

liament, of another pocket, but cannot be applied legally to any projects not previously sanctioned by Parliament. The next safeguard is the condition that as soon as possible after the 30th June in every year, should the amount so applied amount to £100,000, the deficiency thus created shall, with the approval of Parliament, be funded and liquidated in the manner already outlined as regards the deficit on the 30th June, 1916; but the bonds or stock must in this case be issued within two years of that 30th June to which the deficit relates. The same procedure has to be followed as soon as any smaller unfunded deficits carried over from year to year amount to, or exceed in the aggregate, