trust Commissioners for the year 1925.

Street Trading Act 1925.—Regulations. (Substituted Order in Council.)

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

SOMERS,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 10.

The 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 Five hundred and thirty thousand seven hundred and eighty-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 29th July, 1926.

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. 6 *ante*) and on the proposed amendment—That the following words be added to the proposed Address :—“but this House regrets that in the Speech there is no reference to the proposed agreement with the Commonwealth Government in connexion with the construction of roads, which agreement, in the opinion of this House, should not be further proceeded with.”
Further amendment proposed—That the proposed amendment be amended by the omission of the words “this House regrets that in the Speech there is no reference to” (*Mr. Farthing*)—and, after debate—
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Angus	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Clough	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Solly
Mr. Everard	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McLachlan
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toucher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Pennington

(*Polwarth*)

And the numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker said :—“The duty now devolves upon me of giving a casting vote. I give it with the Noes.”

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and do take precedence of all other business.

5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Three o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 15.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—SUPPLY.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read:—

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VICTORIA.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE, 1926-27.

SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 11.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the month of August, in the year 1926-27, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

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

3. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day (*to take precedence*) be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2:—

*Address in Reply to the Governor's Speech—Motion for—And on the following proposed amendment, as amended—That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—“ but * * * the proposed agreement with the Commonwealth Government in connexion with the construction of roads, which agreement, in the opinion of this House, should not be further proceeded with ”—Resumption of debate.*

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.

5. **SUPPLY.**—Mr. Solly reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution:—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,410,202 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1926-27, viz.:—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	89
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	942
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	107
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	361
5. Engineers—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	37
6. The Library—Salaries	36
7. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	215
8. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	615
9. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,550
10. „ „ Pensions, &c.	9,100
12. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	482
13. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	555
14. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries	253
16. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	970
17. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	160
18. The Governor's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	44
19. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	360
20. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	61
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	503
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	347
23. Agent-General—Staff and Office	826
24. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,844
25. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,783
26. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	36,500
27. Children's Welfare, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	30,845

Division No.	£
28. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,566
29. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	55,000
30. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,217
31. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	315
32. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,594
33. Education—Salaries	145,000
34. „ Ordinary Expenditure	17,000
35. „ Pensions, &c.	15
36. „ Works and Buildings	2,000
37. „ Endowments and Grants	100
38. „ Exceptional Expenditure	15
39. Attorney-General—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	13,000
40. Solicitor-General—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,918
41. „ „ Exceptional Expenditure	42
42. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,900
43. „ Transport, &c.	540
44. „ Unforeseen Expenditure	180
45. „ Payments to Railway Department	29,400
46. „ Hospitals and Charities	20,000
47. „ Grants	477
48. „ Pensions, &c.	80
49. „ Exceptional Expenditure	340
50. „ State Superannuation Board	220
51. Taxation Office—Administration—Salaries	276
52. „ „ Income Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,576
53. „ „ Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,091
54. „ „ Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	273
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	576
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	11,556
57. „ „ Exceptional Expenditure	250
58. „ „ Advertising	317
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	14,123
60. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	70
62. Botanic, &c., Gardens and National Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,496
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	10,147
64. Works and Buildings	146
65. Crown Lands—Exceptional Expenditure	1,400
66. Immigration Bureau—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,528
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,250
68. Ports and Harbours—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,660
69. „ „ Works, &c.	3,750
72. Public Works—Works and Buildings	30,000
73. „ „ Roads, Works, and Bridges	1,500
74. „ „ Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	1,000
76. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,008
77. „ Furtherance of Mining Industry	2,500
79. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,650
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c.	19,400
81. Agriculture—Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,258
82. „ Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,031
83. Horticulture—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,642
85. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,328
86. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,587
87. Marketing	400
88. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,735
89. „ „ Grants	604
90. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	801,500
91. „ Pensions, &c.	886
92. „ Railway Construction Branch	1,092
93. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses	49,092
Total	£1,410,202

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

6. 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

7. WAYS AND MEANS.—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 1926–27 the sum of £1,410,202 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 Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).—Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million four hundred and ten thousand two hundred and two pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven*”; 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 the Order of the Day (*to take precedence*) be postponed until to-morrow and do take precedence of all other business, and Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 9 inclusive until to-morrow.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend Part II. of the ‘Settled Estates and Settled Lands Act 1915.’*”
12. SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LANDS BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Eggleston the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
- And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 16.

THURSDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Lemmon 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 administrative action in appointing persons as inspectors under the Factories and Shops Acts without practical trade experience, involving the long hours per shift permitted to be worked in the bread-making trade.”
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Lemmon*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 3) without amendment.
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. 6 *ante*); and on the proposed amendment—That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—“but this House regrets that in the Speech there is no reference to the proposed agreement with the Commonwealth Government in connexion with the construction of roads, which agreement, in the opinion of this House, should not be further proceeded with”—*In which the following amendment has been agreed to:—Omit the words “this House regrets that in the Speech there is no reference to.”*
Further amendment proposed—That the proposed amendment be further amended by the omission of the words “which agreement” (*Mr. Baird*).
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put and negatived.
Debate resumed on the question—That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—
“but the proposed agreement with the Commonwealth Government in connexion with the construction of roads, in the opinion of this House, should not be further proceeded with.”
Further amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the proposed amendment, as amended:—“unless modified to provide that the money raised in Victoria from the petrol tax be expended in Victoria” (*Mr. Hogan*)—and, after debate—
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Snowball*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and do take precedence of all other business.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act relating to the Name Style or Title of Companies and for other purposes.*”
6. COMPANIES (NAMES) BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Eggleston the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message 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 the Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 17.

TUESDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. TEACHERS, CLASSIFIED AND TEMPORARY, AND SCHOOLS IN METROPOLITAN AREA.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The names of temporary teachers employed at 31st July, 1926, in the metropolitan area and the schools to which they were attached.
 2. A list of the metropolitan schools showing—(a) the number of classified teachers actually in each school at 31st July, 1926; and (b) the number of classified teachers in each school, as provided for under the new staffing regulations.
 3. (a) The number of classified teachers appointed to new positions on 12th April, 1926, who had not on 31st July, 1926, been transferred to the new positions; and (b) the number of such teachers who at 31st July, 1926, were in charge of small country schools.

—(Mr. Prendergast)—put and agreed to.

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

SOMERS,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 12.

The 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 four hundred and ten thousand two hundred and two pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.* ”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 5th August, 1926.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Eggleston presented—

Dragline Excavator for State Electricity Commission.—Return to an Order of the House dated 21st July, 1926.

State Electricity Commission—Unused Plant and Material, 1925–26.—Return to an Order of the House dated 20th July, 1926.

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 :—

Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education for the six months ended 31st March, 1926.

Friendly Societies.—Forty-eighth Annual Report on.—Report of the Government Statist relating to the period of twelve months ended 30th June, 1925, to which are appended Valuations of Societies, Numerical and Financial Summaries of the Returns furnished by the Secretaries, &c.

Friendly Societies Act 1915 and Trade Unions Act 1915.—Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1925.

Hospitals and Charities Act 1922.—Annual Report of the Charities Board of Victoria for the year ended 30th June, 1926.

5. 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. 6 *ante*)—*and on the proposed amendment, as amended*—That the following words be added to the proposed Address :—“ but the proposed agreement with the Commonwealth Government in connexion with the construction of roads, in the opinion of this House, should not be further proceeded with ”—*and on the further amendment*—That the following words be added to the proposed amendment, as amended :—“ unless modified to provide that the money raised in Victoria from the petrol tax be expended in Victoria ”; debate resumed.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow; that Mr. McLachlan have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed; and that the debate do take precedence of all other business.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Three o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 18.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. STATE SAVINGS BANK—LEGAL CHARGES PAID BY BANK AND BORROWERS, YEAR 1925–26.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of legal charges paid by the State Savings Bank and by borrowers therefrom to solicitors acting for the bank for work done in relation to all transactions of the bank for the year ended 30th June, 1926, specifying—(a) each subject or dealing; (b) amount paid by bank; (c) amount paid by borrowers; and (d) the name of each solicitor or firm of solicitors (*Mr. Bailey*)—put and agreed to.
3. DISCHARGED SOLDIER AND CLOSER SETTLEMENT ABANDONED BLOCKS, AND MOVABLE ASSETS.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of cases in which blocks have been abandoned under—(a) discharged soldier settlement conditions; and (b) closer settlement conditions.
 2. The number of cases in which the movable assets have been removed and their value loaded on to—(a) overseas settlers; (b) soldier settlers; and (c) all others.
 3. The total value of the movable assets removed.
 —(*Mr. Snowball* for *Mr. Greenwood*)—put and agreed to.
4. COAL—BUYERS OF QUANTITIES OF OVER 100 TONS FROM STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION AND PRICES CHARGED, 1925–1926.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing the names of the buyers of coal in quantities of over 100 tons supplied by the State Electricity Commission from Morwell or Yallourn during 1925 and 1926 and the prices charged —(*Mr. Snowball* for *Mr. Greenwood*)—put and agreed to.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*) presented—

Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board—Salaries of £400 per annum or over and Increments.—Return to an Order of the House dated 29th July, 1926.

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:—

Factories and Shops.—Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Shops for the year 1925.

Water Acts.—Declaration of the Minister of Water Supply under the Acts with reference to the constitution of the proposed Maffra Irrigation and Water Supply District; together with Plan showing the Area.
6. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Bailey 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 failure of the Government to expend a reasonable portion of the annual payments by the Melbourne Harbour Trust to the consolidated revenue under section 118 of the *Melbourne Harbour Trust Act* 1915 in improving the outer ports in the South-western District of Victoria.”
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Bailey*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
7. 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. 6 *ante*)—and on the proposed amendment, as amended—That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—“but the proposed agreement with the Commonwealth Government in connexion with the construction of roads, in the opinion of this House, should not be further proceeded with”—and on the further amendment—That the following words be added to the proposed amendment, as amended:—“unless modified to provide that the money raised in Victoria from the petrol tax be expended in Victoria”; debate resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be added to the proposed amendment, as amended, be so added—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane	Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McDonald	Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Cain	(<i>Daylesford</i>)	Mr. Baird	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Clough	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Barnes	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Morley
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly	Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Oman
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Deany	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Downward	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Hogan		Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter
Mr. Holland		Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber.	Mr. Gordon	
		Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
		Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate resumed on the question—That the following words be added to the proposed Address :—“ but the proposed agreement with the Commonwealth Government in connexion with the construction of roads, in the opinion of this House, should not be further proceeded with.”

Question—That the words proposed to be added to the proposed Address be so added—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Baird	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Cain	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Barnes	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Clough	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Morley	Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Oman	Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Deany	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Downward	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter	Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Everard	Mr. West	Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Gordon		Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 :—

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 ; but the proposed agreement with the Commonwealth Government in connexion with the construction of roads, in the opinion of this House, should not be further proceeded with

— put and, after debate—

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow ; that *Dr. Argyle* have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed ; and that the debate do take precedence of all other business.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

THURSDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. 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 :—

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 ; but the proposed agreement with the Commonwealth Government in connexion with the construction of roads, in the opinion of this House, should not be further proceeded with.

Debate resumed.

Question—put, and Address, as amended, agreed to.

Ordered—That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House.

3. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—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 dispatch of business, and 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 ; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after Ten o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
4. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Motion made and question—That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week, except on the Thursdays set apart for Private Bill Business and General Business, during the present Session Government Business shall take precedence of all other business (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
5. ORDER OF GENERAL BUSINESS AND PRIVATE BUSINESS.—Motion made and question—That on Thursday, 19th August, and on every third Thursday thereafter during the present Session business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—

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.

—(*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.

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.

6. METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS BILL.—Mr. Eggleston, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Sir Alexander Peacock, obtained leave, with Dr. Argyle, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the ' Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers Act 1923 '*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. MENTAL DEFICIENCY BILL.—Dr. Argyle obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make further and better provision for the Care of Feeble-minded and other Mentally Defective Persons 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. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock obtained leave, with Mr. Eggleston, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Factories and Shops Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
9. CASTLEMAINE LAND BILL.—Mr. Downward obtained leave, with Colonel Bouchier, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Grant to The Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria of certain Crown Land situate at Castlemaine in Exchange for certain Land the Property of the said Commissioners 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.
10. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE BILL.—Mr. Bailey obtained leave, with Mr. Tunnecliffe, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the ' Administration and Probate Act 1915 ' 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 September next.
11. FACTORIES AND SHOPS (SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY) BILL.—Mr. Baird, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Sir William McPherson, obtained leave, with Sir William McPherson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make further provision with respect to a Saturday Half-holiday in Shops under the Factories and Shops Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 21st October next.

12. FAIR RENTS BILL.—Mr. Murphy obtained leave, with Mr. Wallace, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for the Establishment of Courts for the purpose of fixing Fair Rents for Dwelling-houses and Shops* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 9th September next.
13. POLICE OFFENCES (RACE MEETINGS) BILL.—Mr. Carlisle obtained leave, with Mr. Dunstan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Police Offences Act 1915 ’* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 21st October next.
14. CHILDREN’S WELFARE BILL.—Mr. Webber obtained leave, with Mr. Blackburn, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Neglected Children’s Act 1915 ’* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 11th November next.
15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WERRIBEE RATING) BILL.—Mr. Hjorth obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to the Rateability of certain Lands in the Municipal District of Werribee used for Sewage Farm and other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 2nd December next.
16. DIVORCE BILL.—Mr. Snowball obtained leave, with Mr. Farthing, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to make Separation a Ground for Divorce under the Marriage Acts* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 21st October next.
17. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉS AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL.—Mr. Brownbill obtained leave, with Mr. Hayes, 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, 19th August next.
18. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL BILL.—Mr. Jackson obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to constitute a Greater Melbourne Council and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 21st October next.
19. HEALTH BILL.—Mr. Pollard obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Health Act 1919 ’ and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 2nd December next.
20. MEDICAL (DENTISTS) BILL.—Mr. Snowball obtained leave, with Mr. Farthing, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Medical Act 1915 ’ and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 21st October next.
21. PRIMARY PRODUCTS ADVANCES BILL.—Mr. Hogan obtained leave, with Mr. McDonald (*Daylesford*), to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Act providing for the making of Advances to Companies for the purposes of Undertakings for dealing with certain Primary Products* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 21st October next.
22. COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS) BILL.—Mr. Cotter, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Murphy, obtained leave, with Mr. Jackson, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for Compulsory Voting at Elections for the Legislative Assembly* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 9th September next.
23. DAY BAKING BILL.—Mr. Brownbill obtained leave, with Mr. Frost, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for the Establishment of Day Baking in the State of Victoria* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 30th September next.
24. MILK SUPPLY BILL.—Mr. Webber obtained leave, with Mr. Solly, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Milk Supply Act 1922 ’ and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 2nd December next.
25. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BILL.—Mr. Jackson obtained leave, with Mr. Brownbill, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide Insurance against Unemployment and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 11th November next.
26. RAILWAYS BILL.—Mr. Hayes obtained leave, with Mr. Brownbill, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Railways Act 1915 ’* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 11th November next.
27. FARM PRODUCE AGENTS BILL.—Mr. Pollard obtained leave, with Mr. Bailey, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Farm Produce Agents Act 1920 ’ and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 11th November next.
28. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Mr. Jackson obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918 ’ 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 September next.
29. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (OVERDRAFTS) BILL.—Mr. Pollard obtained leave, with Mr. Frost, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Local Government Act 1915 ’ and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 21st October next.

30. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to the Corporation known as the Bank of New South Wales (*Mr. Snowball*). The Report of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that the Standing Orders had been fully complied with, having been read—
Question—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That Mr. Snowball and Mr. Farthing do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Snowball then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Corporation known as the Bank of New South Wales*”; and the said Bill was read a first time.
31. WOMEN’S QUALIFICATION BILL.—Mr. Blackburn obtained leave, with Mr. Tunnecliffe, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Law with respect to Disqualifications on Account of Sex and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 30th September next.
32. FORESTS BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Bond, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Jewell, obtained leave, with Mr. Jewell, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Forests Acts 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 September next.
33. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
34. 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.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 20.

TUESDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That a chair be provided on the floor of the House for the Honorable James Dooley, M.L.A., Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Allan presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Premiers' Conference.—Report of Proceedings of Conference of State Premiers respecting Commonwealth Government's Financial Proposals, held at Premier's Office and State Parliament House, Melbourne, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd June, 1926.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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

Fisheries Acts.—Notice of Intention to prohibit all Fishing in the Mountain Creek at Tawonga.
Public Service Acts—
Regulations.—Professional Division, Chapter II.—Department of Chief Secretary.
Regulations.—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—
Department of Treasurer.
General, and Departments of Chief Secretary, Treasurer, Public Instruction, Law, Lands and Survey, Public Works, Public Health, Agriculture, and Labour.
Public Service Acts and Lunacy Act 1915.—Alteration of Regulations.—Classification of General Division, Chapter II.—Inspector-General of the Insane.

4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Hughes 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 appointment of Mr. W. R. Dean as Chief Art Inspector in the Education Department of Victoria."
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Motion made and question That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Hughes*)—put and, after debate, negatived.

5. HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES—REGISTRATION FEES FOR MOTOR CARS.—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 charged on the registration or the renewal of the registration of motor cars other than motor cycles as on from and after the commencement of the *Highways and Vehicles Act 1924* (*Dr. Argyle*)—put and agreed to.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Morley reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

Resolved—That the following fees on the registration or the renewal of the registration of motor cars other than motor cycles shall be and, as on from and after the commencement of the *Highways and Vehicles Act 1924*, be deemed to have been chargeable pursuant to paragraph (b) of the proviso under the heading "C.—Motor cars other than motor cycles" in the Second Schedule to the *Motor Car Act 1915* as re-enacted in the Second Schedule to the *Highways and Vehicles Act 1924* :—

If the motor car is used for carrying passengers for hire and is not licensed as provided in paragraph (a) of the said proviso or is used for carrying goods for hire or in the course of trade the fee shall be at the following rate :—

	£	s.	d.
(i) if fitted entirely with pneumatic tires : For each power-weight unit	0	3	9
(ii) if fitted with one or more tires other than pneumatic tires ; For each power-weight unit	0	5	0

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

Ordered That Dr. Argyle and Mr. Eggleston do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

6. HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES BILL.—Dr. Argyle then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill relating to Fees under the Second Schedule to the *Highways and Vehicles Act 1924* "; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. JUSTICES BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Eggleston*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Blackburn*)—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 Nos. 2 to 15 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 21.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Eggleston presented—
Electricity generated at Newport (A) and Yallourn Power Houses, &c.—Return to an Order of the House dated 28th July, 1926.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to make provision for the Censoring of Cinematograph Films and with respect to the Exhibition of such Films and for other purposes.*”
4. CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL.—On the motion of Dr. Argyle the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Murphy 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 failure of the Electricity Commission in not having, as yet, the Bucyrus excavator ordered in September, 1925, in working operation.*”
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Murphy*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
6. HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES 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. SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LANDS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Eggleston*).
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.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 13 inclusive be postponed until after No. 14.
9. CASTLEMAINE LAND BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee. Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
11. CATTLE COMPENSATION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Colonel Bourchier*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Colonel Bourchier*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and that Colonel Bourchier have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
12. COMPANIES (NAMES) BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Eggleston*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Lemmon*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and that Mr. Lemmon have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 5 to 13 inclusive and Nos. 15 and 16 be postponed until to-morrow.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

THURSDAY, 19TH AUGUST, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL.—Motion made and question—That the Bill relating to the Corporation known as the Bank of New South Wales be now read a second time (*Mr. Snowball*)—put and, after debate, agreed to; Bill read a second time.
Ordered—That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee.
3. CHILDREN'S RECREATION COMMISSION.—Motion made and question proposed—That, in the opinion of this House, a Commission should be appointed to provide increased facilities for the healthful recreation of children; such Commission to have power to provide ample and fully-equipped playgrounds where needed and assist the children in making use of these facilities in a manner that will promote their happiness and increase their physical development (*Mr. Holland*)—and, after debate—
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.
4. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉES AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL.—Motion made and question—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Brownbill*)—put and, after debate—
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber

Noes, 23.

Mr. Allan	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Angus	Mr. Old
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Oman
Mr. Barnes	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter
Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Pennington
(<i>Polwarth</i>)	

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.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Motion made and question—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next (*Mr. Allan*)—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Allan	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Angus	Mr. Morley
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Deany	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Farthing	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Pennington
(<i>Polwarth</i>)	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber

And the numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker said—"I give my vote with the Ayes."
And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 23.

TUESDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. 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 12th August instant, 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, 24th August, 1926.

SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria.

3. PAPER.—Sir Alexander Peacock presented—
State Savings Bank—Legal Charges paid by Bank and Borrowers, Year 1925–26.—Return to an Order of the House dated 11th August, 1926.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. NEW STANDING ORDER—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Motion made and question proposed—That the following be adopted as a Standing Order of this House :—

78F. (a) On the reading of a Message from the Governor recommending an appropriation in connexion with any Bill, on the calling on of a motion for leave to introduce a Bill, or on the consideration of any resolution preliminary to the introduction of a Bill, or at any stage of a Bill a Minister may declare that the Bill is an urgent Bill, and move " That the Bill be considered an urgent Bill " ; and if twenty Members thereupon rise in their places as indicating approval of the motion being put such motion shall be put forthwith—no debate or amendment being allowed ; and on such motion being agreed to a Minister may forthwith, or at any time during any sitting of the House or Committee, but not so as to interrupt a Member who is addressing the House or Committee, move a further motion or motions specifying the time which (exclusive of any adjournment or suspension of sitting, and notwithstanding anything contained in any other Standing Order or any Sessional Order) shall be allotted to all or any of the following :—

- (i) The initial stages of the Bill (including any motion or resolution preliminary to the introduction of the Bill) up to, but not inclusive of, the second reading of the Bill ;
- (ii) The second reading of the Bill ;
- (iii) The Committee stage of the Bill ;
- (iv) The remaining stages of the Bill ;

and the order with regard to the time allotted to the Committee stage of the Bill may, out of the time allotted, apportion a certain time or times to a particular clause or clauses, or to any particular part or parts of the Bill.

(b) When Estimates of Expenditure are being considered a Minister may at any time declare that the Estimates are of an urgent nature, and move " That the Estimates of Expenditure be considered of an urgent nature " ; and if twenty Members thereupon rise in their places as indicating approval of the motion being put such motion shall be put forthwith—no debate or amendment being allowed ; and on such motion being agreed to a Minister may forthwith, or at any time during any sitting of the Committee, but not so as to interrupt a Member who is addressing the Committee, move a further motion or motions specifying the time which (exclusive of any adjournment or suspension of sitting, and notwithstanding anything contained in any other Standing Order or any Sessional Order) shall be allotted to each or any Department of, or to the whole of, the Estimates.

(c) When any motion of any kind whatsoever has been moved a Minister may at any time declare that the motion is an urgent motion, and move " That the motion be considered an urgent motion " ; and if twenty Members thereupon rise in their places as indicating approval of the motion being put such motion shall be put forthwith—no debate or amendment being allowed ; and on such motion being agreed to a Minister may forthwith move a further motion specifying the time which (exclusive of any adjournment or suspension of sitting, and notwithstanding anything contained in any other Standing Order or any Sessional Order) shall be allotted to the motion.

(d) Upon such further motion or motions with regard to the allotment of time being moved no debate thereon shall be allowed for more than one hour, and in speaking thereon no member shall exceed ten minutes. If the debate be not sooner concluded then forthwith upon the expiration of that time the Speaker or the Chairman shall put any questions on any amendment or motion already proposed from the Chair.

(e) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion on the expiration of the time allotted under any motion passed under any of the preceding paragraphs of this Standing Order, the Speaker or the Chairman shall at the time appointed under the motion for the conclusion of those proceedings put forthwith the question on any amendment or motion already proposed from the Chair; and, in the case of the consideration of any Bill in Committee or on any of the remaining stages, shall then put any clauses and schedules and any amendments and new clauses and schedules desired by the Government—copies of which have been circulated by the Government among Members two hours at least before the expiration of the allotted time—and any other question requisite to dispose of the business before the House or Committee. No other amendments, new clauses, or schedules shall be proposed.

(f) On any day on which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under this Standing Order no dilatory motion on such proceedings, nor motion for an instruction to the Committee on a Bill which is the subject of such proceedings, nor motion to postpone a clause, nor motion to recommit the Bill shall be received unless moved by a Minister, and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate, and no motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 8B shall be entertained.

(g) Standing Order No. 78c (Closure of Debate) shall not apply to any proceedings in respect of which time has been allotted in pursuance of this Standing Order.

(h) Where any time has been specified for the commencement of any proceedings in connexion with any business under this Standing Order, when the time so specified has been reached the business, whatsoever its nature be, then before the House or Committee shall be postponed forthwith, and the first-mentioned business shall be proceeded with, and all steps necessary to enable this to be done shall be taken accordingly (*Mr. Allan*).

Amendment proposed—That after the words “That the,” in line 1, the following words be inserted :—
“proposed new Standing Order be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and report” (*Mr. Hogan*)—and, after debate—

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day, and that Mr. Hogan have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

5. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That chairs be provided on the floor of the House for the following Members of the Japanese House of Representatives :—
Mr. Yasuchika Ikeda, Mr. Hideo Higuchi, Mr. Seisho Kurozumi, Mr. Matsuo Koya, Mr. Tetsu Shimasue, and Mr. Dayiro Ishiguro; also Mr. Misao Ohki, Secretary of the Japanese House of Representatives, and Mr. Iyemasa Tokugawa, Japanese Consul-General for Australia (*Mr. Allan*)—
put and agreed to.
6. NEW STANDING ORDER—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the following be adopted as a Standing Order of this House (for Standing Order see pp. 41–2)—and on the proposed amendment—That after the words “That the,” in the last preceding line, the following words be inserted :—“proposed new Standing Order be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and report”; debate resumed.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Webber*)—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 the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and the Order 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 nineteen minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 24.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Allan presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Migration.—Agreement, dated 11th September, 1925, between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of Victoria for the Encouragement of the Migration of Persons from the United Kingdom and their Settlement in Victoria.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Hjorth 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 failure of the Government to ensure that cows proved unsuitable for dairy purposes, as the result of the work of herd-testing societies subsidized by the Government, shall not be sold as dairy cows."

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

Motion made and question proposed—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Hjorth*)—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 fifteen minutes beyond the expiration of the two hours permitted by that Standing Order (*Mr. Everard*)—put and agreed to.

And the time permitted for the discussion having expired—

Motion made and question—That the Honorable Member for Evelyn (*Mr. Everard*) be now heard (*Mr. Lemmon*)—put and agreed to.

And, after further debate—

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber

Noes, 34.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman
Mr. Carlisle	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Deany	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Downward	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Walter
Mr. Everard	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Gordon	Mr. West
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Farthing
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves

And so it passed in the negative.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Motion made and question proposed—That Notices of Motion Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday next (*Mr. Allan*)—and, after debate—

Objection having been taken to the inclusion of all the Notices of Motion in one motion—

Motion made and question proposed—That Notice of Motion No. 1 be postponed until Wednesday next (*Mr. Allan*)—and, after debate—

Motion made and question—That the question be now put (*Dr. Argyle*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Baird	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Barnes	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Morley
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Oman
Mr. Deany	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Downward	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Walter
Mr. Everard	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Webber
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Hughes
Mr. Keane	Mr. Pollard

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That Notice of Motion No. 1 be postponed until Wednesday next—accordingly put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman
Mr. Carlisle	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Deany	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Downward	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Walter
Mr. Everard	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Mackrell

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cain	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cook	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Frost	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Slater
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion made and question proposed—That Notice of Motion No. 2 be postponed until Wednesday next (*Mr. Allan*)—and, after debate—

Motion made and question—That the question be now put (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman
Mr. Carlisle	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Deany	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Downward	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Walter
Mr. Everard	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Mackrell

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That Notice of Motion No. 2 be postponed until Wednesday next—accordingly put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman
Mr. Carlisle	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Deany	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Downward	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Walter
Mr. Everard	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Mackrell

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Notices of Motion Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until Wednesday next.

5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
6. **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.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 25.

THURSDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **MOTOR VEHICLES—PROSECUTIONS, FINES, CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS, AND NATURE OF INJURIES, 1925.**—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—(a) for the six months ended 30th June, 1925; and (b) for the six months ended 31st December, 1925, the number of police prosecutions for each of the several classes of offences against the motor laws, by-laws, and regulations; the total amount of the fines inflicted for each of the periods stated or for the year 1925; the total number of prosecutions in each of the metropolitan districts and the provincial districts; the causes of the accidents; and the nature of injuries during 1925 (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
3. **FINES UNDER 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, 1926, in continuation of the previous return, showing separately all fines imposed under—(a) the 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 25th November, 1925 (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

4. **TRUCKS—CONSTRUCTION OF 15-TON TRUCKS AT NEWPORT WORKSHOPS.**—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing the cost of constructing a 15-ton truck of—(a) steel; (b) wood; and (c) wood and iron, at Newport Workshops, such return to detail the classification of workers engaged in the construction and the number of hours occupied by each classified section of workers (*Mr. Prendergast* for *Mr. McAdam*)—put and agreed to.
5. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—SUPPLY.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read:—

1926.

VICTORIA.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE, 1926-27.

SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 13.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the month of September, in the year 1926-27, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 26th August, 1926.

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 the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the Notice of Motion, Private Bill Business.
7. **BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL.**—Motion made and question—That the Bill relating to the Corporation known as the Bank of New South Wales be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Farthing, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the Mover, four to form a quorum; and that leave be given to print the evidence taken before such Committee (*Mr. Snowball*)—put and agreed to.

8. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. SUPPLY.—Mr. Morley reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,484,395 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1926–27, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	114
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	972
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	87
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	366
5. Engineers—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	41
6. The Library—Salaries	36
7. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	219
8. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	536
9. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,640
10. " " Pensions, &c.	9,100
12. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	555
13. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	600
14. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries	280
16. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	679
17. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	170
18. The Governor's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	166
19. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	384
20. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	64
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	524
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	337
23. Agent-General—Staff and Office	826
24. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,038
25. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,293
26. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure... ..	39,000
27. Children's Welfare, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	29,513
28. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,926
29. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	52,780
30. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,217
30A. " " Exceptional Expenditure	600
31. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	326
32. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,756
33. Education—Salaries	145,000
34. " Ordinary Expenditure	17,000
35. " Pensions, &c.	15
36. " Works and Buildings	1,600
37. " Endowments and Grants	100
38. " Exceptional Expenditure	15
39. Attorney-General—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	13,700
40. Solicitor-General—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,958
41. " " Miscellaneous	42
42. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,900
43. " Transport, &c.	540
44. " Unforeseen Expenditure	180
45. " Payments to Railway Department	29,400
46. " Hospitals and Charities	20,000
47. " Grants	477
48. " Pensions, &c.	80
49. " Exceptional Expenditure	340
50. " State Superannuation Board	235
51. Taxation Office—Administration—Salaries	302
52. " " Income Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,796
53. " " Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,513
54. " " Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	305
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	662
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	11,730
57. " " Miscellaneous	194
58. " " Advertising	302
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,422
60. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	49
62. Botanic, &c., Gardens and National Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure... ..	1,241
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,645
64. Works and Buildings	200
65. Crown Lands—Exceptional Expenditure	700

Division No.	£
66. Immigration Bureau—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,495
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,645
68. Ports and Harbours—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,372
69. " " Works, &c.	3,000
72. Public Works—Works and Buildings	30,000
73. " " Roads, Works, and Bridges	1,000
76. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,214
77. " Miscellaneous Expenditure	1,950
79. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	9,567
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c.	19,400
81. Agriculture—Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,407
82. " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,674
83. Horticulture—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,674
85. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,507
86. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,281
87. Marketing	325
88. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,996
89. " " Grants	599
90. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	871,971
91. " Pensions, &c.	780
92. " Railway Construction Branch	750
93. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses	63,000
Total	£1,484,395

Motion made and question proposed—That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the resolution to be now taken into consideration (*Sir Alexander Peacock*).

And objection having been taken—

Sir Alexander Peacock asked Mr. Speaker to rule the matter one of urgency.

Mr. Speaker ruled that this was an urgent matter.

Question—That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the resolution to be now taken into consideration—put and agreed to.

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

10. **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

11. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Farthing 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 1926-27 the sum of £1,484,395 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 Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

12. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 4).**—Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million four hundred and eighty-four thousand three hundred and ninety-five pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven*"; 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.

13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 17 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next:—

Supply—To be further considered in Committee.

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

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 26.

TUESDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Old presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date providing for the closing of licensed premises on Christmas Day and Good Friday ; and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays.
- Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
- Public Service Acts.—Regulations—Professional Division, Chapter II.—Department of Law.

4. COMPLAINT.—Complaint being made to the House by Mr. Bailey of an article which appeared in the *Argus* newspaper of Thursday, 26th August instant, printed and published by George Bell, for Wilson and Mackinnon, proprietors—

The said newspaper was handed in, and the portion of the article complained of was read by the Clerk as follows :—

“ Organized Obstruction.—Labour Party's Tactics.—Condemned by Ministers.—Events which occurred in the Legislative Assembly yesterday confirm the belief that the Labour Party is determined to take all steps possible under the existing Standing Orders to block the Ministry's amendments to the Standing Orders, and at the same time the passage of much-needed legislation, including the Rural Bank Bill, a measure designed to confer benefits on primary producers, and Bills relating to important metropolitan questions, such as the control of bridges and arterial roads.”

Motion made and question proposed—That the printer and publisher of the *Argus* newspaper be summoned to the Bar of this House to answer a charge of breach of privilege of this Honorable House (*Mr. Lemmon*).

And, after debate—

Motion made and question—That the question be now put (*Mr. Allan*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Baird	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Barnes	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Morley	Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Oman	Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Deany	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter	Mr. Holland	
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Everard	Mr. West	Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Gordon		Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the printer and publisher of the *Argus* newspaper be summoned to the Bar of this House to answer a charge of breach of privilege of this Honorable House—accordingly put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	(Daylesford)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber

Noes, 32.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(Polwarth)
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman
Mr. Carlisle	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Everard 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 failure of the Government to ensure the selection of suitable sites or the adoption of other proper means for the disposal of night-soil in the metropolitan unsewered areas to the menace of public health and injury to producers of dairy supplies for the city."

Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Everard*)—put and, after debate—
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cain	(Daylesford)
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Slater
Mr. Everard	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber

Noes, 30.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(Polwarth)
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter
Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

6. NEW STANDING ORDER—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the following be adopted as a Standing Order of this House (for Standing Order see pp. 41-2 *ante*)—*and on the proposed amendment*—That after the words "That the," in the last preceding line, the following words be inserted:—"proposed new Standing Order be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and report."

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned, and that he (the Honorable Member for Abbotsford) have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed (*Mr. Webber*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber

Noes, 31.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	(Polwarth)
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman
Mr. Deany	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate on proposed amendment resumed.

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

WEDNESDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1926.

Motion made and question—That the question be now put (*Mr. Allan*)—put.

And no Member being willing to act as teller for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—accordingly put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Allan	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Bond	Mr. Murphy	Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly	Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Webber	Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Holland		Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Hughes		Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Cain	Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Keane	Mr. Slater	Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Lind	
		Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
		Mr. McDonald	Mr. Pennington

(*Polwarth*)

And so it passed in the negative.

Further amendment proposed—That after the words “That the,” in line 2, the following words be inserted:—“consideration of the proposed new Standing Order be adjourned until this House has disposed of urgent and non-contentious legislation, viz.:—(1) Rural Bank Bill; (2) Metropolitan Bridges and Streams and Arterial Roads Bill; (3) Intermediate Hospitals Bill, as promised by the Honorable the Premier to this House on 4th August, 1926 (*Mr. Bailey*)—and, after debate—

Motion made and question—That the question be now put (*Mr. Allan*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley	Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old	Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter	Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West	Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood		Mr. Jewell	Mr. Bailey
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Keane	Mr. Slater
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—accordingly put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Allan	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard	Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater	Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly	Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter
Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber	Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Hughes		Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Jewell		Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Keane	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Bond	Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Lind	
		Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
		Mr. McDonald	Mr. Pennington

(*Polwarth*)

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Allan claimed the closure on the main question.

Question—That the following be adopted as a Standing Order of this House :—

78F. (a) On the reading of a Message from the Governor recommending an appropriation in connexion with any Bill, on the calling on of a motion for leave to introduce a Bill, or on the consideration of any resolution preliminary to the introduction of a Bill, or at any stage of a Bill a Minister may declare that the Bill is an urgent Bill, and move “ That the Bill be considered an urgent Bill ” ; and if twenty Members thereupon rise in their places as indicating approval of the motion being put such motion shall be put forthwith—no debate or amendment being allowed ; and on such motion being agreed to a Minister may forthwith, or at any time during any sitting of the House or Committee, but not so as to interrupt a Member who is addressing the House or Committee, move a further motion or motions specifying the time which (exclusive of any adjournment or suspension of sitting, and notwithstanding anything contained in any other Standing Order or any Sessional Order) shall be allotted to all or any of the following :—

- (i) The initial stages of the Bill (including any motion or resolution preliminary to the introduction of the Bill) up to, but not inclusive of, the second reading of the Bill ;
- (ii) The second reading of the Bill ;
- (iii) The Committee stage of the Bill ;
- (iv) The remaining stages of the Bill ;

and the order with regard to the time allotted to the Committee stage of the Bill may, out of the time allotted, apportion a certain time or times to a particular clause or clauses, or to any particular part or parts of the Bill.

(b) When Estimates of Expenditure are being considered a Minister may at any time declare that the Estimates are of an urgent nature, and move “ That the Estimates of Expenditure be considered of an urgent nature ” ; and if twenty Members thereupon rise in their places as indicating approval of the motion being put such motion shall be put forthwith—no debate or amendment being allowed ; and on such motion being agreed to a Minister may forthwith, or at any time during any sitting of the Committee, but not so as to interrupt a Member who is addressing the Committee, move a further motion or motions specifying the time which (exclusive of any adjournment or suspension of sitting, and notwithstanding anything contained in any other Standing Order or any Sessional Order) shall be allotted to each or any Department of, or to the whole of, the Estimates.

(c) When any motion of any kind whatsoever has been moved a Minister may at any time declare that the motion is an urgent motion, and move “ That the motion be considered an urgent motion ” ; and if twenty Members thereupon rise in their places as indicating approval of the motion being put such motion shall be put forthwith—no debate or amendment being allowed ; and on such motion being agreed to a Minister may forthwith move a further motion specifying the time which (exclusive of any adjournment or suspension of sitting, and notwithstanding anything contained in any other Standing Order or any Sessional Order) shall be allotted to the motion.

(d) Upon such further motion or motions with regard to the allotment of time being moved no debate thereon shall be allowed for more than one hour, and in speaking thereon no member shall exceed ten minutes. If the debate be not sooner concluded then forthwith upon the expiration of that time the Speaker or the Chairman shall put any questions on any amendment or motion already proposed from the Chair.

(e) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion on the expiration of the time allotted under any motion passed under any of the preceding paragraphs of this Standing Order, the Speaker or the Chairman shall at the time appointed under the motion for the conclusion of those proceedings put forthwith the question on any amendment or motion already proposed from the Chair ; and, in the case of the consideration of any Bill in Committee or on any of the remaining stages, shall then put any clauses and schedules and any amendments and new clauses and schedules desired by the Government—copies of which have been circulated by the Government among Members two hours at least before the expiration of the allotted time—and any other question requisite to dispose of the business before the House or Committee. No other amendments, new clauses, or schedules shall be proposed.

(f) On any day on which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under this Standing Order no dilatory motion on such proceedings, nor motion for an instruction to the Committee on a Bill which is the subject of such proceedings, nor motion to postpone a clause, nor motion to recommit the Bill shall be received unless moved by a Minister, and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate, and no motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 8B shall be entertained.

(g) Standing Order No. 78c (Closure of Debate) shall not apply to any proceedings in respect of which time has been allotted in pursuance of this Standing Order.

(h) Where any time has been specified for the commencement of any proceedings in connexion with any business under this Standing Order, when the time so specified has been reached the business, whatsoever its nature be, then before the House or Committee shall be postponed forthwith, and the first-mentioned business shall be proceeded with, and all steps necessary to enable this to be done shall be taken accordingly—put and agreed to.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 17 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 forty-one minutes past Four o'clock in the morning, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

THURSDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 4) without amendment.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Downward presented—

Discharged Soldier and Closer Settlement Abandoned Blocks, and Movable Assets.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 11th August, 1926.

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 :—

Land Acts.—Compulsory Resumption of part of Crown Portion 73, at Collingwood, Parish of Jika Jika, County of Bourke, for the purposes of the Education Acts.—Certificate of the Minister of Public Instruction, with Plan.

Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1926.

4. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE BILL.—Motion made and question—That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to Justices of the Peace* ” (Mr. Eggleston)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Allan	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Angus	Mr. Morley
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Baird	Mr. Oman
Mr. Barnes	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bourchier	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter
Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Farthing	
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Pennington

(Polwarth)

Noes, 20.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. McDonald

(Daylesford)

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion made and question—That this Bill be now read a first time (Mr. Eggleston)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(Polwarth)
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bourchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Deany	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 22.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Webber
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. McDonald

(Daylesford)

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

5. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to the Redivision of the State of Victoria into Electoral Districts for the Legislative Assembly and for other purposes* ” (Dr. Argyle)—and, after debate—

Amendment proposed—That all the words after the word “That” be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “while affirming the need of an equitable redistribution, this House is not prepared to grant leave for the introduction of a Bill which—(a) is admittedly substantially identical with the Bill rejected by the House in 1924, and again rejected in the same year by the people; (b) if carried will impose upon the people of this State an unjust and undemocratic scheme of redivision which, under the pretext of reform, will tend to perpetuate minority rule (*Mr. Hogan*)—and, after debate—

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and the Order 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 twenty-two minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 28.

TUESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Sir Alexander Peacock presented—
Pensions of £100 and under in State Departments paid during year 1925.—Return to an Order of the House dated 29th July, 1926.
Teachers, Classified and Temporary, and Schools in Metropolitan Area.—Return to an Order of the House dated 10th August, 1926.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following * Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Allan, and the same was read :—
W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 14.*
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 four hundred and eighty-four thousand three hundred and ninety-five pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.* ”
The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 1st September, 1926.
4. NEW STANDING ORDER—LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—APPROVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—Mr. Speaker announced that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor had, on Wednesday, 1st September instant, at the Government Offices, been pleased to approve of the Standing Order numbered 78F, adopted by this House on the said 1st September instant, relating to the limitation of debate.
5. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Eggleston, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Allan, obtained leave, with Dr. Argyle, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board and to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Acts* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, 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 to-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY AND CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and the Contingent Notice of Motion be postponed until after the Notice of Motion, General Business.
8. RULING BY MR. SPEAKER.—Motion made and question proposed—That this House disagrees with the ruling of Mr. Speaker that the report of the resolution carried on the 26th August, 1926, by the Committee of Supply could be considered on the same day as a matter of urgency (*Mr. Blackburn*)—and, after debate—
Member Named and Suspended.—The Honorable Member for Albert Park (*Mr. Wallace*) having been named by Mr. Speaker for disregarding the authority of the Chair—
Motion made and question—That the Honorable Member for Albert Park (*Mr. Wallace*) be suspended from the service of the House (*Mr. Allan*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Angus	(Polwarth)	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley	Mr. Brownbill	(Daylesford)
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old	Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman	Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Carlisle	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Deany	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Everard	Mr. West	Mr. Holland	
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Hughes	Tellers.
Mr. Gordon		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Greenwood	Tellers.	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber
Mr. Lawson			
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Whereupon Mr. Speaker stated that, in pursuance of the Standing Order, the Honorable Member was suspended for the remainder of the sitting.

Thereupon Mr. Wallace withdrew from the Chamber.

Debate on original motion resumed.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane	Mr. Angus	(Polwarth)
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam	Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Morley
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater	Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Oman
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly	Mr. Deany	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Downward	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Webber	Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Hogan		Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Walter
Mr. Holland	Tellers.	Mr. Everard	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Jackson	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
	(Daylesford)	Mr. Greenwood	
		Mr. Lawson	Tellers.
		Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
		Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

9. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on motion moved by Dr. Argyle—That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Redivision of the State of Victoria into Electoral Districts for the Legislative Assembly and for other purposes*”—and on the proposed amendment—That all the words after the word “That” be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “while affirming the need of an equitable redistribution, this House is not prepared to grant leave for the introduction of a Bill which—(a) is admittedly substantially identical with the Bill rejected by the House in 1924, and again rejected in the same year by the people; (b) if carried will impose upon the people of this State an unjust and undemocratic scheme of redivision which, under the pretext of reform, will tend to perpetuate minority rule”; debate resumed.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

10. 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 the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

11. 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.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **MIGRATION AGREEMENT - EMPLOYMENT FOUND BY GOVERNMENT FOR IMMIGRANTS UNDER.**—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing the names of all immigrants for whom employment has been found by the Government under the Migration Agreement, giving the name of each immigrant, the date on which employment was found, the name and address of the person, firm, company, or Department employing same, and the wages to be paid in each instance (*Mr. Bailey*)—put and agreed to.
3. **LEASES BY RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS FOR MOTOR-SERVICE STATIONS.**—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. How many sites have been let on lease by the Railways Commissioners to private persons or companies for motor-service stations.
 2. The location, tenure of leases, and rental for each of such sites
 —(*Mr. Jewell*)—put and agreed to.
4. **PETITIONS.**—Mr. Morley presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date providing for the closing of licensed premises on Christmas Day and Good Friday; and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays.
Mr. Morley also presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
5. **PAPER.**—Mr. Mackrell presented—
Trucks—Construction of 15-ton Trucks at Newport Workshops.—Return to an Order of the House dated 26th August, 1926.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read:—

<p>W. H. IRVINE, <i>Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.</i></p>	<p><i>Message No. 15.</i></p>
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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 raising of Money for Irrigation Works and Water Supply Works and for Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 8th September, 1926.
7. **VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 15.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Farthing 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 raising of Money for Irrigation Works and Water Supply Works and for Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Irrigation Works and Water Supply Works and for Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
8. **ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on motion moved by Dr. Argyle—That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Redivision of the State of Victoria into Electoral Districts for the Legislative Assembly and for other purposes*"—and on the proposed amendment—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "while affirming the need of an equitable redistribution, this House is not prepared to grant leave for the introduction of a Bill which—(a) is admittedly substantially identical with the Bill rejected by the House in 1924, and again rejected in the same year by the people; (b) if carried will impose upon the people of this State an unjust and undemocratic scheme of redivision which, under the pretext of reform, will tend to perpetuate minority rule;" debate resumed.

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

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old	Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman	Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West	Mr. Holland	
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon		Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Lawson		Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Redivision of the State of Victoria into Electoral Districts for the Legislative Assembly and for other purposes*”—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old	Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman	Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West	Mr. Holland	
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon		Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Lawson		Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion made, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, and question proposed—That this Bill be now advanced through all its stages up to the consideration of the Bill in Committee (*Dr. Argyle*).

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

9. VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Sir Alexander Peacock*).

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 10 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

11. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Sir Alexander Peacock*).

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 12 to 20 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

13. 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.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

THURSDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS—MEMBERS OF JAPANESE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a letter from the Consul-General for Japan, which he read as follows :—

His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Consulate-General,
17 Castlereagh-street, Sydney,
7th September, 1926.

DEAR SIR,

On behalf of the Members of the Japanese House of Representatives and myself I beg to express to you our appreciation of the honour the Legislative Assembly was so good as to give the Parliamentary party and myself by providing us with chairs on the floor of the Assembly on the occasion of our visit to Melbourne.

I should be very grateful if you would convey our gratitude to the Assembly.

Yours faithfully,

IYEMASA TOKUGAWA,

Consul-General.

The Hon. the Speaker,
Legislative Assembly of Victoria,
Melbourne.

3. 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, 1926.
Constitution Statute.—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 and 19 Vict., Cap. 55, and Act No. 3118 during the year 1925-26.

Fisheries Acts—

Notice of Intention *re* Fees for Oyster Licences and Prohibition *re* taking of Oysters at Port Albert and Corner Inlet.

Notice of Intention *re* Close Season for Oysters, Limits of Catch, &c., at Western Port Bay.

Medical Act 1915.—Regulations repealed, new Regulations made.—Candidates for Registration as Dentists and for Diploma of Licentiate of Dental Surgery of Victoria.

Public Service Acts—

Regulations.—Professional Division, Chapter II.—

Department of Public Health.

Department of Public Works.

Regulations.—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—

Department of Public Works.

Department of Treasurer.

Regulations.—Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX., Part II.—Allowances to certain Officers—

Department of Agriculture.

Department of Public Instruction.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE BILL.—Motion made and question—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Bailey*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane	Mr. Allan	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Lind	Mr. Angus	Mr. Oman
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam	Dr. Argyle	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)	Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Downward	Mr. West
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Old	Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Weaver		
Mr. Holland			
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon		
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber		

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 Thursday next.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until Thursday, 30th September instant, and the Orders of the Day, Government Business, until Tuesday next.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 31.

TUESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Keane presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date providing for the closing of licensed premises on Christmas Day and Good Friday; and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays.
Mr. Keane also presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPERS. Mr. Allan 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 following Departments during the period :—
From 1st July, 1924, to 30th June, 1925—
From the Railway Department.
From 1st July, 1925, to 30th June, 1926—
From the Department of Public Works.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
4. VICTORIAN LOAN 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. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION 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. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day, and that Mr. Old have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
6. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That a chair be provided on the floor of the House for Senator Lieut.-Colonel Achilles Samut, C.B., C.M.G., representative of Malta in connexion with the Empire Parliamentary Delegation to Australia (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
7. WATER SUPPLY LOANS 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.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 21 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
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JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

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No. 32.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Education Act 1915.—Report of the Council of Public Education for the period 1st July, 1925, to 30th June, 1926.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act relating to Lighting Rates in the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong.* ”
4. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG LIGHTING RATE BILL.—On the motion of Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*) the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Prendergast 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 unjustifiable increase in the prices charged in the Railway Refreshment Rooms. ”

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

Motion made and question proposed—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Prendergast*)—and, after debate—

Motion made and question—That Standing Order No. 8B be suspended so far as to allow the discussion to proceed beyond the expiration of the two hours permitted by that Standing Order (*Mr. Lemmon*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Allan	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane	Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam	Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Cain	(<i>Daylesford</i>)	Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Cook	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Pollard	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Everard	Mr. Solly	Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Hogan		Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber	Mr. Lind	
		Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
		Mr. McDonald	Mr. Pennington
		(<i>Polwarth</i>)	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and, after debate, negatived.

6. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on motion moved by Dr. Argyle, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills—That this Bill be now advanced through all its stages up to the consideration of the Bill in Committee.

Mr. Allan declared that the motion was an urgent motion and moved—That the motion be considered an urgent motion.

Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twenty Members approved of the proposed motion being put—

Question—That the motion be considered an urgent motion—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind	Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Blackburn	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Bond	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley	Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman	Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Carlisle	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Deany	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter	Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Farthing		Mr. McAdam	Mr. Webber
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion made and question—That the time allotted for debating the motion be until half-past Ten o'clock p.m. this day (*Mr. Allan*)—put and, after debate—
The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Allah	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter
Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 30.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Slater
Mr. Everard	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment proposed [on the main motion]—That the following words be added to the motion:—
“but that the Committee be directed to so amend the Bill as to provide for the redivision of this State into sixty electorates based upon the principle of allowing three members for each existing Commonwealth electorate” (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—and, after debate—

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber

Noes, 33.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman
Mr. Carlisle	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Deany	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That this Bill be now advanced through all its stages up to the consideration of the Bill in Committee—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman
Mr. Carlisle	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Deany	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 28.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Motion made and question—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Dr. Argyle*)—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Bond	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley	Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old	Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Carlisle	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Deany	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter	Mr. Hogan	Mr. Webber
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Holland	
Mr. Everard	Mr. West	Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Gordon		Mr. Jewell	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>		(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Lind	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 on Tuesday next.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—

Victorian Loan Bill.

Water Supply Loans Application Bill.

8. 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 to-morrow.

9. 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.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 33.

THURSDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

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

2. STUDENTS IN PROVINCIAL COLLEGES AND TEACHERS' TRAINING COLLEGE, CARLTON.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The total number of students in each of the two provincial colleges and in the Teachers' Training College, Carlton.
2. The number of these students taking the secondary course --(a) in their first year of training ; (b) in their second year ; and (c) in their third year.
3. The number of students taking the trained primary teacher's certificate course --(a) in their first year of training ; and (b) in their second year.
4. The number of students taking the trained infant teacher's certificate course --(a) in their first year of training ; and (b) in their second year.
5. The number of students taking the domestic arts and the manual arts course respectively, and how they are distributed.

--(*Mr. Hogan for Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

3. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—

Providing for the closing of licensed premises on the following days, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—

Christmas Day and Good Friday—

By Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*).

By Mr. Oman.

Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day—

By Mr. Everard.

Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences—

By Mr. Everard.

By Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*).

By Mr. Oman.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

4. **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.
5. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE 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.
6. **SUPPLY.**—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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 Tuesday next.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 34.

TUESDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 1926.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL.—Mr. Snowball, Chairman, brought up the Report from the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly upon the Bank of New South Wales Bill ; together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence.
3. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising to-morrow, adjourn until Tuesday next (Mr. Allan)—put and agreed to.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Allan presented—
6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Allan, and the same was read :—
7. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.—Further considered in Committee.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Highways and Vehicles Bill without amendment.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 20 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. 5704.

JOHN BOWSER, Speaker.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Allan 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, 1925, to 30th June, 1926 :—

State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.

State Rivers and Water Supply Commission (River Murray Works).

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 :—

Fire Brigades Act 1915.—Country Fire Brigades Board.—Report for the period ended 30th June, 1925 ; together with Statements of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities, for that period.

Fisheries Acts.—Notice of Intention *re* Minimum Length for Schnapper.

3. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; to be printed as amended, and to be considered on Tuesday next.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 20 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 36.

TUESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—

Providing for the closing of licensed premises on the undermentioned days, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—

Christmas Day and Good Friday—
By Mr. Angus.
By Mr. Downward.
By Mr. Slater (two petitions).
Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day—
By Mr. Allan.

Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—
By Mr. Allan.
By Mr. Angus.
By Mr. Downward.
By Mr. Slater (two petitions).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPER.—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 1918.—Report and Statement of Accounts of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board for the year ended 30th June, 1926.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Allan, and the same was read :—

SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 17.*

The 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 Fees under the Second Schedule to the ‘ Highways and Vehicles Act 1924.’ ”*

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 28th September, 1926.
5. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.—Motion made and question—That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to (*Dr. Argyle*)—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 26.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Blackburn	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Bond	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	Mr. Cain
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion made and question—That this Bill be now read a third time (*Dr. Argyle*)—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 25.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Blackburn	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Bond	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Cain
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 5, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), line 17, omit the word “twenty-six” and insert the word “thirty” (*Mr. Lemmon*)—and, after debate—

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

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Deany	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 26.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion made and question proposed—That the following amendment be made in this Bill :—Clause 5, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), sub-paragraph (i), line 21, omit the words “twenty-one thousand five hundred” and insert the words “twenty-two thousand” (*Mr. Snowball*)—and, after debate—

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

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber

Noes, 32.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Old

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.

Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—
 Clause 5, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), lines 30-31, omit the words “one-fifth more or one-fifth less” and insert the words “one-twentieth more or one-twentieth less” (*Mr. Hogan*)—and, after debate—

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.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane	Mr. Allan	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Angus	Mr. Morley
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald	Dr. Argyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)	Mr. Baird	Mr. Oman
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Barnes	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Slater	Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter
Mr. Everard	Mr. Solly	Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hjorth		Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holland		Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington
		Mr. McDonald	
		(<i>Polwarth</i>)	

And so it passed in the negative.

Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—
 Clause 5, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), line 30, after the word “than” insert the words “ten per cent. more or ten per cent. less” in place of the words “one-fifth more or one-fifth less” omitted (*Mr. Dunstan*)—and, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Allan	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Angus	Mr. Morley
Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)	Dr. Argyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Baird	Mr. Oman
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Barnes	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Solly	Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Everard	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Webber.	Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Hjorth		Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Holland		Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Greenwood
Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves
		(<i>Polwarth</i>)	

And so it passed in the negative.

On the motion of Mr. Snowball the following further amendment was made in this Bill :—Clause 5, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), line 30, after the word “than” insert the words “fifteen per cent. more or fifteen per cent. less” in place of the words “one-fifth more or one-fifth less” omitted.

Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—
 Clause 5, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), sub-paragraph (ii), lines 41-2, and lines 1-3, page 3, omit the words “(ii) the Commissioners may depart from the quota in the case of any proposed country electoral district where the greater part of the area thereof is mountainous and sparsely populated” (*Mr. Hogan*)—and, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Blackburn	(<i>Duylesford</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Bond	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old	Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman	Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Deany	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter	Mr. Hogan	Mr. Webber
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Holland	
Mr. Everard	Mr. West	Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon		Mr. Keane	Mr. Hayes
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Lawson			
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Clause 5, page 3, sub-section (3), lines 28–38, omit the words “ Provided that in order to provide for the number of metropolitan electoral districts specified in sub-section (1) of this section the Commissioners shall include in any proposed metropolitan electoral district such portion of any existing country electoral district contiguous thereto as they think necessary; and, generally, in order to carry into effect the purposes of this section, the Commissioners may in any other case include in any proposed electoral district such portion as they think necessary of any existing electoral district contiguous thereto whether of the same class or not ” (*Mr. Hogan*).

[*The Speaker decided to have this amendment tested on the question—That all the words down to and including the word “ necessary,” lines 28–33, stand part of the clause so as not to preclude a proposed amendment by another Honorable Member to insert certain words after the word “ necessary,” in line 33.*]

Question—That all the words down to and including the word “ necessary,” lines 28–33, proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Bond	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old	Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman	Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Deany	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter	Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West	Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Jackson	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Greenwood		Mr. Jewell	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Proposed amendment negatived.

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

Clause 5, page 3, sub-section (3), line 33, after the word “ necessary ” insert the words “ but so that the total number of electors to be added to the whole of such proposed metropolitan electoral districts by the inclusion of portions of country electoral districts as aforesaid shall not exceed twenty thousand ” (*Mr. Greenwood*).

Amendment proposed—That the proposed amendment be amended by the omission of the word “ twenty ” and the insertion in place thereof of the word “ seven ” (*Mr. Blackburn*).

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Deany	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Morley

Noes, 26.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Jackson	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Jewell	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

WEDNESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

Question—That the words “ but so that the total number of electors to be added to the whole of such proposed metropolitan electoral districts by the inclusion of portions of country electoral districts as aforesaid shall not exceed twenty thousand ” proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and agreed to.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Deany	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 23.

Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Keane	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill transmitted to the Legislative Council.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 20 inclusive be postponed until this day.

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

And then the House, at twenty-seven minutes past Twelve o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. LOANS UNDER CRÉDIT FONCIER CONDITIONS AND OTHER ACTS FOR BUILDING PURPOSES, 1916-17 TO 1925-26.—*Amended* motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The amounts of money loaned under Crédit Foncier conditions each year during the last ten financial years to—(a) applicants in the metropolitan area ; (b) applicants in provincial cities and towns ; and (c) applicants holding broad acres.
 2. Loans under any other Acts for building purposes in the metropolitan area and country districts each year during the last ten financial years for—(a) business premises or factories ; (b) municipal buildings ; and (c) any other buildings of a private or semi-private nature.

—(*Mr. Angus*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
3. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—

Providing for the closing of licensed premises on Christmas Day and Good Friday ; and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—

By Mr. Angus.
By Mr. Dunstan (two petitions).
By Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*) (two petitions).

Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—

By Mr. Angus.
By Mr. Dunstan (three petitions).
By Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*) (two petitions).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Prendergast 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, "Hospital accommodation, management, and finance."

Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Motion made and question proposed—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Prendergast*)—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 fifteen minutes beyond the expiration of the two hours permitted by that Standing Order (*Mr. Lemmon*)—put and agreed to.

And, after further debate—
Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and negatived.

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—DRIED FRUITS BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Colonel Bouchier, and the same was read :—

SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 18.*

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 continue the Operation of the Dried Fruits Acts.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 28th September, 1926.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
6. DRIED FRUITS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 18.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Farthing 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 continue the Operation of the Dried Fruits Acts.

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

Ordered—That Colonel Bouchier and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Colonel Bouchier then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill to continue the Operation of the Dried Fruits Acts"; 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 GOVERNOR—SUPPLY.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

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VICTORIA.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE, 1926-27.

SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 19.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the month of October, in the year 1926-27, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 28th September, 1926.

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

8. 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.
9. SUPPLY.—Mr. Greenwood reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—
Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,634,840 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1926-27, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	133
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,351
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	145
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	403
5. Engineers—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	56
6. The Library—Salaries	50
7. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	284
8. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	771
9. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,074
10. " " Pensions, &c.	8,000
11. " " Grants	300
12. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	594
13. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	820
14. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries	394
16. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	783
17. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	186
18. The Governor's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	52
19. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	490
20. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	70
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	552
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	460
23. Agent-General—Staff and Office	826
24. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,907
25. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,220
26. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	47,140
27. Children's Welfare, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	30,372
28. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	11,192
29. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	70,000
30. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,007
30A. " " Exceptional Expenditure	250
31. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	463
32. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,543
33. Education—Salaries	217,500
34. " Ordinary Expenditure	17,000
35. " Pensions, &c.	15
36. " Works and Buildings	2,500
37. " Endowments and Grants	32,000
38. " Exceptional Expenditure	15
39. Attorney-General—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	13,700
40. Solicitor-General—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,958
41. " " Miscellaneous	42
42. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,090
43. " Transport, &c.	540
44. " Unforeseen Expenditure	1,100
45. " Payments to Railway Department	29,400
46. " Hospitals and Charities	20,000
47. " Grants	477

Division No.	£
48. Treasury—Pensions, &c.	80
49. „ Exceptional Expenditure	2,340
50. „ State Superannuation Board	325
51. Taxation Office—Administration—Salaries	288
52. „ „ Income Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,026
53. „ „ Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,162
54. „ „ Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	294
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	517
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	10,806
57. „ „ Miscellaneous	194
58. „ „ Advertising	302
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,237
60. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	88
62. Botanic, &c., Gardens and National Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure... ..	2,501
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	12,790
64. Works and Buildings	250
66. Immigration Bureau—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,090
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,125
68. Ports and Harbours—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,252
69. „ „ Works, &c.	3,750
72. Public Works—Works and Buildings	30,000
73. „ „ Roads, Works, and Bridges	1,000
74. „ „ Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	1,000
76. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,963
77. „ Miscellaneous Expenditure	1,890
79. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	9,876
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c.	19,400
81. Agriculture—Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,308
82. „ Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,535
83. Horticulture—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,709
85. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,313
86. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,186
87. Marketing	500
88. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	16,320
89. „ „ Grants	578
90. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	871,971
91. „ Pensions, &c.	780
92. „ Railway Construction Branch	1,113
93. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses	53,756
Total	£1,634,840

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

10. 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.

11. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Greenwood 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 1926-27 the sum of £1,634,840 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 Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 5).—Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million six hundred and thirty-four thousand eight hundred and forty pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven* ”; 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. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Administration and Probate Bill without amendment.

14. 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.

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

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

THURSDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES—RESIGNATION OF.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following letter, which he read :—

State Parliament House,
Melbourne, 29th September, 1926.

The Honorable the Speaker.

DEAR MR. BOWSER,

Owing to my continued absence from the House and my inability to perform my duties as Chairman of Committees, I desire to resign my office as such.

In doing so I desire to express my thanks to the Deputy Chairmen for their readiness at all times to discharge the duties, and to thank Honorable Members on both sides of the House for their sympathetic consideration at all times.

I am pleased to state my health is improving gradually, and I hope soon to resume my seat in the House.

Yours sincerely,

ALFRED A. BILLSON.

3. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—

Providing for the closing of licensed premises on the undermentioned days, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—

Christmas Day and Good Friday—

By Mr. Allan.	By Mr. McDonald (<i>Daylesford</i>).
By Mr. Cain.	By Mr. McDonald (<i>Polwarth</i>).
By Mr. Deany.	By Mr. Old.
By Mr. Hughes (two petitions).	By Mr. Snowball (two petitions).

Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day—

By Mr. Allan.	By Mr. Prendergast.
By Mr. Downward.	

Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—

By Mr. Allan (two petitions).	By Mr. McDonald (<i>Daylesford</i>).
By Mr. Cain.	By Mr. McDonald (<i>Polwarth</i>).
By Mr. Deany.	By Mr. Old.
By Mr. Downward (two petitions).	By Mr. Prendergast (two petitions).
By Mr. Hughes (two petitions).	By Mr. Snowball (two petitions).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

4. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL.—Read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
5. ELECTIVE MINISTRIES.—Motion made and question—That, in the opinion of this House, the time is ripe for the abandonment of the Cabinet system of Government and the establishment of an elective executive, individually responsible to Parliament, and with a definite tenure of office (*Mr. Toutcher*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Allan	Mr. Keane
Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter	Dr. Argyle	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Dunstan		Mr. Bailey	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers</i>	Mr. Barnes	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Snowball	Mr. Morley	Mr. Blackburn	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Toutcher	Mr. West	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. McDonald
		Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
		Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
		Mr. Cotter	Sir Alexander Peacock
		Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Pollard
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
		Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
		Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Groves
		Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber

And so it passed in the negative.

6. **DAY BAKING BILL.**—Motion made and question—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Brownbill*)—put and, after debate—
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane	Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	Mr. Lemmon	Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Barnes	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Carlisle	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Deany	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly	Mr. Downward	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Toucher
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Walter
Mr. Hogan		Mr. Everard	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Jackson	(<i>Daylesford</i>)	Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Morley

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.

7. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 5) without amendment.
8. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Allan, and the same was read:—

SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 20.

The 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 six hundred and thirty-four thousand eight hundred and forty pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.* ”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 30th September, 1926.

9. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the Local Government Acts.* ”
10. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.**—On the motion of Mr. Eggleston the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until Tuesday next, No. 4 until Thursday, 21st October next, Nos. 5 to 7 inclusive until Thursday, 11th November next, and the Orders of the Day, Government Business, until Tuesday next.
12. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 39.

TUESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. HURSTBRIDGE TO MITTON'S BRIDGE RAILWAY.—Mr. Lind, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the construction of a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway from Hurstbridge to Mitton's Bridge; together with Minutes of Evidence, Book of Reference, and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—

Providing for the closing of licensed premises on the undermentioned days, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays:—

Christmas Day and Good Friday—

By Mr. Allan (two petitions).	By Mr. Frost.
By Mr. Angus.	By Mr. Hughes.
By Mr. Beardmore.	By Mr. Keane.
By Colonel Bouchier.	By Mr. Lind.
By Mr. Carlisle.	By Mr. McAdam.
By Mr. Cotter.	By Mr. Old.
By Mr. Deany (two petitions).	By Mr. Snowball.
By Mr. Eggleston.	By Mr. Wettenhall.
By Mr. Everard.	

Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day—

By Mr. Angus.	By Mr. Frost.
By Mr. Bond.	By Mr. Snowball (two petitions).
By Mr. Dunstan.	

Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences:—

By Mr. Allan (two petitions).	By Mr. Everard.
By Mr. Angus (three petitions).	By Mr. Frost (two petitions).
By Mr. Beardmore.	By Mr. Hughes.
By Mr. Bond.	By Mr. Keane.
By Colonel Bouchier.	By Mr. Lind.
By Mr. Carlisle.	By Mr. McAdam.
By Mr. Cotter.	By Mr. Old.
By Mr. Deany (two petitions).	By Mr. Snowball (two petitions).
By Mr. Dunstan.	By Mr. Wettenhall.
By Mr. Eggleston.	

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

4. PAPERS.—Dr. Argyle presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Hospital System of the State of Victoria.—Summary of Recommendations from the Report by Dr. Malcolm T. MacEachern, C.M., D.Sc., Associate Director, American College of Surgeons, and Director of Hospital Activities.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Dr. Argyle presented—

Motor Vehicles—Prosecutions, Fines, Causes of Accidents, and Nature of Injuries, 1925.—
Return to an Order of the House dated 26th August, 1926.

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:—

Marine Act 1915.—Amendment of Scale of Harbour Pilotage Rates, Ports of Melbourne and Geelong.

Public Service Acts and Lunacy Act 1915.—Lunacy Department—Regulations repealed, new Regulations made.—Classification of Professional Division and Appointment to, Promotion in, and Classification of General Division.

River Murray Waters Act 1915.—Report of the River Murray Commission for the year 1925-26; with Appendices.

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

SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 21.

The 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 ‘ Administration and Probate Act 1915 ’ and for other purposes.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1926.

6. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES—SERVICES OF.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House places on record its recognition and appreciation of the capable and impartial manner in which the Honorable A. A. Billson carried out the responsible duties of the office of Chairman of Committees and Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly from 28th September, 1921, to 30th September, 1926 ; its regret that illness caused him to resign from such office ; and its earnest hope that he may have an early and complete recovery of health (*Mr. Allan*)—put and, after Mr. Speaker and other Honorable Members had addressed the House in support of the motion, unanimously agreed to.
7. STOCK FOODS BILL.—Colonel Bouchier obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, 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.
8. SOUTH KENSINGTON TO WEST FOOTSCRAY RAILWAY.—Motion made and question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway for goods traffic from South Kensington to West Footscray (*Mr. Mackrell*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
9. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Requesting the Assembly to communicate to the Council copies of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed in the present Session of Parliament on the Bank of New South Wales Bill.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council transmitting copies of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on this Bill, in accordance with the request of the Legislative Council.
10. RURAL BANK BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Sir Alexander Peacock*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Bailey*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 19th October instant.
11. STATE SAVINGS BANK BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Sir Alexander Peacock*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Bailey*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 19th October instant.
12. CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Dr. Argyle*).
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.
13. CATTLE COMPENSATION 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. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 18 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
15. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Eggleston*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Blackburn*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered, after debate—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and that Mr. Blackburn have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 20 and 21 and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

 WEDNESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—

Providing for the closing of licensed premises on the undermentioned days, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—

Christmas Day and Good Friday—	
By Mr. Angus.	By Mr. McDonald (<i>Polwarth</i>) (two petitions).
By Mr. Baird.	By Mr. McLachlan.
By Mr. Cain.	By Mr. Slater.
By Mr. Cotter.	By Mr. Walter (three petitions).
By Mr. Deany.	By Mr. Weaver (two petitions).
By Mr. Jewell.	
By Mr. Mackrell.	
Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day—	
By Mr. Dunstan.	By Mr. Prendergast (two petitions).
By Mr. McDonald (<i>Polwarth</i>).	

Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—

By Mr. Baird.	By Mr. McDonald (<i>Polwarth</i>) (three petitions).
By Mr. Cain.	By Mr. McLachlan.
By Mr. Cotter.	By Mr. Prendergast.
By Mr. Deany.	By Mr. Slater.
By Mr. Dunstan.	By Mr. Walter (three petitions).
By Mr. Jewell.	By Mr. Weaver (two petitions).
By Mr. Mackrell.	

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Land Acts.—Compulsory Resumption of part of Crown Section 14, at Digger's Rest, Parish of Holden, County of Bourke, for the purposes of the Education Acts.—Certificate of the Minister of Public Instruction, with Plan.
4. OUTER PORTS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.—Motion made and question—That the sum of £1,250 be fixed as the maximum expenditure of the Royal Commission on Outer Port Development, appointed for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the state and condition of the several established Victorian ports and harbours outside Port Phillip Bay, being the addition of Five hundred pounds (£500) to the amount previously fixed by an Order in Council of the 5th January, 1926, as the maximum expenditure (*Dr. Argyle*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
5. SANITATION COMMISSION.—Motion made and question proposed—That the sum of £420 be fixed as the maximum expenditure of the Royal Commission on Sanitation, appointed for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the various methods of disposal of night-soil from the unsewered parts of sewerage areas and their relative values, with a recommendation as to the method deemed most sanitarially efficient for such areas in general and the metropolitan area in particular ; also as to the various methods which may be adopted for the treatment of sewage at sewage farms, with a recommendation how sewage should preferably be dealt with at such farms so as to mitigate or eliminate the production of foul odours (*Dr. Argyle*)—and, after debate—

Amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the motion :—“ and the House instructs the Government to inform the Commission that the Government desires a report upon the disposal of night-soil at Bundoora within thirty days ” (*Mr. Lemmon*).

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Original motion, as amended—put and agreed to.
6. MENTAL DEFICIENCY BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Dr. Argyle*).

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 26th October instant.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until to-morrow.
8. COMPANIES (NAMES) 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.

Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.

9. **ACTING CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.**—Motion made, by leave, and question proposed—That the Honorable Member for Barwon, Mr. Edward Morley, act as Chairman of Committees for this day (*Mr. Eggleston*)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.
Motion made, by leave, and question—That the Honorable Member for Carlton, Mr. Robert Henry Solly, act as Chairman of Committees for this day (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.
10. **COMPANIES (NAMES) BILL.**—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. 4 to 17 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 41.

THURSDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **PETITIONS.**—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—
Providing for the closing of licensed premises on the undermentioned days, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays:—
Christmas Day and Good Friday—
By Mr. Gordon. | By Sir William McPherson.
By Mr. Groves (two petitions). | By Mr. Snowball (for Mr. Greenwood)
By Mr. Lawson. | (four petitions).
Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day—
By Mr. Groves. | By Mr. Snowball (for Mr. Greenwood).
Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences:—
By Mr. Groves (five petitions). | By Mr. Snowball (for Mr. Greenwood)
By Mr. Lawson. | (five petitions).
By Sir William McPherson.
- Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. **PAPER.**—Mr. Speaker presented—
Finance, 1925-26.—The Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Moneys, year ending 30th June, 1926, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General and by the Documents specified in the Fifty-sixth Section of the Audit Act.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. **SUPPLY.**—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 42.

TUESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—
 Providing for the closing of licensed premises on the undermentioned days, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—
 Christmas Day and Good Friday—
 By Mr. Cain. | By Mr. Oman.
 By Mr. Cook. | By Mr. Weaver (two petitions).
 By Mr. Downward. | By Mr. Wettenhall.
 Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day—
 By Mr. Brownbill (two petitions). | By Mr. Groves.
 Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—
 By Mr. Brownbill (two petitions). | By Mr. Groves.
 By Mr. Cain. | By Mr. Oman (two petitions).
 By Mr. Cook. | By Mr. Weaver (two petitions).
 By Mr. Downward. | By Mr. Wettenhall.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Crimes Act 1915 and Indeterminate Sentences Act 1915.—Regulations as to Indeterminate Sentences.
 Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1915.—Statements of Accounts and Balance-sheet ; together with Schedule of Contracts for year ended 30th June, 1926.
 Public Service Acts.—Regulations.—Addition to Chapter I.—Appointment of Police Magistrates.
4. HAMILTON—PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL TRACKS, LOCOMOTIVE FACILITIES, ETC., AT.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Expenditure under Railway Loan Application Act, No. 3417 (Provision of Additional Tracks, Locomotive Facilities, &c., at Hamilton) ; together with Minutes of Evidence (*Mr. Mackrell*)—put and agreed to.
5. PAPER.—Mr. Mackrell presented—
 Hamilton—Provision of Additional Tracks, Locomotive Facilities, &c., at.—Return to the foregoing Order.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
6. CRIMES BILL.—Mr. Eggleston obtained leave, with Dr. Argyle, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Crimes and Criminal Offenders*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES BILL.—Motion made and question—That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make further provision with respect to the Registration of Vehicles and for other purposes*" (*Mr. Allan*)—put and, after debate—
 The House divided.

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley	Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old	Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman	Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Farthing		Mr. Holland	
Mr. Gordon		Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Lind		Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves		
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Pennington		

(*Polwarth*)

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. **BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY BILL.**—Mr. Mackrell obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to further amend the ‘ Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Street Railway Act 1920’* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. **MEDICAL (DENTISTS) BILL (No. 2.)**—Dr. Argyle, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Eggleston, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Law relating to Dentists and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. **SUPREME COURT BILL.**—Motion made and question—That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to further amend the ‘ Supreme Court Act 1915’* ” (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and, after debate—
The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Deany	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Walter
Mr. Everard	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 25.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cain	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cook	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Frost	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

11. **ARARAT LAND BILL.**—Mr. Downward, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*), to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to revoke the Reservation of certain Land situate in the Township of Ararat as a Site for the Interment of the Dead and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and, after debate, to be read a second time to-morrow.
12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until to-morrow.
13. **METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS BILL.**—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Eggleston*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Webber*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 26th October instant.
14. **CENSORSHIP OF FILMS 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. Farthing*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
15. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the Electoral Districts Bill without amendment.
16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 19 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
17. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1926.

- The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
- PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—
 Providing for the closing of licensed premises on the undermentioned days, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—
 Christmas Day and Good Friday—
 By Mr. Carlisle. | By Mr. Walter.
 By Mr. Toutcher. |
 Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day—
 By Mr. Morley.
 Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—
 By Mr. Carlisle. | By Mr. Toutcher.
 By Mr. Morley. | By Mr. Walter.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
- CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Motion made and question proposed—That the Honorable Member for East Melbourne, Mr. Alfred Alexander Farthing, be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House (*Mr. Allan*).
 Motion made and question proposed—That the Honorable Member for Geelong, Mr. William Brownbill, be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House (*Mr. Hogan*).
 Question—That the Honorable Member for East Melbourne, Mr. Alfred Alexander Farthing, be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House—put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Allan	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Angus	Mr. Morley
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Baird	Mr. Oman
Mr. Barnes	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Pennington
(<i>Policarth</i>)	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Holland	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—ESTIMATES FOR 1926-27.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

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VICTORIA.

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1926-27.

SOMERS,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 22.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1926-27 in lieu of the Estimates of Expenditure for the first four months of the year 1926-27, transmitted on the 30th June, 1926, the 4th August, 1926, the 26th August, 1926, and the 28th September, 1926, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 12th October, 1926.

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

- SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.

6. **CENSORSHIP OF FILMS 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.
7. **CATTLE COMPENSATION 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. Lind*)—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. 4 to 24 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 forty-three minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 44.

THURSDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **PETITIONS.**—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—
Providing for the closing of licensed premises on the undermentioned days, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—
Christmas Day and Good Friday—
By Mr. Bailey. | By Mr. Lawson.
By Colonel Bourchier. | By Mr. Old (two petitions).
By Mr. Groves (two petitions). | By Mr. Wettenhall (two petitions).
By Mr. Hughes.
- Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day—
By Mr. Cain. | By Mr. Groves.
By Mr. Keane.
- Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—
By Mr. Bailey. | By Mr. Keane.
By Colonel Bourchier. | By Mr. Lawson.
By Mr. Cain (two petitions). | By Mr. Old (two petitions).
By Mr. Groves (two petitions). | By Mr. Wettenhall.
By Mr. Hughes.
- Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. **PAPER.**—Sir Alexander Peacock presented—
Loans under Crédit Foncier Conditions and Other Acts for Building Purposes, 1916-17 to 1925-26.—Return to an Order of the House dated 29th September, 1926.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Prendergast 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 proposal of the Railways Commissioners to send for trial by the Board of Discipline Motorman Milvain and Guard Hargreaves upon charges in connexion with the accident which occurred at Caulfield Railway Station on 26th May last, and on which they have already been declared not guilty by Mr. Justice Mann and a jury of the Criminal Court on the 28th September last."
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Motion made and question proposed—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Prendergast*)—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 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 and negatived.

5. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
State Savings Bank Act 1915.—The State Savings Bank of Victoria—Statements and Returns for the year ended 30th June, 1926.
6. 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 Tuesday next.
7. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG LIGHTING RATE BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.
8. CASTLEMAINE LAND 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, Government Business, Nos. 7 to 24 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 thirty-one minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 45.

TUESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1926.

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

2. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—

Providing for the closing of licensed premises on the undermentioned days, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—

Christmas Day and Good Friday—

By Mr. Blackburn.	By Mr. Jewell.
By Mr. Downward.	By Mr. McAdam.
By Mr. Jackson.	By Mr. Walter.

Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day—

By Mr. Brownbill (two petitions).

Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—

By Mr. Blackburn.	By Mr. Jewell.
By Mr. Brownbill (two petitions).	By Mr. McAdam.
By Mr. Downward.	By Mr. Walter.
By Mr. Jackson.	

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Closer Settlement Act 1915 and Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts.—Report of the Closer Settlement Board for the Period from 1st July, 1924, to 31st December, 1925.—Part I.—Discharged Soldiers Settlement ; Part II.—Closer Settlement.

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

SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 23.

The 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 Redivision of the State of Victoria into Electoral Districts for the Legislative Assembly and for other purposes.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 14th October, 1926.

5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Hogan 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 decision of the Government to allow Motorman Milvain to be tried by the Railway Discipline Board upon charges in connexion with the Caulfield railway accident, upon which charges he had previously been tried before a Judge and jury and acquitted.”

Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and, after debate—
The House divided.

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 25.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane	Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Allison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford.</i>)	Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater	Mr. Deany	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Everard	Mr. Solly	Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Frost	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Farthing	
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Hjorth		Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Holland			
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon		
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 46.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH OCTOBER. 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—

Providing for the closing of licensed premises on Christmas Day and Good Friday, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays:—

By Mr. Cotter.		By Mr. Mackrell.
Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences:—		
By Mr. Cotter.		By Mr. Mackrell.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

Supreme Court Act 1915 and Acts Interpretation Act 1915.—Amendment of the Supreme Court Office Fees Regulations 1921.
4. BETTING TAX—STAMP DUTIES ON BOOKMAKERS' STATEMENTS AND FEES ON BOOKMAKERS' CERTIFICATES.—Motion made and question—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following proposed resolutions:—
 1. That on from and after the first day of November One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six there shall in respect of every half-monthly period in every year be charged under and subject to the Stamps Acts for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors upon the statements hereinafter referred to the duty hereinafter specified:—

Bookmakers' Statements—

Any statement furnished or forwarded to the Comptroller of Stamps by any bookmaker and accepted as correct by the said Comptroller pursuant to any law for the time being in force in respect of the total amount of all bets made by such bookmaker on any race-course within the meaning of Part IV. of the *Police Offences Act 1915* or at sports within the meaning of the said Part in Victoria (whether the amounts wagered by backers are or are not paid to such bookmaker at the time of making the bet) and set forth in such statement

A stamp duty of a sum equal to One pound and ten shillings per centum of the total amount set forth in such statement.

2. That on from and after the first day of November One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six in respect of every certificate issued by the Comptroller of Stamps pursuant to any law for the time being in force to any bookmaker and also in respect of every substitute certificate issued by the said Comptroller pursuant to any law for the time being in force to any person nominated by a bookmaker there shall be charged for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors a fee of One pound.—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Allison	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane
Mr. Angus	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley	Mr. Cain	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old	Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman	Mr. Clough	Mr. Pollard
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter	Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Everard	Mr. Solly
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Gordon		Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Lawson		Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves	Mr. Holland	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber

And so it passed in the negative.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 47.

TUESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. DARRIMAN, SEASPRAY, AND STRADBROKE DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. Lind, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the districts of Darriman, Seaspray, and Stradbroke with the existing railway system by means of a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.
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 :—
 - Public Service Acts—
 - Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Philip Hogan from the Fourth to the Third Class, in the Department of Chief Secretary.
 - Regulations.—Professional Division, Chapter II.—Department of Public Instruction.
 - Regulations.—Attendance and Conduct of Officers, Chapter XIII., Part I.—Attendance of Officers.
 - State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.—Twenty-first Annual Report, 1925-26.
 - University Act 1915.—Report of the Proceedings of the University of Melbourne from 31st July, 1925, to 31st July, 1926; together with Appendices, and Statutes and Regulations and Amendments allowed by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.—Ordered to be printed.
4. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—
 - Providing for the closing of licensed premises on Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—
 - By Mr. Brownbill.
 - Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—
 - By Mr. Brownbill.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
5. GLENROY AND ALBION, TOTTENHAM GRAVITATION YARDS, AND MELBOURNE GOODS YARDS, ETC.—PROVISION OF CONNECTING LINES BETWEEN.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Second Progress Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Expenditure under Railway Loan Application Act, No. 3417 (Provision of Connecting Lines between Glenroy and Albion, Tottenham Gravitation Yards, and Melbourne Goods Yards, &c.); together with Minutes of Evidence and Plans (*Mr. Mackrell*)—put and agreed to.
6. PAPER.—Mr. Mackrell presented—
 - Glenroy and Albion, Tottenham Gravitation Yards, and Melbourne Goods Yards, &c.—Provision of Connecting Lines between.—Second Progress Report.—Return to the foregoing Order.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
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JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—

Providing for the closing of licensed premises on the undermentioned days, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—

Christmas Day and Good Friday—

By Mr. Deany.	By Mr. Prendergast (two petitions).
By Mr. Old (two petitions).	By Mr. Weaver (for Mr. Speaker).
By Mr. Oman (two petitions).	By Mr. Webber (for Mr. Solly).

Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day—

By Mr. Cain.

Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—

By Mr. Deany.	By Mr. Prendergast (two petitions).
By Mr. Old.	By Mr. Weaver (for Mr. Speaker).
By Mr. Oman (two petitions).	By Mr. Webber (for Mr. Solly).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Children's Welfare Department and Reformatory Schools.—Report of the Secretary and Inspector for the year 1925.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next (*Mr. Allan*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until Wednesday next.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at forty minutes past Six o'clock, adjourned until Wednesday next.

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 49.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—

Providing for the closing of licensed premises on the undermentioned days, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—

Christmas Day and Good Friday—

By Mr. Cain (two petitions).	By Mr. Keane (four petitions).
By Mr. Cook.	By Mr. McLachlan.
By Mr. Cotter (two petitions).	By Mr. West.
By Mr. Everard (two petitions).	By Mr. Wettenhall.
By Mr. Groves (two petitions).	

Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day—

By Mr. Groves.	By Mr. Snowball (two petitions).
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Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—

By Mr. Bailey.	By Mr. Keane (four petitions).
By Mr. Cain (two petitions).	By Mr. McLachlan.
By Mr. Cook.	By Mr. Snowball.
By Mr. Cotter (two petitions).	By Mr. West.
By Mr. Everard (two petitions).	By Mr. Wettenhall.
By Mr. Groves (two petitions).	

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. PAPER.—Dr. Argyle presented—

Fines under Dairy, Fertilizers, Health (Pure Food), Factories, Weights and Measures, and Bakers and Millers Acts.—Return to an Order of the House dated 26th August, 1926.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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.

5. SUPPLY.—Mr. Farthing reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,472,747 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1926–27, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	89
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	946
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	97
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	351
5. Engineers—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	38
6. The Library—Salaries	36
7. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	225
8. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	511
9. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,574
10. " " Pensions, &c.	8,200
11. " " Grants	200
12. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	967
13. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	560
14. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries	263
16. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	648
17. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	141
18. The Governor's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	49
19. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	294
20. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	62
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	468
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	335
23. Agent-General—Staff and Office	826

Division No.	£
24. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,042
25. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,824
26. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure... ..	38,846
27. Children's Welfare, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	29,544
28. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,640
29. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	53,500
30. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,000
30A. " " Exceptional Expenditure	150
31. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	332
32. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,617
33. Education—Salaries	145,000
34. " Ordinary Expenditure	17,000
35. " Pensions, &c.	15
36. " Works and Buildings	1,600
37. " Endowments and Grants	100
38. " Exceptional Expenditure	15
39. Attorney-General—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	13,400
40. Solicitor-General—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,958
41. " " Miscellaneous	42
42. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,174
43. " Transport, &c.	625
44. " Unforeseen Expenditure	291
45. " Payments to Railway Department	29,400
46. " Hospitals and Charities	32,000
47. " Grants	477
48. " Pensions, &c.	60
49. " Exceptional Expenditure	1,750
50. State Superannuation Board	226
51. Taxation Office—Administration—Salaries	290
52. " " Income Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,063
53. " " Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,186
54. " " Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	296
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	517
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	11,716
57. " " Miscellaneous	250
58. " " Advertising	317
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,722
60. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	52
62. Botanic, &c., Gardens and National Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure... ..	1,412
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,471
64. Works and Buildings	170
65. Crown Lands—Exceptional Expenditure	1,626
66. Immigration Bureau—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,553
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,500
68. Ports and Harbours—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,540
69. " " Works, &c.	3,500
72. Public Works—Works and Buildings	30,000
73. " " Roads, Works, and Bridges	1,000
74. " " Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	1,000
76. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,248
77. " Miscellaneous Expenditure	2,265
79. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,820
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c.	24,480
81. Agriculture—Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,310
82. " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,732
83. Horticulture—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,200
85. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,170
86. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,450
87. Marketing	250
88. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,078
89. " " Grants	500
90. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	855,901
91. " Pensions, &c.	780
92. " Railway Construction Branch	1,113
93. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses	53,761
Total	<u>£1,472,747</u>

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

6. 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.

7. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Farthing 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 1926–27 the sum of £1,472,747 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 Sir Alexander Peacock and Colonel Bouchier do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 6).—Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million four hundred and seventy-two thousand seven hundred and forty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven* ” ; 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.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Bank of New South Wales Bill without amendment.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 28 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 50.

THURSDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—
 Providing for the closing of licensed premises on Christmas Day and Good Friday, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—
 By Mr. Holland.
 Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—
 By Mr. Holland.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Local Government Act 1921.—Additional Regulations for Storage of Petroleum, &c.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 and 2.
5. WOMEN'S QUALIFICATION BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, 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 transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
6. FAIR RENTS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Murphy*)—and, after debate—
 Motion made and question That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Cain*)—put and agreed to.
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3 to 10 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
8. 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.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 51.

TUESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—

Providing for the closing of licensed premises on the undermentioned days, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—

Christmas Day and Good Friday—

By Mr. Allan (three petitions).
By Mr. Angus.
By Mr. Bond (two petitions).
By Mr. Cain (four petitions).
By Mr. Downward.
By Mr. Frost.
By Mr. Keane.
By Mr. Lawson.

By Mr. Lind (for Mr. Deany) (two petitions).
By Mr. McAdam.
By Mr. Oman (two petitions).
By Mr. Pollard.
By Mr. Walter.
By Mr. Weaver.
By Mr. Wettenhall (four petitions).

Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day—

By Mr. Groves.

Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—

By Mr. Allan (three petitions).
By Mr. Angus.
By Mr. Bond (two petitions).
By Mr. Cain (four petitions).
By Mr. Downward.
By Mr. Frost.
By Mr. Groves.
By Mr. Lawson.

By Mr. Lind (for Mr. Deany) (two petitions).
By Mr. McAdam.
By Mr. Oman (two petitions).
By Mr. Pollard (two petitions).
By Mr. Walter.
By Mr. Weaver.
By Mr. Wettenhall (five petitions).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Coal Mines Regulation Act 1915.—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 1925-26.

State Electricity Commission Act 1918.—Seventh Annual Report of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria for the financial year ended 30th June, 1926; together with Appendices.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 6) without amendment.
5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Hjorth 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 failure of the Milk Supply Committee to carry out the provisions of the *Milk Supply Act* 1922 and the Government's neglect in not insisting upon the Milk Committee exercising the powers and performing the duties conferred upon them by the said Act." Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Motion made and question proposed—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Hjorth*)—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 ten minutes beyond the expiration of the two hours permitted by that Standing Order (*Colonel Bouchier*)—put and agreed to.
And, after further debate—
Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and negatived.
6. SOUTH KENSINGTON TO WEST FOOTSCRAY RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Mr. Mackrell, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Allan, after debate, obtained leave, with Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from South Kensington to West Footscray*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

8. WYCHEPROOF LAND 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.
9. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG LIGHTING RATE BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; 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 without amendment.
10. CASTLEMAINE LAND 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.
11. DRIED FRUITS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 13 to 15 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
13. SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LANDS 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 returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same without amendment.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 17 to 28 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
15. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 52.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—
- Providing for the closing of licensed premises on the undermentioned days, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—
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| Christmas Day and Good Friday— | |
| By Mr. McDonald (<i>Polwarth</i>). | By Mr. Weaver. |
| By Mr. Snowball (two petitions). | |
| Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day— | |
| By Mr. Morley (two petitions). | \| By Mr. Snowball. |
| Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :— | |
| By Mr. Morley. | \| By Mr. Weaver. |
| By Mr. Snowball (three petitions). | |
- Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Eleven o'clock (*Mr. Allan*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
4. ORDER OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Motion made and question proposed—That the Sessional Order giving precedence to Private Bill Business and General Business on Thursday, 19th August, and on every third Thursday thereafter during the present Session be suspended for the remainder of the Session, and that Government Business shall take precedence of all other business during each sitting day (*Mr. Allan*).

Amendment proposed—That after the word "That," in line 1, the words and figures "on and after Tuesday, 16th November, 1926" be inserted (*Mr. Bond*)—and, after debate—

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Clough	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cook	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	

Tellers.

Mr. Bailey
Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 30.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter
Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. West
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Farthing	
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Mackrell	

Tellers.

Mr. Groves
Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

Original motion—put and agreed to.

5. LIMITATION OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Motion made and question—That the Sessional Order limiting the time for calling on fresh business be suspended for the remainder of the Session so far as to allow fresh business to be called on at any time (*Mr. Allan*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	
Mr. Mackrell	

Tellers.

Mr. Groves
Mr. Pennington

Noes, 22.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Clough	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cook	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Jackson	

Tellers.

Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. CARLTON LAND BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the City of Melbourne reserved as a Site for the Carlton Cricket Ground" (*Dr. Argyle*)—and, after debate—

Amendment proposed—That all the words after the word "That," in line 1, be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "in view of the fact that the passage of the motion before the Chair involves an alienation of one of the playgrounds of the people of 5½ acres, which is an essential provision of a scheme that involves—

- (1) the occupancy of an additional area of approximately 6 acres of the Princes Park for school purposes ;
- (2) the scrapping of the Melbourne Hospital, which was re-built in the year 1912 at a cost of £300,000, and the selling of the site ;
- (3) the vacation of the recently-built and specially-constructed medical school at the University, which cost the State of Victoria £80,000, and the building of an additional medical school ;

this House is of opinion that the Bill should not be proceeded with (*Mr. Lemmon*).

Motion made and question—That the question be now put (*Dr. Argyle*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane
Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old	Mr. Cain	Mr. Slater
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Cook	Mr. Solly
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Frost	
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter	Mr. Hjorth	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Hogan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Everard	Mr. West	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall		
Mr. Gordon			
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker declared the foregoing division null and void, as Mr. Lemmon's amendment, which the House understood would be the question consequent thereon, had not yet been seconded, and therefore could not be put forthwith from the Chair.

And the amendment having thereupon been seconded by Mr. Jackson—

Motion made and question—That the question be now put (*Mr. Allan*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old	Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter	Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Cain
Mr. Everard	Mr. West	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall		
Mr. Gordon			
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old	Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter	Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Cain
Mr. Everard	Mr. West	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber.
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall		
Mr. Gordon			
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion made and question—That the main question be now put (*Mr. Allan*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 18.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cain	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cook	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hjorth	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the City of Melbourne reserved as a Site for the Carlton Cricket Ground*”—accordingly put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 18.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cain	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cook	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hjorth	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion made and question—That this Bill be now read a first time (*Dr. Argyle*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 18.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cain	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cook	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	
Mr. Hjorth	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion made and question—That the Bill be printed (*Dr. Argyle*)—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 18.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane
Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Bond	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old	Mr. Cain	Mr. Slater
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Cook	Mr. Solly
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Frost	
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter	Mr. Hjorth	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Hogan	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Everard	Mr. West	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall		
Mr. Gordon			
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

THURSDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

Motion made and question—That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next (*Dr. Argyle*)—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Prendergast
Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Slater
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley	Mr. Cook	Mr. Solly
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old	Mr. Frost	Mr. Webber
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter	Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Cain
Mr. Everard	Mr. West	Mr. Keane	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall		
Mr. Gordon			
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until this day.

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

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 53.

THURSDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

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

2. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—

Providing for the closing of licensed premises on Christmas Day and Good Friday, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays:—

By Mr. Gordon. | By Mr. Wettenhall (for Mr. Allison).

Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences:—

By Mr. Gordon. | By Mr. Wettenhall (for Mr. Allison)

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act 1915.—Nineteenth Balance-sheet of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust as at 30th June, 1926.
4. ORBOST TO BRODRIBB RAILWAY.—Motion made, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, and question—That the construction of a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway from Orbost to Brodrigg be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report (*Mr. Mackrell*)—put and agreed to.
5. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Dr. Argyle*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday, 25th November instant.
6. PAPER.—Dr. Argyle presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Sanitation Commission.—Interim Report of the Royal Commission on Sanitation, 1926.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
7. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Allan, and the same was read :—
SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 24.*
The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, at State Government House, 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 four hundred and seventy-two thousand seven hundred and forty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.* ”
State Government House,
Melbourne, 8th November, 1926.
8. CATTLE COMPENSATION 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. Bond*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
9. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Allan, and the same was read :—
SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 25.*
The 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 Corporation known as the Bank of New South Wales.* ”
The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 11th November, 1926.
10. 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.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 54.

TUESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—

Providing for the closing of licensed premises on Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—

By Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*).

Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—

By Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*).

The following petition was presented from certain members and adherents of the Protestant churches in Maldon, Victoria, praying that the Licensing Act be amended so as to provide for the closing of licensed premises on Good Friday, Christmas Day, and Anzac Day, and from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays ; and also for the abolition of grocers' licences :—

By Mr. Lawson.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Electoral Districts Act 1926.—Report by the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of the Redivision of the State of Victoria into Electoral Districts for the Legislative Assembly ; together with Map.

Public Works Loan Application Act 1911.—Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts of the Victoria Dock Cool Stores ; together with the Report of the Manager thereof on the Operations of the Stores for the year ended 30th June, 1926.
4. CATTLE COMPENSATION 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.

On the motion of Colonel Bouchier the following amendment was made in this Bill :—

Clause 3, sub-section (3), line 32, after the word " words " insert the words " dairy supervisor."

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until to-morrow.
6. SOUTH KENSINGTON TO WEST FOOTSCRAY RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Mackrell*).

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Hogan*)—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, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 25 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-six minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—
- Providing for the closing of licensed premises on the undermentioned days, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—
- Christmas Day and Good Friday—
By Mr. Eggleston. | By Mr. Lind (for Mr. Deany).
Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day—
By Mr. Eggleston.
- Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—
By Mr. Eggleston (two petitions).
- Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
- Dried Fruits Act 1924.—Regulations—Victorian Dried Fruits Board Election.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Allan, and the same was read :—

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

Message No. 26.

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 relating to Lighting Rates in the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong.*”
“*An Act to amend Part II. of the ‘Settled Estates and Settled Lands Act 1915.’*”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 17th November, 1926.

5. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS—REDIVISION OF VICTORIA INTO.—Motion made and question—That the Legislative Assembly approves of the redivision of the State of Victoria into electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly as proposed by the Commissioners appointed under the *Electoral Districts Act 1926* in their Report and Map laid before both Houses of Parliament on the 16th day of November, 1926, and that the names of the electoral districts suggested in the Report be adopted (*Dr. Argyle*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Allison	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old	Mr. Cain	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman	Mr. Clough	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Cook	Mr. Pennington
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Touthcer	Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter	Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Downward	Mr. West	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Solly
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliff
Mr. Everard		Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Farthing	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Hogan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Greenwood		Mr. Holland	
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves	Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Morley	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon
		Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber

And so it passed in the negative.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.
- And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

THURSDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
Motion made and question—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Old	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Angus	Mr. Oman	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Pennington	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter	Mr. Clough	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Everard		Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves	Mr. Hogan	
(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Morley	Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir William McPherson		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Lemmon
		Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber
		Mr. Jewell	

And so it passed in the negative.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Motion made and question—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 23 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next (*Mr. Allan*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Old	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Angus	Mr. Oman	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Pennington	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Clough	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter	Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Greenwood		Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Holland	
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves	Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Morley	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Cain
Sir William McPherson		Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber
		Mr. Keane	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 57.

TUESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4.
2. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—
 Providing for the closing of licensed premises on Christmas Day and Good Friday, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—

By Mr. Carlisle.	|	By Mr. McLachlan.
Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—		
By Mr. Carlisle.	|	By Mr. McLachlan.

 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. SOUTH KENSINGTON TO WEST FOOTSCRAY RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 23 inclusive and the Orders 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 twenty-three minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

A. A. FARTHING,
Deputy Speaker.

No. 58.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Electoral Districts Act 1926.—Report (Fresh Redivision) by the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of the Redivision of the State of Victoria into Electoral Districts for the Legislative Assembly : together with Map.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Hogan 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 failure of the Government to administer the provisions of the Highways and Vehicles Act regarding the maximum weight which can be carried on motor lorries and the maximum speed at which they can travel."
 Mr. Deputy Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
 Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
4. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Women's Qualification Bill with amendments.
 Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.
6. DRIED FRUITS BILL.—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. 2 and 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
8. **COMPANIES (NAMES) BILL.**—Further 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 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.
9. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
Wycheproof Land Bill.
Castlemaine Land Bill.
10. **WOMEN'S QUALIFICATION 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 8, before " A person " insert " Save as otherwise expressly provided in any Act or enactment."
2. " line 8, omit " person " and insert " woman."
3. " line 8, after " sex " insert " or marriage."
4. " lines 11-12, omit " or vocation."
5. Clause 5, omit this clause.
- And the said amendments were, after debate, read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.
11. **CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL.**—Further considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 and Nos. 5 to 23 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

A. A. FARTHING,
Deputy Speaker.

No. 59.

THURSDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the chair.
2. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Public Service Acts—
Regulations.—Appointment or Transfer to the Clerical Division, Chapter III.
Regulations.—Appointment to the General Division, Chapter V.
Regulations.—Professional Division, Chapter II.—
Department of Agriculture.
General.
Regulations.—Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX., Part II.—Allowances to certain Officers—
Department of Public Health.
Department of Public Instruction.
3. **PUBLIC CONTRACTS—CERTIFICATES GRANTED TO IMPORT GOODS, MACHINERY, AND MATERIAL, 1925-26.**—
Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The number of certificates granted during the year ended 30th June, 1926, by the Minister administering the *Public Contracts Act* 1917, No. 2920, under section 4 of that Act.
2. The nature of the goods, machinery, and material which were the subject of each certificate.
3. The reason for the granting of each certificate, stating, where the certificate was granted on the ground that the goods could not be obtained in Australia except at an unreasonable price—(a) the Australian price; (b) the price of the imported article; and (c) the Customs duty upon the imported article (*Mr. Blackburn*)—put and agreed to.
4. **PETITIONS.**—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—
Providing for the closing of licensed premises on Christmas Day and Good Friday, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—
By Mr. Snowball.
Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—
By Mr. Snowball.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

5. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS—FRESH REDIVISION OF VICTORIA INTO.—Motion made and question proposed—That the Legislative Assembly approves of the fresh redivision of the State of Victoria into electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly as proposed by the Commissioners appointed under the *Electoral Districts Act 1926* in their Report and Map laid before both Houses of Parliament on the 24th day of November, 1926, and that the names of the electoral districts suggested in the Report be adopted (*Dr. Argyle*)—and, after debate—
- Amendment proposed—That all the words after the word "That," in line 2, be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "the scheme of redivision now proposed be submitted to the electors at a referendum to be held on such day as the Governor in Council appoints, and that the decision of the electors be accepted as final, and that pending such decision the further consideration of the motion be postponed" (*Mr. Lemmon*)—and, after debate—
- Dr. Argyle* declared that the motion was an urgent motion and moved—That the motion be considered an urgent motion.
- Mr. Deputy Speaker* having ascertained that twenty Members approved of the proposed motion being put—
- Question—That the motion be considered an urgent motion—put and agreed to.
- Motion made and question—That the time allotted for debating the motion and any amendment be until Six o'clock p.m. this day (*Dr. Argyle*)—put and agreed to.
- Debate on amendment resumed.
- Question—That all the words after the word "That" [in the main motion] proposed to be omitted stand part of the motion—put.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	(<i>Pohwarth</i>)
Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
<i>Dr. Argyle</i>	Mr. Old
Mr. Baird	Mr. Oman
Mr. Barnes	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Pennington
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Morley

Noes, 31.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Bond	Mr. Keane
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Cain	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Carlisle	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Clough	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Slater
Mr. Everard	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holland	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webber

And the numbers being equal, *Mr. Speaker* gave his vote with the Ayes.
And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Legislative Assembly approves of the fresh redivision of the State of Victoria into electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly as proposed by the Commissioners appointed under the *Electoral Districts Act 1926* in their Report and Map laid before both Houses of Parliament on the 24th day of November, 1926, and that the names of the electoral districts suggested in the Report be adopted—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	(<i>Pohwarth</i>)
Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
<i>Dr. Argyle</i>	Mr. Old
Mr. Baird	Mr. Oman
Mr. Barnes	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Pennington
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Morley

Noes, 31.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Bond	Mr. Keane
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cain	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Clough	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cook	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Everard	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holland	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webber

And the numbers being equal, *Mr. Speaker* gave his vote with the Ayes.
And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled "An Act to make further provision with respect to the Protection of Animals."

7. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL.—On the motion of Dr. Argyle the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 60.

TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ORBOST TO BRODRIBB RAILWAY.—Mr. Lind, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the construction of a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway from Orbost to Brodrigg; together with Minutes of Evidence, Book of Reference, Plan, and Map. Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report and Map to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Downward presented—
Migration Agreement—Employment found by Government for Immigrants under.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 8th September, 1926.
Mr. Mackrell 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 Materials manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth and purchased for the use of the Railway Department during the period from 1st July, 1925, to 30th June, 1926.
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 :—
Companies Act 1915.—Summary of Statements for the year 1925 made by Companies transacting Life Assurance Business in Victoria.
Fisheries Acts.—Notice of Intention *re* Sale, Exposure for Sale, &c., of Female Crayfish (whether taken in Victoria or Elsewhere) during the Close Season.
Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act 1925 and Supreme Court Act 1915.—Rules of the Supreme Court.
Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ended 30th September, 1926.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Allan, and the same was 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 provide for the Sale by Auction of certain Crown Land in the Parish of Bunguluke temporarily reserved as a Site for Public Recreation and for the Permanent Reservation as a Site for Public Recreation of certain other Land in the said Parish and for other purposes.*”
“ *An Act to provide for the Grant to The Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria of certain Crown Land situate at Castlemaine in Exchange for certain Land the Property of the said Commissioners and for other purposes.*”
“ *An Act to amend the Law with respect to Disqualifications on Account of Sex and for other purposes.*”
The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 30th November, 1926.
5. CENSORSHIP OF FILMS 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. 2 to 24 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 thirty minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4.
2. KEILOR AND BULLA DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. Lind, Chairman, brought up the Second Progress Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the districts of Keilor and Bulla with the existing railway system by means of a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway; together with Minutes of Evidence, Plan, and Map.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report and Map to be printed.
3. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—
Providing for the closing of licensed premises on Christmas Day and Good Friday, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—
By Mr. Angus (two petitions).
Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—
By Mr. Angus (two petitions).
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
4. GLENROY AND ALBION, TOTTENHAM GRAVITATION YARDS, AND MELBOURNE GOODS YARDS, ETC.—PROVISION OF CONNECTING LINES BETWEEN.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Third Progress Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Expenditure under Railway Loan Application Act, No. 3417 (Provision of Connecting Lines between Glenroy and Albion, Tottenham Gravitation Yards, and Melbourne Goods Yards, &c.); together with Minutes of Evidence, Plan, and Map (*Mr. Mackrell*)—put and agreed to.
5. PAPER.—Mr. Mackrell presented—
Glenroy and Albion, Tottenham Gravitation Yards, and Melbourne Goods Yards, &c.—Provision of Connecting Lines between—Third Progress Report.—Return to the foregoing Order.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report and Map to be printed.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and Notices of Motion, General Business, Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive be postponed until after Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 4.
7. SOUTH KENSINGTON TO WEST FOOTSCRAY RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.
On the motion of Mr. Mackrell the following further amendments were made in this Bill :—
Clause 8, sub-section (1), line 28, omit the word "in."
" sub-section (1), line 29, at the end of the sub-section insert the words "or by other land of the same person being severed therefrom."
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. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS 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. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 and Nos. 4 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after No. 7.
11. METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS 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.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after No. 4.
13. RURAL BANK BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 2, Nos. 5 and 6, and Nos. 8 to 11 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
15. JUSTICES 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. Cain*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 13 to 24 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

A. A. FARTHING,
Deputy Speaker.

No. 62.

THURSDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Cattle Compensation Bill with amendments.
Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—WALPEUP WEST LANDS BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Downward, and the same was read :—
- SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 28.*
- 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 certain Crown Lands situate within the Walpeup West Waterworks District and certain Improvements thereon.
- Government Offices,
Melbourne, 19th August, 1926.
- Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
4. WALPEUP WEST LANDS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 28.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Farthing 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 certain Crown Lands situate within the Walpeup West Waterworks District and certain Improvements thereon.
- And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Downward and Colonel Bouchier do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. Downward then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to certain Crown Lands situate within the Walpeup West Waterworks District and certain Improvements thereon*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. DARLING TO GLEN WAVERLEY RAILWAY.—Motion made and question proposed—That the construction of a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge electrified railway from Darling to Glen Waverley be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report (*Mr. Mackrell*)—and, after debate—
- Objection having been taken that the motion had not been submitted and explained to the Legislative Assembly by a responsible Minister of the Crown, as required by section 22 of the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1915*—
- Mr. Speaker said :—" I think—in fact, I have no doubt—that the point taken by the Honorable Member for Fitzroy is correct, and that the Honorary Minister in charge of the motion, who has submitted the plan of the railway and book of reference, is not a responsible Minister, as required by section 22 of the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1915*.
The motion is therefore out of order."

6. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS 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 the word “ That ” be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words :—“ this House refuses to grant the second reading of this Bill on the ground that—

(a) it fails to provide for the democratization of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works by providing for direct election of its members in lieu of the present system of indirect election ;

(b) it fails to make definite and certain provision for the immediate construction of the Spencer-street bridge ” (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—and, after debate—

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until Tuesday next.

8. METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS BILL.—Read the third time.

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

Clause 5, page 5, line 5, at the end of the clause, insert—

(6) The powers conferred on the Board by this section so far as they relate to any river creek stream or water-course to the extent to which the same is without the metropolis and is subject to the jurisdiction of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission shall not be exercised without the previous consent of the said Commission.

Clause 15, line 18, after “ within ” omit “ one month ” and insert “ three months.”

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

AA. In sub-section (1) of section twenty-four of the *Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers Act* 1923 after the word “ sections ” there shall be inserted the word “ ninety-nine.”

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.

9. CATTLE COMPENSATION 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, sub-clause (1), line 17, after “ dairy supervisor or ” omit the words “ of a.”

2. “ sub-clause (1), line 26, after “ available ” insert the word “ which.”

3. “ sub-clause (2), line 41, after “ any ” insert the words “ dairy supervisor or.”

4. “ page 4, sub-clause (3), lines 4-5, omit “ dairy supervisor or by the veterinary surgeon ” and insert the words “ or by the dairy supervisor or veterinary surgeon.”

5. “ page 4, sub-clause (4), line 13, after “ any ” insert the words “ dairy supervisor or.”

And the said amendments were read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 23 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 fifty-eight minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 63.

TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **DEDERANG, TAWANGA, AND KIEWA VALLEY DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY.**—Mr. Lind, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the districts of Dederang, Tawanga, and the Kiewa Valley with the existing railway system by means of a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway ; together with Minutes of Evidence. Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.

3. **PETITIONS.**—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—

Providing for the closing of licensed premises on Christmas Day and Good Friday, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—

By Mr. Cain.	By Sir William McPherson.
By Mr. Downward.	By Mr. Old.
By Mr. Eggleston.	By Mr. Solly.
By Mr. Hughes.	By Mr. West.
By Mr. Lemmon.	

Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—

By Mr. Cain.	By Sir William McPherson.
By Mr. Downward.	By Mr. Old.
By Mr. Eggleston.	By Mr. Solly.
By Mr. Hughes.	By Mr. West.
By Mr. Lemmon.	

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Fruit Acts.—Regulations repealed, new Regulations made—

Fruit and Vegetable Packing Regulations 1926.

Rough Handling of Fruit and Vegetables Regulations.

Land Act 1915.—Report of the Department of Lands and Survey for the financial year ended 30th June, 1926.

Poisons Act 1915.—Articles deemed to be Poisons—Addition to Second Schedule, Part II.

5. **COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS) BILL (No. 2).**—Dr. Argyle, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill for the purpose of making provision for Compulsory Voting at Legislative Assembly Elections*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. **INTERMEDIATE HOSPITALS BILL.**—Dr. Argyle obtained leave, with Mr. Mackrell, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make provision for Intermediate Hospitals and for Intermediate Wards in Public Hospitals and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
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.
8. **SUPPLY.**—Mr. Farthing reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,549,333 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1926-27, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	89
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	946
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	97
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	65
5. Engineers—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	38
6. The Library—Salaries	36
7. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	215
8. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	654
9. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,574
10. " " Pensions, &c.	8,100
11. " " Grants	1,950
12. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	569
13. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	567
14. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries	264
16. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	648

Division No.	£
17. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	141
18. The Governor's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	114
19. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	394
20. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	49
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	491
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	335
23. Agent-General—Staff and Office ...	826
24. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	1,780
25. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	1,824
26. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure...	38,852
27. Children's Welfare, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	34,930
28. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	8,640
29. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	56,000
30. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	4,000
30A. " " Exceptional Expenditure ...	150
31. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	332
32. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	2,617
33. Education—Salaries ...	217,500
34. " Ordinary Expenditure ...	17,000
35. " Pensions, &c. ...	15
36. " Works and Buildings ...	1,600
37. " Endowments and Grants ...	200
38. " Exceptional Expenditure ...	15
39. Attorney-General—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	13,700
40. Solicitor-General—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	6,958
41. " " Miscellaneous ...	42
42. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	4,361
43. " Transport, &c. ...	625
44. " Unforeseen Expenditure ...	291
45. " Payments to Railway Department ...	29,400
46. " Hospitals and Charities ...	20,389
47. " Grants ...	556
48. " Pensions, &c. ...	60
49. " Exceptional Expenditure ...	1,750
50. State Superannuation Board ...	274
51. Taxation Office—Administration—Salaries ...	290
53. " " Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	3,186
54. " " Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	340
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	517
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	11,716
57. " " Miscellaneous ...	250
58. " " Advertising ...	317
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	3,104
60. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	74
62. Botanic, &c., Gardens and National Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure...	1,485
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	7,471
64. Works and Buildings ...	170
65. Crown Lands—Exceptional Expenditure ...	1,626
66. Immigration Bureau—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	1,635
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ..	6,000
68. Ports and Harbours—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	2,540
69. " " Works, &c. ...	3,750
72. Public Works—Works and Buildings ...	37,000
73. " " Roads, Works, and Bridges ...	2,000
76. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	2,200
77. " Miscellaneous Expenditure ...	2,000
79. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	8,820
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c. ...	30,416
81. Agriculture—Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	1,310
82. " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	7,012
83. Horticulture—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	3,120
85. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	6,378
86. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	3,950
87. Marketing ...	500
88. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ..	6,078
89. " " Grants ...	500
90. Railways—Working Expenses, &c. ...	855,901
91. " Pensions, &c. ...	780
92. " Railway Construction Branch ...	1,113
93. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses ...	53,761
Total ...	£1,549,333

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

9. **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.
10. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Farthing 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 1926–27 the sum of £1,549,333 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 Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
11. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 7).**—Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million five hundred and forty-nine thousand three hundred and thirty-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven*”; 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.
12. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the Dried Fruits Bill without amendment.
13. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Acquainting the Assembly that they have agreed to some of the amendments made by the Assembly in the Companies (Names) Bill, and have disagreed with one of the said amendments.
And the said amendment is as follows :—
Amendment made by the Legislative Assembly. How dealt with.
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| 1. Clause 2, sub-section (1), line 14, after “registered” insert the following paragraph :—
“(a) by a name which is the surname of any individual unless it is made sufficiently distinctive (either by an initial letter or christian name or by combination with another surname or otherwise); or.” | } Disagreed with
by the Legis-
lative Council. |
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- Motion made and question—That this House do not insist on their amendment in clause 2 disagreed with by the Legislative Council (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them accordingly.
14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 23 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
15. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.
- And then the House, at twenty minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 64.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **HEATHCOTE DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.**—Mr. Lind, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the district lying north of Heathcote with the existing railway system by means of a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. **PETITIONS.**—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—
 Providing for the closing of licensed premises on the undermentioned days, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—
 Christmas Day and Good Friday—
 By Mr. Cotter. | By Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*).
 Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day—
 By Mr. Snowball (two petitions).
 Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—
 By Mr. Cotter. | By Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*).
 By Mr. Groves. | By Mr. Snowball (four petitions).
- Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

4. 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 September, 1926.

Fire Brigades Act 1915.—Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.—Report for year ending 30th June, 1926 ; together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities, for that period.

Public Service Acts.—Regulations.—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—Department of Chief Secretary (2 papers).

5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act relating to the Midwives Board.* ”

6. MIDWIVES BILL.—On the motion of Dr. Argyle the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

7. NEWPORT LAND BILL.—Mr. Downward obtained leave, with Colonel Bouchier, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the Grant to The British Imperial Oil Company Limited of certain Crown Land situate at Newport in exchange for certain Land of which the said Company is the Registered Proprietor and the reservation of the last-mentioned Land as a Site for a Public Park and Garden, and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. 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 25 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 65.

THURSDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1926.

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

2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 7) without amendment.

3. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Allan, and the same was read :—

SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 29.

The 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 Cattle Compensation Acts.* ”

“ *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million five hundred and forty-nine thousand three hundred and thirty-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.* ”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1926.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 27 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 66.

TUESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Dr. Argyle presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 Penal Establishments, Gaols, and Reformatory Prisons.—Report and Statistical Tables for the
 year 1925.
 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 :—
 Exhibition Trustees.—Report of Proceedings and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the
 year ended 30th June, 1926.
 Health Act 1919.—Fourth Report of the Commission of Public Health.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Message from His
 Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Allan, and the same was read :—
 SOMERS,
 Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 30.*
 The 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 continue the Operation of the Dried Fruits Acts.* ”
 “ *An Act relating to the Name Style or Title of Companies and for other purposes.* ”
 The Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 14th December, 1926.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN BILL.—
 The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir Alexander
 Peacock, and the same was read :—
 W. H. IRVINE,
 As Deputy for His Excellency the Governor
 of Victoria. *Message No. 31.*
 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 authorize the raising of Money for Railways.
 Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 1st December, 1926.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this
 day.
5. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole
 House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 31.
 House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Farthing 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 raising of Money for Railways.
 And the said resolution was, after debate, read a second time and agreed to by the House.
 Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the
 foregoing resolution.
 Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for*
 Railways ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time
 to-morrow.

6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—VICTORIAN LOAN (PUBLIC WORKS) BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria,
As Deputy for His Excellency the Governor.

Message No. 32.

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 authorize the raising of money for Public Works and other purposes.

Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 24th November, 1926.

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

7. VICTORIAN LOAN (PUBLIC WORKS) BILL.—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. Farthing 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 raising of Money for Public Works and other purposes.

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

Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Public Works and other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—TREASURY BONDS BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,
As Deputy for His Excellency the Governor
of Victoria.

Message No. 33.

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 authorize the Issue of Treasury Bonds.

Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 1st December, 1926.

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

9. TREASURY BONDS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 33.
 House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Issue of Treasury Bonds*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

10. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,
As Deputy for His Excellency the Governor
of Victoria.

Message No. 34.

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 Municipal Endowment.

Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 1st December, 1926.

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

11. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 34.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Farthing 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 Municipal Endowment.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Municipal Endowment*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
12. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—VICTORIAN LOAN (ELECTRICITY SUPPLY) AND APPLICATION BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Eggleston, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,
*As Deputy for His Excellency the Governor
of Victoria.*

Message No. 35.

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 authorize the raising of Money for Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 1st December, 1926.

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

13. VICTORIAN LOAN (ELECTRICITY SUPPLY) AND APPLICATION BILL.—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. Farthing 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 raising of Money for Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Eggleston and Dr. Argyle do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. Eggleston then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
14. CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.
On the motion of Mr. Blackburn the following further amendments were made in this Bill :—
Clause 2, page 2, after line 23 insert the following interpretation :—
"Registered film" means any film heretofore or hereafter approved for registration pursuant to any regulations relating to cinematograph films made under any Commonwealth Act now or hereafter in force.
Clause 4, sub-section (2), after line 37 insert the words—"On the happening of any of the events referred to in this sub-section or until such an arrangement as aforesaid has been made no provision of this Act (except sections two six thirteen twenty-one twenty-two twenty-three twenty-four twenty-five and twenty-seven) shall apply to any registered film or to any picture from any registered film unless the contrary is expressly provided by this Act."
Clause 8, sub-section (2), line 34, after the word "or" insert the words "(in the case of films relating to diseases or disorders peculiar to male persons only or to female persons only)."
Clause 9, sub-section (1), line 39, before the word "under" insert the words "or by the imposition by him of any condition."
" sub-section (2), page 6, line 2, at the end of the sub-section add the words "and to examine any film."
Clause 11, line 15, at the end of the clause add the words :—
"Provided that the censor's approval shall not be unconditionally refused in the case of any film which in the opinion of the censor—
(a) in good faith and with artistic merit reproduces or adapts any work of recognized literary merit; or
(b) in good faith and with artistic merit represents any scriptural historical traditional mythical or legendary story."
Clause 15, sub-section (1), line 7, after the word "Act" insert the words "and every person exhibiting a picture from a registered film."

On the motion of Dr. Argyle the following further amendment was made in this Bill :—

Clause 22, sub-section (1), at the end of the sub-section after the words " advertising purposes " insert the words " If at any exhibition of cinematograph pictures in any theatre there is exhibited more than the length of film required to be exhibited under this section in the case of pictures produced within the British dominions or (as the case may be) Australia, then, in calculating the length of film required to be exhibited under this section at exhibitions in such theatre during the period of four weeks beginning with the date of the said first-mentioned exhibition, the excess over the length of film so required to be exhibited shall be taken into account as if such excess length were exhibited at a subsequent exhibition or exhibitions of cinematograph pictures in such theatre during such period."

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

Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 8 :—

A. (1) If the Minister has reason to believe that a picture from any registered film is not suitable for exhibition before a child under the age of sixteen years he may by writing under his hand direct such person or persons as he thinks fit to cause such film to be submitted to the censor for his approval.

(2) The provisions of section five of this Act shall apply to any person so directed.

(3) If the censor decides that a picture from such film is not suitable for exhibition before a child under the age of sixteen years he shall certify such decision in writing to the Minister and to the applicant and shall approve such film subject to a condition that any picture from such film is not to be exhibited before any child over the age of six years and under the age of sixteen years and thereupon the provisions of sub-sections (3) and (4) of section eight of this Act and the provisions of sections nine and twenty-six of this Act and of the appropriate regulations and of the Schedule to this Act shall apply to such film.

(4) The censor shall not in any case refuse approval of a registered film or approve a registered film subject to any other condition than as in the foregoing sub-section provided.

(5) This section shall not apply when any arrangement under section three of this Act is in operation.

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

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.

15. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—

Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers Bill.

South Kensington to West Footscray Railway Construction Bill.

16. COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS) BILL (No. 2).—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Dr. Argyle*).

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

17. STOCK FOODS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; 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, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 9 inclusive be postponed until after No. 10.

19. MIDWIVES BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Dr. Argyle*).

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Lemmon*)—put and, after debate—The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bond	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Clough	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Slater
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Cain
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber

Noes, 24.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Old
Mr. Angus	Sir Alexander Peacock
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Baird	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Walter
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Weaver
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. West
Mr. Downward	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Eggleston	
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Farthing	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Pennington

(*Polwarth*)

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate on second reading resumed.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

20. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL.—Dr. Argyle, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide that all State Parliamentary Elections be held on a Saturday* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
21. DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The following Orders of the Day, Government Business, were, after debate, read and discharged :—
- Mental Deficiency Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.*
Justices of the Peace Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
Justices Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
Crimes Bill—Second reading.
Police Offences (Animals Protection) Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
Registration of Vehicles Bill—Second reading.
Supreme Court Bill—Second reading.
- Ordered —That the said Bills be withdrawn.
22. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 7 inclusive, No. 9, Nos. 11 to 15 inclusive, Nos. 21 and 22, and Nos. 24 to 27 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
23. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question proposed—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Allan*). Debate ensued.

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

WEDNESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1926.

Motion made and question—That the question be now put (*Dr. Argyle*)—put and negatived.
 Debate on question—That the House do now adjourn—resumed.
 Question—put and agreed to.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past Twelve o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 67.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—
- Providing for the closing of licensed premises on Christmas Day and Good Friday, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—
- By Mr. Frost.
- Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—
- By Mr. Frost.
- Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. BALLAARAT GAS COMPANY BILL.—Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*) obtained leave, with Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend ‘The Ballaarat Gas Company’s Act 1857’* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. FOOTSCRAY LAND BILL.—Mr. Downward obtained leave, with Dr. Argyle, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to revoke in part the Reservation and Crown Grant of certain Land in the City of Footscray permanently reserved as a Site for a Mechanics’ Institute and to provide for the transfer of portion to the Minister of Public Instruction and to declare portion to be a Public Highway 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. HEALTH BILL (No. 2).—Dr. Argyle, after debate, obtained leave, with Colonel Bouchier, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Health Acts* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE BILL.—Mr. Allan obtained leave, with Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*), to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to further amend the ‘Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act 1915’* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

7. **HARBOR BOARDS BILL.**—Mr. Allan obtained leave, with Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*), to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to make provision for Harbor Boards for certain Ports and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. **FYANSFORD LAND BILL.**—Mr. Downward obtained leave, with Mr. Mackrell, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the Issue of Crown Grants to a Company registered under the name of Australian Cement Limited in respect of certain Land now forming portions of certain Streets in the Town of Fyansford and of portion of certain other Land in the said Town now permanently reserved as a Site for a Protestant Orphan Asylum and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. **THEATRES BILL.**—Dr. Argyle, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Eggleston, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Law relating to Public Entertainments in certain Public Buildings Gardens and Places and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. **PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL.**—Sir Alexander Peacock, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Public Works and other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
11. **RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.**—Sir Alexander Peacock obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, 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 to-morrow.
12. **INCOME TAX ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—Sir Alexander Peacock obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Income Tax Acts and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
13. **PAPERS.**—Dr. Argyle presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 Indeterminate Sentences (Crimes Act 1915).—Annual Report of the Indeterminate Sentences Board for the year ended 30th June, 1926.
 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 :—
 Health Act 1919.—Regulations relating to Boarding-houses, Common Lodging-houses, and Licensed Victualler's Premises.
14. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Eggleston, and the same was read :—
 SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 36.*
 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 Melbourne Harbor Trust Acts.
 Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 14th December, 1926.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
15. **MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 36.
 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 Melbourne Harbor Trust Acts.
 And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
 Ordered—That Mr. Eggleston and Sir Alexander Peacock do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
 Mr. Eggleston then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Melbourne Harbor Trust Acts* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
16. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—TEACHERS BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—
 SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 37.*
 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 *Teachers Act* 1925 and for other purposes.
 Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 14th December, 1926.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

17. **TEACHERS BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 37.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Farthing 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 *Teachers Act 1925* and for other purposes.

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

Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Eggleston do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Teachers Act 1925 ’ and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

18. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 38.

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 Constitution Act Amendment Acts.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 14th December, 1926.

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

19. **CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 38.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Farthing 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 Constitution Act Amendment Acts.

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

Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend The Constitution Act Amendment Acts* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

20. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—TREASURY BILLS AND ADVANCES BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,
*As Deputy for His Excellency the Governor
of Victoria.*

Message No. 39.

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 further amend the *Treasury Bills and Advances Act 1922*.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 1st December, 1926.

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

21. **TREASURY BILLS AND ADVANCES 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. Farthing 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 the *Treasury Bills and Advances Act 1922*.

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

Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to further amend the ‘ Treasury Bills and Advances Act 1922 ’* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

22. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—MALLEE LAND ACCOUNT BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria,
As Deputy for His Excellency the Governor.

Message No. 40.

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 the Mallee Land Account.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 24th November, 1926.

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

23. MALLEE LAND ACCOUNT BILL.—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. Farthing 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 Mallee Land Account.

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

Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Mallee Land Account*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

24. FRUIT BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock, by leave, obtained leave, with Colonel Bouchier, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Fruit Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

25. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 16 inclusive be postponed until after No. 17.

26. 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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

27. WAYS AND MEANS—LAND TAX.—Mr. Farthing 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 twenty-seven a duty of land tax upon land for every pound sterling 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 sterling of its unimproved value—One half-penny ;

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 twenty-seven 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 Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

28. LAND TAX BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock 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 twenty-seven*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

29. 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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

30. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX.—Mr. Farthing 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 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 twenty-seven 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 sterling of the taxable amount thereof, Threepence and a halfpenny ; and
 - (ii) where such income exceeds Five hundred pounds—
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof up to Five hundred pounds, Fourpence and a halfpenny ;
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Five hundred pounds and up to One thousand pounds, Fivepence and a halfpenny ;
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand pounds and up to One thousand five hundred pounds, Sixpence and a halfpenny ; and
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand five hundred pounds, Sevenpence and a halfpenny ;
- (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 sterling of the taxable amount thereof, Sevenpence ; and
 - (ii) where such income exceeds Five hundred pounds—
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof up to Five hundred pounds, Ninepence ;
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Five hundred pounds and up to One thousand pounds, Elevenpence ;
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand pounds and up to One thousand five hundred pounds, Thirteenpence ; and
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand five hundred pounds, Fifteenpence ;
- (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 sterling of the taxable amount thereof, Sixteenpence ;
- (e) On the income of a mutual life assurance company—
- (i) with respect to its mutual life assurance business only, for every pound sterling of the taxable amount of income, Twelvepence ; and
 - (ii) with respect to its other business, for every pound sterling of the taxable amount of income, Sixteenpence :

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 sterling of the amount represented by the like percentage of the taxable amount of the income of the company from life assurance business shall be Twelve pence and the rate for every pound sterling of the taxable amount of the remainder of the income of the company shall be Sixteen pence :

Provided further that a person (not being a company) whose income from personal exertion and the produce of property during the year immediately preceding the year of assessment did not exceed Two hundred pounds shall not unless otherwise provided in the Income Tax Acts be liable to tax :

Provided further that 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 sterling 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 Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

31. INCOME TAX BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock 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 twenty-seven 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 to-morrow.
32. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT 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.
33. TREASURY BONDS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment.
Motion made and question—That this Bill be now read a third time (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bourchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Morley

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Clough	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliff
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Cain
Mr. Keane	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.

34. VICTORIAN LOAN (ELECTRICITY SUPPLY) AND APPLICATION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Eggleston*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and that Mr. Eggleston have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
35. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—
Agreeing to the amendments made by the Assembly in the Censorship of Films Bill.
Agreeing to the Municipal Endowment Bill without amendment.
36. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 16 inclusive and Nos. 18 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 :—
Ways and Means—To be further considered in Committee.
37. 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.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

 THURSDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1926.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Oman, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Printing Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. PETITIONS.—The following petitions were presented from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—

Providing for the closing of licensed premises on the undermentioned days, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—

Christmas Day and Good Friday—

By Mr. Greenwood (31 petitions).

Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day—

By Mr. Greenwood.

Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—

By Mr. Greenwood (31 petitions).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

4. 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 (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That on and after the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven and until the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one inclusive there shall be charged (under and subject to the Stamps Acts) for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors the several stamp duties hereinafter set forth or referred to upon and for the several instruments hereinafter set forth :—

1. Upon and for the several instruments specified in the Third Schedule to the *Stamps Act* 1915 as amended by any Act—

(a) in the portion of the said Schedule under the heading "I. Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes" included in the expression beginning with the words "Bill of Exchange (except a Bank Note)" and ending with the words and figures "such amount or value .. 0 1 0" (where they occur for the second time); and

(b) under the following headings :—

II. Receipt or Discharge given for or upon payment of money amounting to £2 or upwards :

VI.—

Sub-heading "(A)—Conveyance or Transfer on Sale of any Real Property"; and

Sub-heading "(B)—Land Transfer" :

VII. Partition or division of any real property where any consideration is given for equality. Instruments for effecting same :

IX.—Settlement or Gift, Deed of :

X.—Annual Licence ; and

2. Upon and for the several instruments specified in the Third Schedule to the *Stamps Act* 1915, as amended by any Act, in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (3) under the heading "VIII.—Lease, or agreement for a lease of any lands or tenements for any definite or indefinite term" of the said Schedule as so amended—

additional stamp duties equal in amount to the stamp duties specified with respect to the said instruments respectively in the said Schedule as so amended (with the same exemptions with respect to the said instruments as in the said Schedule as so amended).

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

Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

5. STAMPS BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Stamps Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

6. ROADS—AGREEMENT WITH COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION, ETC., OF.—Motion made and question proposed—That, in view of the fact that the High Court has upheld the validity of the Federal Aid Roads Act, and notwithstanding that this House earlier in this Session expressed its opinion that the proposed Agreement thereunder with the Commonwealth Government should not be further proceeded with, this House authorizes and requests the Speaker to allow the matter to be submitted for its reconsideration (*Mr. Allan*)—and, after debate—

Amendment proposed—That all the words after the word “That,” in line 2, be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “this House rescinds its resolutions of the 11th August, 1926, adding the following words to the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor’s Speech:—‘but the proposed agreement with the Commonwealth Government in connexion with the construction of roads, in the opinion of this House, should not be further proceeded with’; and directs that His Excellency the Governor be informed accordingly” (*Mr. Lemmon*)—and, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Angus	Mr. McLachlan
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bourchier	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Morley

Nocs, 26.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Blackburn	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Bond	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clough	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Webber
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Cain
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Motion made and question proposed—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Snowball*)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Further amendment proposed—That at the end of the motion there be added the words “Provided that, while accepting for one year the State’s share of the Federal Roads Fund, the State of Victoria be not committed to the Federal scheme until after the next Parliament has had an opportunity of considering the said scheme” (*Mr. Snowball*)—and, after debate—

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and negatived.

Further amendment proposed—That the words “and requests the Speaker to allow,” in line 5, be omitted (*Mr. Hogan*)—and, after debate—

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

Question—That, in view of the fact that the High Court has upheld the validity of the Federal Aid Roads Act, and notwithstanding that this House earlier in this Session expressed its opinion that the proposed Agreement thereunder with the Commonwealth Government should not be further proceeded with, this House authorizes the matter to be submitted for its reconsideration—put and agreed to.

7. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—FEDERAL AID ROADS BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Allan, and the same was read:—

SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 41.

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 approve adopt authorize and ratify an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria relating to the making available by the Commonwealth of Moneys for the purpose of the Construction and Reconstruction of “Federal Aid Roads” in Victoria.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 14th December, 1926.

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 Governor’s Message, No. 41.
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 adopt authorize and ratify an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria relating to the making available by the Commonwealth of Moneys for the purpose of the Construction and Reconstruction of “Federal Aid Roads” in Victoria.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Allan and Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*) do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Allan 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 making available by the Commonwealth of Moneys for the purpose of the Construction and Reconstruction of ‘Federal Aid Roads’ in Victoria*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

9. TOLMIE DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the district of Tolmie with the existing railway system be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
10. OUTER EASTERN SUBURBS CONNECTING RAILWAY (DONCASTER AND WARRANDYTE).—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the districts of Doncaster and Warrandyte with the existing railway system be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Allan*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
11. WALLALOO, NAVARRE, AND ST. ARNAUD DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the district lying between Wallaloo, Navarre, and St. Arnaud with the existing railway system be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Allan*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
12. BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY EXTENSION.—Motion made and question—That the question of extension of the existing Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Street Railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Allan*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
13. ALBION TO BROADMEADOWS RAILWAY.—Motion made and question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway from Albion to Broadmeadows (*Mr. Allan*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
14. ORBOST TO BRODRIBB RAILWAY.—Motion made and question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway from Orbost to Brodrigg (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
15. DARLING TO GLEN WAVERLEY RAILWAY.—Motion made, by leave, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, and question—That the construction of a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge electrified railway from Darling to Glen Waverley be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
16. 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.
17. STOCK FOODS 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.
18. DARLING TO GLEN WAVERLEY RAILWAY.—Mr. Lind, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the construction of a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge electrified railway from Darling to Glen Waverley; together with Minutes of Evidence, Book of Reference, Plan, and Map.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report and Map to be printed.
19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 18 inclusive and Nos. 20 to 32 inclusive be postponed until after No. 33.
20. THEATRES 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.
21. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 18 inclusive and Nos. 20 to 28 inclusive be postponed until after No. 29.
22. HEALTH BILL (No. 2).—Read a second time, after debate, and committed.
Motion made, by leave, and question—That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to consider an amendment of section 109 of the *Health Act* 1919 for the purpose of repealing the proviso to paragraph (e) of sub-section (2) of the said section (*Mr. Pollard*)—put and agreed to.
Bill 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.

23. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—

Treasury Bonds Bill.
Theatres Bill.

24. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN BILL.—Order for second reading read.

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

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Bill read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment.

Motion made and question—That this Bill be now read a third time (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McLachlan
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Pennington

(*Polwarri*)

Noes, 26.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Clough	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Cain
Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Webber

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.

25. VICTORIAN LOAN (PUBLIC WORKS) 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. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN 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.

27. RAILWAY LOAN 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.

28. TREASURY BILLS AND ADVANCES BILL.—Read a second time 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.

29. POSPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 6 be postponed until after Nos. 7 to 12 inclusive.

30. LAND TAX 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. INCOME 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.

32. VICTORIAN LOAN (ELECTRICITY SUPPLY) AND 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.

33. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Treasury Bills and Advances Bill without amendment.

34. INCOME TAX ACTS AMENDMENT 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.

35. CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL—ERRORS REPORTED BY ACTING CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENTS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a communication from the Acting Clerk of the Parliaments reporting, inconformity with Joint Standing Orders Nos. 21 and 22, that the following clerical errors had been discovered in this Bill :—
- In clause 4, sub-clause (2), the words “ thirteen, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five and twenty-seven ” have been inserted instead of the words “ fourteen, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six and twenty-eight.”
- In clause 9, sub-clause (3), the words “ nine and twenty-six ” have been inserted instead of the words “ ten and twenty-seven.”
- On the motion of Dr. Argyle the House agreed that the above errors be corrected by the insertion of the words “ fourteen, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, and twenty-eight ” instead of the words “ thirteen, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, and twenty-seven ” in sub-section (2) of clause 4 ; and by the insertion of the words “ ten and twenty-seven ” instead of the words “ nine and twenty-six ” in sub-section (3) of clause 9.
- Ordered—That the communication from the Acting Clerk of the Parliaments be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have concurred in the correction of the said errors.
36. COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS) 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.
37. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) 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. 6 and 13 be postponed until after No. 14.
39. TEACHERS 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.
40. STAMPS 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.
41. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
- Health Bill (No. 2).
 - Land Tax Bill.
 - Income Tax Bill.
 - Income Tax Acts Amendment Bill.
 - Victorian Loan (Public Works) Bill.
42. FEDERAL AID ROADS 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.
43. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 and 13, Nos. 15 to 18 inclusive, and Nos. 20 to 26 inclusive be postponed until after No. 27.
44. BALLAARAT GAS COMPANY BILL.—Order for second reading read ; Bill ruled a Private Bill.
- Motion made, by leave, and question—That all the Private Bill Standing Orders except those relating to the payment of fees be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill (*Mr. McDonald—Polwarth*)—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.
45. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
- Public Works Loan Application Bill.
 - Victorian Government Loan Bill.
46. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 and 13, Nos. 15 to 18 inclusive, and Nos. 20 to 24 inclusive be postponed until after Nos. 25 and 26.
47. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply ; resolutions to be reported this day.

48. SUPPLY.—Mr. Brownbill 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 1926–27 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	1,147	
2. Legislative Assembly	5,606	
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways	375	
Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly House Committee—		
4. Refreshment Rooms	1,015	
5. Engineers	309	
6. The Library	202	
7. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Contingencies	1,504	
7A. " " " " Exceptional	148	
8. Victorian Parliamentary Debates	2,953	
8A. Parliamentary Printing	10,000	
9. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous	9,653	
10. " " Pensions, Gratuities, Compensations, &c.	16,180	
11. " " Grants	6,690	
11A. " " Exceptional	300	
12. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines	3,280	
13. Explosives	3,643	
14. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries	1,733	
15. " " " " Insurance of State Employees	4,000	
16. Fisheries and Game	3,467	
17. Government Shorthand Writer... ..	849	
18. The Governor's Office	137	
19. Inebriates Institution	2,720	
20A. Marine Board	4,000	
21. Observatory	3,263	
22. Premier's Office	2,119	
23. Agent-General	4,940	
23A. Audit Office—Additional Salary to Auditor-General	250	
24. " Salaries and Contingencies	6,805	
25. Government Statist	16,812	
26. Hospitals for the Insane	229,791	
27. Children's Welfare Department	171,819	
28. Penal Establishments and Gaols	54,321	
29. Police	350,116	
Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—		
30 Salaries and Miscellaneous	27,441	
30A. Works and Buildings	526	
31. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Contingencies	2,164	
31A. " " Additional Salary to Commissioner	250	
	—————	950,528

II.—LABOUR.

32. Department of Labour	17,098
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III.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

33. Education—Salaries	809,863	
34. " Contingencies and Miscellaneous	138,963	
35. " Pensions, Gratuities, and Compensation	131	
36. " Works and Buildings	10,700	
37. " Endowments and Grants	79,739	
38. " Exceptional	498	
	—————	1,039,894

IV.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

39. Attorney-General	80,248	
40. Solicitor-General—Salaries and Contingencies	48,180	
41. " Miscellaneous	248	
	—————	128,676

V.—TREASURER.

Division No.		£	£
42.	Treasury—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous	25,016	
43.	„ Transport, Samples, Marine Insurance, &c.	4,090	
44.	„ Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure	1,278	
45.	„ Payments to Railway Department	238,688	
46.	„ Hospitals and Charities	107,278	
47.	„ Grants	3,731	
48.	„ Pensions, Compensations, Gratuities, &c.	467	
49.	„ Exceptional	14,150	
50.	State Superannuation Board	1,973	
51.	Taxation Office—Administration	740	
53.	„ „ Land Tax Branch	19,093	
54.	„ „ Probate Duties Branch	1,786	
55.	Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons	3,072	
56.	Government Printer—Salaries and Contingencies	71,088	
57.	„ „ Miscellaneous	1,612	
58.	„ „ Advertising, including Postage	1,936	
		<hr/>	495,998

VI.—CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

59.	Survey, Land Settlement, Closer Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands	37,037	
60.	Public Gardens, Parks, and Reserves	481	
61.	Grants	5,200	
62.	Botanic and Domain Gardens and National Herbarium	7,305	
63.	Extirpation of Rabbits, Wild Animals, and Noxious Weeds	35,484	
64.	Works and Buildings	954	
65.	Exceptional	12,757	
66.	Immigration Bureau	9,799	
		<hr/>	109,017

VII.—PUBLIC WORKS AND MINES.

67.	Public Works—Salaries and Contingencies	39,230	
68.	Ports and Harbours—Salaries and Contingencies	18,335	
69.	„ „ Works, &c.	23,707	
70.	„ „ Exceptional	5,970	
71.	Electricity Commission	15,950	
72.	Public Works—Works and Buildings	299,842	
73.	„ „ Road Works and Bridges	18,684	
74.	„ „ Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	13,933	
75.	„ „ Exceptional	984	
76.	Mines—Salaries and Contingencies	14,324	
77.	„ „ Miscellaneous	14,275	
		<hr/>	465,234

VIII.—FORESTS.

79.	Forests Commission—Salaries, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous	51,444	
79A.	„ „ Pensions, Compensations, Gratuities, &c.	25	
		<hr/>	51,469

IX.—WATER SUPPLY.

80.	State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	...	112,504
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X.—AGRICULTURE.

81.	Department of Agriculture—Administrative	7,844	
82.	Agriculture—Salaries, Maffra Beet Sugar Factory, Contingencies, and Miscellaneous	119,625	
83.	Horticulture	21,837	
84.	Grants	1,238	
85.	Stock and Dairy	42,462	
86.	Export Development and Produce Inspection	29,360	
87.	Marketing	7,609	
		<hr/>	229,975

XI.—PUBLIC HEALTH.

88.	Public Health—Salaries, Contingencies, and Infectious Diseases and Tuberculosis	56,661	
89.	„ „ Grants	5,915	
		<hr/>	62,576

XII.—RAILWAYS AND STATE COAL MINES.

90.	Victorian Railways—Salaries and Working Expenses of all Lines during the year 1926–27, &c.	5,217,281	
91.	„ „ Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c.	3,973	
92.	„ „ Construction Branch	7,080	
93.	State Coal Mines	322,702	
		<hr/>	5,551,036

And the said resolutions were read a second time and agreed to by the House.

49. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means ; resolution to be reported this day.
50. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—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 ending on the 30th day of June, 1927, the sum of £9,214,005 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 Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
51. **APPROPRIATION BILL.**—Sir Alexander Peacock 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 twenty-seven 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.
 Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.
52. **PETITIONS.**—The following petitions were presented, by leave, from certain residents of Victoria, praying that legislation be introduced at an early date—
 Providing for the closing of licensed premises on the undermentioned days, and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays :—
 Christmas Day and Good Friday—
 By Mr. Snowball.
 Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Anzac Day—
 By Mr. Snowball.
 Having for its object the abolition of grocers' licences :—
 By Mr. Snowball (two petitions).
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
53. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the Railway Loan Application Bill without amendment.
54. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 and 13 be postponed until after Nos. 15 and 16.
55. **CONSTITUTION ACT 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.
56. **FRUIT 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.
57. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6, 13, 17, and 18, Nos. 20 to 24 inclusive, and No. 28 be postponed until after No. 30.
58. **GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE 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.
59. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6, 13, 17, and 18, Nos. 20 to 24 inclusive, Nos. 28, 31, 32, and 34 to 38 inclusive be postponed until after No. 39.
60. **MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS 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.
61. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 6 be postponed until after No. 13.
62. **MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST 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.
63. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—SINKING FUNDS AND REDEMPTION FUNDS BILL.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—
 SOMERS,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 42.*
 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 with respect to certain Sinking Funds and Redemption Funds and for other purposes.
 The Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 17th December, 1926.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

64. SINKING FUNDS AND REDEMPTION FUNDS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 42.
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 with respect to certain Sinking Funds and Redemption Funds and for other purposes.

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

Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make provision with respect to certain Sinking Funds and Redemption Funds and for other purposes*"; 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, after debate.

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

65. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6, 17, and 18, Nos. 20 to 24 inclusive, and Nos. 28, 31, 32, 34, and 35 be postponed until after No. 36.

66. BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY 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.

67. DARLING TO GLEN WAVERLEY RAILWAY.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge electrified railway from Darling to Glen Waverley (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.

68. CASTERTON TO NANGEELA RAILWAY.—Motion made, by leave, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, and question—That the construction of a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway from Casterton to Nangeela be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.

69. ALBION TO BROADMEADOWS RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Mr. Allan, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Mackrell, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Albion to Broadmeadows*"; 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.

70. ORBOST TO BRODRIBB RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Mr. Allan, by leave, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Mackrell, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Orbost to Brodrigg*"; 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.

71. CASTERTON TO NANGEELA RAILWAY.—Mr. Lind, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the construction of a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway from Casterton to Nangeela; together with Book of Reference, Plan, and Map.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report and Map to be printed.

72. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6, 17, and 18, Nos. 20 to 24 inclusive, Nos. 28, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 40, and 41 and Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive be postponed until after No. 4.

73. CHILDREN'S WELFARE 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.

74. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—

Victorian Loan (Electricity Supply) and Application Bill.
Stamps Bill.

75. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—COUNTRY ROADS BOARD BILL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Allan, and the same was read :—

SOMERS,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 43.

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 the Salaries of the Chairman and of the other Members of the Country Roads Board.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 16th December, 1926.

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

76. COUNTRY ROADS BOARD BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 43.
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 the Salaries of the Chairman and of the other Members of the Country Roads Board.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Allan and Sir Alexander Peacock do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. Allan then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Salaries of the Chairman and of the other Members of the Country Roads Board*"; 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.
77. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6, 17, and 18, Nos. 20 to 24 inclusive, and Nos. 28 and 31 be postponed until after No. 32.
78. FYANSFORD LAND 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.
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—
SATURDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1926.
79. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6, 17, and 18, Nos. 20 to 24 inclusive, and Nos. 28, 31, 34, 35, and 37 be postponed until after No. 38.
80. ARARAT 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.
81. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
Teachers Bill.
Federal Aid Roads Bill.
Stock Foods Bill.
Ballarat Gas Company Bill.
Ararat Land Bill.
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Bill.
Fyansford Land Bill.
Fruit Bill.
Compulsory Voting (Assembly Elections) Bill (No. 2).
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Bill (No. 2).
Saturday Voting (Parliamentary Elections) Bill.
Sinking Funds and Redemption Funds Bill.
Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Street Railway Bill.
Albion to Broadmeadows Railway Construction Bill.
Orbost to Brodribb Railway Construction Bill.
82. APPROPRIATION 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.
83. CASTERTON TO NANGEELA RAILWAY.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5-ft. 3-in. gauge railway from Casterton to Nangeela (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
84. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Country Roads Board Bill without amendment.
85. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Constitution Act Amendment Bill with amendments.
And the said amendments are as follow :—
1. Clause 2, sub-clause (1), page 2, line 2, after "election" insert "or if on the day of nomination he has been declared to be duly elected."
2. " sub-clause (2), page 2, line 17, after "election" insert "or if on the day of nomination he has been declared to be duly elected."
And the said amendments were read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.
86. DARLING TO GLEN WAVERLEY RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Mr. Allan, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Mackrell, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Darling to Glen Waverley*"; 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.

87. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6, 17, and 18, and Nos. 20 to 23 inclusive be postponed until after No. 24.
88. **NEWPORT 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.
89. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
Melbourne Harbor Trust Bill.
Children's Welfare Bill.
Appropriation Bill.
90. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 18th January next (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
91. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
Darling to Glen Waverley Railway Construction Bill.
Newport Land Bill.
92. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past Ten o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday, 18th January next.

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

SESSION 1926.

MESSAGES RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS.

The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were received after the adjournment of the House on the 18th December, 1926 :—

SOMERS,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 44.

The 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 ‘ Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers Act 1923.’* ”

“ *An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from South Kensington to West Footscray.* ”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1926.

SOMERS,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 45.

The 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 provision for the Censoring of Cinematograph Films and with respect to the Exhibition of such Films and for other purposes.* ”

“ *An Act relating to Municipal Endowment.* ”

“ *An Act to authorize the Issue of Treasury Bonds.* ”

“ *An Act to amend the Law relating to Public Entertainments in certain Public Buildings Gardens and Places and for other purposes.* ”

“ *An Act to further amend the ‘ Treasury Bills and Advances Act 1922.’* ”

“ *An Act to amend the Health 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 twenty-seven.* ”

“ *An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven and to continue the Income Tax Acts.* ”

“ *An Act to amend the Income Tax Acts and for other purposes.* ”

“ *An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Public Works and other purposes.* ”

“ *An Act to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Public Works and other purposes.* ”

“ *An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways.* ”

“ *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 authorize the raising of Money for Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money.* ”

“ *An Act to amend the Stamps Acts.* ”

“ *An Act to amend the ‘ Teachers Act 1925 ’ and for other purposes.* ”

“ *An Act to approve authorize and ratify an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria relating to the making available by the Commonwealth of Moneys for the purpose of the Construction and Reconstruction of ‘ Federal Aid Roads ’ in Victoria.* ”

“ *An Act relating to Stock Foods.* ”

“ *An Act to amend ‘ The Ballaarat Gas Company’s Act 1857.’* ”

“ *An Act to revoke the Reservation of certain Land situate in the Township of Ararat as a Site for the Interment of the Dead and for other purposes.* ”

“ *An Act to further amend the ‘ Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act 1915.’* ”

- " An Act to provide for the Issue of Crown Grants to a Company registered under the name of Australian Cement Limited in respect of certain Land now forming portions of certain streets in the Town of Fyansford and of portion of certain other Land in the said Town now permanently reserved as a site for a Protestant Orphan Asylum and for other purposes."*
- " An Act to amend the Fruit Acts."*
- " An Act for the purpose of making provision for Compulsory Voting at Legislative Assembly Elections."*
- " An Act relating to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board and to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Acts."*
- " An Act to provide that all State Parliamentary Elections be held on a Saturday."*
- " An Act to make provision with respect to certain Sinking Funds and Redemption Funds and for other purposes."*
- " An Act to further amend the ' Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Street Railway Act 1920.' "*
- " An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Albion to Broadmeadows."*
- " An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Orhost to Brodrigg."*
- " An Act relating to the Salaries of the Chairman and of the other Members of the Country Roads Board."*
- " An Act to amend the Melbourne Harbour Trust Acts."*
- " An Act to amend the ' Neglected Children's Act 1915.' "*
- " An Act to amend the Constitution Act Amendment Acts."*
- " An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Darling to Glen Waverley."*
- " An Act to provide for the Grant to The British Imperial Oil Company Limited of certain Crown Land situate at Newport in exchange for certain Land of which the said Company is the Registered Proprietor and the Reservation of the last-mentioned Land as a Site for a Public Park and Garden and for other purposes."*

The Government Offices,

Melbourne, 23rd December, 1926.

The following Bill, presented by Mr. Speaker, was given the Royal Assent by His Excellency the Governor on the 23rd December, 1926 :—

- " An Act 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 twenty-seven and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament."*



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PROROGUING THE 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 adjourned until Tuesday, the 18th day of January, 1927:
Now I, the 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 twenty-second day of February, 1927.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this eleventh day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and in the seventeenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

(L.S.)

SOMERS.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALLAN.

GOD SAVE THE KING!



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DISCHARGING MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM ATTENDANCE AND
DISSOLVING THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS by *The Constitution Act* it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor to fix such places within Victoria and, subject to the limitation therein contained, such times for holding the first and every other Session of the Council and Assembly, and to vary and alter the same respectively in such manner as he might think fit; and also from time to time to prorogue the said Council and Assembly, and to dissolve the said Assembly, by Proclamation or otherwise, whenever he should deem it expedient: And whereas the said Council and Assembly, called "The Parliament of Victoria," stand prorogued until Saturday, the fifth day of March, 1927: And whereas it is expedient to dissolve the Legislative Assembly: Now therefore I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, in exercise of the power in me vested in this behalf, do by this my Proclamation discharge the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council from their meeting and attendance on Saturday, the fifth day of March, 1927, aforesaid: And I do dissolve the Legislative Assembly on Saturday, the fifth day of March, 1927, accordingly: And I do hereby declare that I have this day given Order that Writs be issued in due form, and according to law, for the election of Members to be duly returned to serve in the Legislative Assembly.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria, at Melbourne, this fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and in the seventeenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

(L.S.)

SOMERS.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALLAN.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

GENERAL ELECTION.

NOTICE is hereby given that His Excellency the Governor will issue Writs for a General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria on the day first hereinafter mentioned, viz. :—

Date of issue of Writs	...	...	...	...	...	Saturday, 12th March, 1927.
Date of Nomination	...	...	...	...	...	Monday, 21st March, 1927.
Date of Polling	...	...	...	...	...	Saturday, 9th April, 1927.
Return of Writs...	...	...	...	...	...	Saturday, 30th April, 1927.

By His Excellency's Command,

F. W. MABBOTT,
Official Secretary.

The State Governor's Office.
Melbourne, 4th March, 1927.

SELECT COMMITTEES.

SESSION 1926.

1.—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT).

(Appointed 22nd July, 1924.)

Mr. Deany,
Mr. Lind,

Mr. Solly,
Mr. Webber.*

* Appointed 8th July, 1925.

2.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

(Appointed by Mr. Speaker's Warrant, 30th June, 1926.)

Mr. Angus,
Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Clough,
Mr. Gordon,

Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Solly,
Mr. Wallace.

3.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

(Appointed 20th July, 1926.)

Mr. Speaker,
Dr. Argyle,
Mr. Eggleston,

Mr. Slater,
Mr. Wallace.

4.—STANDING ORDERS.

(Appointed 20th July, 1926.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Allan,
Mr. Billson,
Mr. Blackburn,
Mr. Cain,
Mr. Farthing,

Mr. Hogau,
Mr. Lawson,
Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Tunnecliffe.

5.—PRINTING.

(Appointed 20th July, 1926.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Beardmore,
Colonel Bourchier,
Mr. Brownbill,
Mr. Deany,
Mr. Dunstan,

Mr. Frost,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Jackson,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Oman,
Mr. West.

6.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

(Appointed 20th July, 1926.)

Mr. Brownbill,
Mr. Clough,
Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Morley,

Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Walter.

7.—STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).

(Appointed 20th July, 1926.)

Mr. Blackburn,
Mr. Eggleston,
Mr. Lawson,

Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Wettenhall.

8.—HOUSE (JOINT).

(Appointed 20th July, 1926.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Clough,
Mr. Dunstan,

Mr. Everard,
Mr. Jewell,
Mr. Morley.

9.—BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL.

(Appointed 26th August, 1926.)

Mr. Farthing,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Murphy,

Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Tunnecliffe.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1926.

No. 1.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1926.

TUESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1926.

No. 1.—*Electoral Districts Bill*.—Clause 1.

This Act may be cited as the *Electoral Districts Act* "1925" and shall be read and construed as one with *The Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1915 (hereinafter called the Principal Act) and any Act amending the same all of which Acts and this Act may be cited together as *The Constitution Act Amendment Acts*.—(Dr. Argyle.)

Amendment proposed—That the figures "1925," in line 1, be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the figures "1926."—(Dr. Argyle.)

Declaration of Bill as Urgent Bill—Limitation of Debate.—Dr. Argyle having declared that the Bill was an urgent Bill and moved—That the Bill be considered an urgent Bill—

Question—That the Bill be considered an urgent Bill—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Allison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(Polwarth)
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter
Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Blackburn	(Daylesford)
Mr. Bond	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Cain
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2—

Motion made and question proposed—That the time allotted in connexion with the *Electoral Districts Bill* be as follows :—

- For the Committee stage of the Bill, to the end of clause 4, until half-past Nine o'clock p.m. this day, 21st September.
- For the Committee stage of the Bill, to the end of clause 5, until "Nine" o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, 22nd September.
- For the remainder of the Committee stage of the Bill, until Eleven o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, 22nd September.—(Dr. Argyle.)

Amendment proposed—That the word "Nine," in line 1 of paragraph (b), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word "Ten."—(Mr. Lemmon.)

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the paragraph—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter
Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 28.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Blackburn	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Bond	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	Mr. Cain
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 3—

Question—That the original motion (allotment of time) be agreed to—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter
Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Blackburn	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Bond	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Cain
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 4.—Clause 2.

The State of Victoria may be redivided into the number of electoral districts provided for in the Principal Act in manner hereinafter provided.—(*Dr. Argyle.*)

Question—That clause 2 stand part of the Bill—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman
Mr. Bowser	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 28.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Blackburn	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Bond	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	Mr. Cain
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 5.—Clause 3 as amended.

(1) For the purpose of the redivision of the State of Victoria into electoral districts in accordance with this Act the Governor in Council may appoint and may remove three Commissioners * * * of whom one shall be the Chief Electoral Officer "and one shall be an officer in the Department of Lands and Survey."

(2) The Governor in Council may appoint one of the Commissioners to be chairman.—(*Dr. Argyle.*)

Further amendment proposed—That the words “and one shall be an officer in the Department of Lands and Survey,” in lines 3 and 4 of sub-section (1), be omitted.—(*Dr. Argyle.*)

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

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane	Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Bond	Mr. McLachlan	Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater	Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly	Mr. Bowser	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter
Mr. Hogan		Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Dunstan	Mr. West
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber	Mr. Gordon	
		Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Lawson	
		Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
		Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 6.—Clause 4.

At all meetings of the Commissioners the chairman “if present” shall preside and in his absence the Commissioners present shall appoint one of their number to preside, and at all such meetings two Commissioners shall be a quorum and shall have full power to act, and in the event of an equality of votes the chairman or presiding Commissioner shall have a second or casting vote.—(*Dr. Argyle.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “if present,” in line 1, be omitted.—(*Mr. Cain.*)

Limitation of Debate.—At half-past Nine o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage of the Bill, up to the end of clause 4, had expired—

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

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 28.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Blackburn	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Bond	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old	Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter	Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. West	Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Gordon		Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Keane	Mr. Cain
Mr. Lawson		Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1926.

No. 7.—*Electoral Districts Bill.*—Clause 5.

(1) In making any proposed redivision of the State of Victoria into electoral districts under this Act—

(a) the Commissioners shall provide for “twenty-four” metropolitan and “forty-one” urban and country electoral districts on the basis approximately of the following quotas:—

(i) twenty-one thousand five hundred electors for each metropolitan district; .

(ii) “fifteen thousand” electors for each urban district; and

(iii) ten thousand electors for each country district :

Provided that the Commissioners may adopt a margin of allowance to be used whenever necessary, but the quota shall not be departed from to a greater extent than one-fifth more or one-fifth less :

Provided further that—

(i) in case of any proposed urban electoral district the Commissioners may adopt a greater margin of allowance if they consider that any portion of any existing urban electoral district would be more properly included in any proposed country electoral district or districts; and

- (ii) the Commissioners may depart from the quota in the case of any proposed country electoral district where the greater part of the area thereof is mountainous and sparsely populated.

(2) In making any such proposed redivision the Commissioners shall give due consideration to—

- (a) the distribution of the numbers of electors for the Legislative Assembly throughout the State and the likelihood of any changes in the distribution of electors within any localities in the State ;
 (b) community or diversity of interests ;
 (c) means of communication ;
 (d) physical features ;
 (e) existing boundaries of electoral districts and subdivisions ; and
 (f) Commonwealth electoral boundaries.

(3) Subject to this section—

- (a) the areas of proposed metropolitan electoral districts shall comprise those of the existing electoral districts mentioned in Part I. of the Schedule to this Act ;
 (b) the areas of proposed urban electoral districts shall comprise those of the existing electoral districts mentioned in Part II. of that Schedule ; and
 (c) the areas of proposed "country" districts shall comprise those of the existing electoral districts mentioned in Part III. of that Schedule.

"(4) In order to carry into effect the purposes of this section the Commissioners may include in any proposed electoral district any portion of any such existing electoral district whether of the same class or not."—(*Dr. Argyle.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word "twenty-four," in line 1 of paragraph (a) of sub-section (1), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word "twenty-six."—(*Dr. Argyle.*)

And the clause having been amended by the omission of the word "twenty-four" in line 1 of paragraph (a) of sub-section (1)—

Question—That the word proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted be so inserted—put. Committee divided.

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind	Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Baird	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Barnes	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman	Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Bowser	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter	Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West	Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Cain
Mr. Farthing		Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 8—

Further amendment proposed—That the word "forty-one," in line 1 of paragraph (a) of sub-section (1), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word "thirty-nine."—(*Dr. Argyle.*)

And the clause having been further amended by the omission of the word "forty-one," in line 1 of paragraph (a) of sub-section (1)—

Question—That the word proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted be so inserted—put. Committee divided.

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind	Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Baird	(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Barnes	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman	Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Bowser	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter	Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West	Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Cain
Mr. Farthing		Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 9—

Limitation of Debate.—At Nine o'clock p.m., the Chairman having called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the time allotted for the Committee stage of the Bill, up to the end of clause 5, had expired—

Question—That clause 5 of the Bill, as already amended and as amended by the printed and circulated amendments of the Government, be agreed to—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	(Potwarth)	Mr. Bond	(Daylesford)
Mr. Baird	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Morley	Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman	Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Bowser	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Downard	Mr. Walter	Mr. Holland	Mr. Webber
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West	Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Cain
Mr. Gordon		Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The printed and circulated amendments of the Government in the clause were accordingly made in the Bill, and are as follow :—

Clause 5, page 4, line 19, after "country" insert "electoral."

" " , sub-section (4), lines 21-3, omit this sub-section and insert—

" Provided that in order to provide for the number of metropolitan electoral districts specified in sub-section (1) of this section the Commissioners shall include in any proposed metropolitan electoral district such portion of any existing country electoral district contiguous thereto as they think necessary; and, generally, in order to carry into effect the purposes of this section, the Commissioners may in any other case include in any proposed electoral district such portion as they think necessary of any existing electoral district contiguous thereto whether of the same class or not."

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1926.

No. 2.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

No. 1.—*Supply.*

Motion made—That a sum not exceeding £1,634,840 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1926-27, viz. :—

Sums required for
one month ending
31st October, 1926.
£

* * * * *

The sum of "£1,634,840"

—(*Sir Alexander Peacock.*)

Amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £10.—(*Mr. Hogan.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holland	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webber
Mr. Jewell	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Baird	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Barnes	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman
Mr. Bowser	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1926.

No 3.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 18TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

TUESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

No. 1.—*Cattle Compensation Bill*.—Clause 3.

(1) At the end of paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) of section four of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the word "or" and the following paragraphs:—

(c) to the owner of any cattle destroyed (with the consent of the chief inspector of stock by or by the "order" of a registered veterinary surgeon approved by the Minister for the purposes of this Act whether generally or in any particular case) because such cattle are suffering from or suspected of suffering from disease; or

* * * * *

—(Colonel Bouchier.)

Amendment proposed—That the words "of a dairy supervisor or" be inserted after the word "order," in line 2 of paragraph (c) of sub-section (1).—(Mr. Bond.)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Angus	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bond	Mr. Lind
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Cain	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Clough	(Daylesford)
Mr. Cook	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Everard	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Holland	Tellers.
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Bailey
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 26.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McLachlan
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Downward	
Mr. Eggleston	
Mr. Gordon	Tellers.
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wettenhall

(Polwarth)

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—New Clause AA.

In section two of the Principal Act in the interpretation of "Disease" after the word "actinomycosis" there shall be inserted the words "or hydatids or malignant tumour"; and in section four of the said Act after the words "pleuro-pneumonia contagiosa" there shall be inserted the words "or of hydatids or of malignant tumour."—(Colonel Bouchier.)

Amendment proposed—That the words "pleuro-pneumonia contagiosa," in line 3, be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word "actinomycosis."—(Mr. Hogan.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Baird	Mr. Onan
Mr. Barnes	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Pennington
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter
Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wottenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Morley

(*Polwart*)

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Clough	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Holland	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Cain
Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1926.

No. 4.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 9TH DECEMBER, 1926.

TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1926.

No. 1.—*Supply.*

Motion made—That a sum not exceeding £1,549,333 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1926–27, viz. :—

							Sums required for One month ending 31st December, 1926.	£
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
							The sum of “ £1,549,333 ”	

—(*Sir Alexander Peacock.*)

Amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £10.—(*Mr. Lemmon.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Jackson
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Bond	Mr. Keane
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Clough	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Hjorth	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Holland	<i>(Daylesford)</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Tunnecliffe

Noes, 28.

Mr. Allan	Sir William McPherson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bourchier	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Walter
Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wettenhall

(Palwarth)

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1926.

No. 5.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 18TH DECEMBER, 1926.

THURSDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1926.

No. 1.—*Health Bill (No. 2)*—Clause 6.

(1) Notwithstanding anything in any Act—

(a) the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works shall not continue to use any land referred to in this paragraph (a) for the purposes of depositing or spreading night-soil therein or thereon or for the treatment or disposal of night-soil by earth burial therein or thereon, namely—

(i) any of the land situate in the parish of Nunawading in the county of Bourke and known as the Board's night-soil depot at East Burwood, and any of the land situate in the parish of Keelbundora in the county of Bourke and known as the Board's night-soil depot at Janefield (Bundoora)—after the expiration of "six" months from the commencement of this Act; or

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—(Dr. Argyle.)

Amendment proposed—That the word "six," in line 10 of sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (a) of sub-section (1), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word "three."—(Mr. Dunstan.)

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McLachlan
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Toucher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Pennington

(Polwarth)

Noes, 28.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Carlisle	(Daylesford)
Mr. Clough	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Holland	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Cain
	Mr. Webber

And so it passed in the negative.

FRIDAY (MORNING) 17TH DECEMBER, 1926.

No. 2.—*Victorian Government Loan Bill*—Clause 1.

This Act may be cited as the *Victorian Government Loan Act 1926*.—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*.)

Motion made and question put — That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

—(*Mr. Hogan*.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane	Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Blackburn	Mr. Lemmon	Dr. Argyle	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam	Mr. Baird	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Barnes	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Old
Mr. Clough	Mr. Prendergast	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Oman
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater	Mr. Bowser	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly	Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Downward	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Walter
Mr. Hogan		Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Hughes	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Jackson	(<i>Daylesford</i>)	Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber	Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
		Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington
		Mr. Mackrell	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3.—Clause 2.

For the purposes mentioned in the Schedule to this Act, the Governor in Council may from time to time raise by way of loan by the creation and issue of Victorian Government Consolidated Inscribed Stock under the authority of the *Victorian Government Consolidated Inscribed Stock Act 1898* an amount not exceeding Two million "five" hundred thousand pounds sterling in the whole.

—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*.)

Amendment proposed—That the word "five," in line 4, be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word "four."—(*Mr. McDonald—Daylesford*.)

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley	Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old	Mr. Clough	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman	Mr. Cook	Mr. Pollard
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Frost	Mr. Slater
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Solly
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter	Mr. Hogan	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Holland	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Everard	Mr. West	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webber
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Gordon		Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Keane	Mr. Bailey
Mr. Lind		Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Cain
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves		
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Pennington		
(<i>Polwarth</i>)			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 4.—*Victorian Loan (Public Works) Bill*—Clause 2.

Notwithstanding anything contained in any Act the Governor in Council—

(a) may from time to time increase the amount of stock known as the Victorian Government Stock erected under the authority of the *Victorian Government Stock Act 1896* by an additional amount not exceeding in the whole Six hundred and "seventy-five" thousand pounds sterling; or

(b) may issue debentures for the whole or any portion of such sum in lieu of increasing the amount of stock as aforesaid—

all of which stock and debentures and interest thereon respectively at such rate or rates as the Governor in Council may fix shall be chargeable upon the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*.)

Amendment proposed—That the word "seventy-five," in lines 4–5, of paragraph (a), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word "seventy-four."—(*Mr. Lemmon*.)

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 24.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Lemmon
Dr. Argyle	(Potwarth)	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Baird	Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Bond	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Barnes	Sir William McPherson	Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Morley	Mr. Clough	Mr. Prendergast
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Old	Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Oman	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Downward	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Hjorth	
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Everard	Mr. Walter	Mr. Holland	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Jackson	(Daylesford)
Mr. Gordon	Mr. West	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Keane	
Mr. Lawson			
Mr. Lind	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves		
	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 5.—*Railway Loan Application Bill.*

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No. of Item, 2.—	Sub-item No 175—	Towards provision of truck covers	£7,000			
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—(Sir Alexander Peacock.)

Amendment proposed—That Item 2, sub-item 175, be omitted.—(Mr. Frost.)

Question—That Item 2, sub-item 175, proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Angus	(Potwarth)	Mr. Blackburn	Mr. McAdam
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Old	Mr. Cain	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Baird	Mr. Oman	Mr. Clough	(Daylesford)
Mr. Barnes	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Walter	Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Weaver	Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. West	Mr. Holland	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Downward	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Hjorth
Mr. Eggleston		Mr. Jewell	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves		
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

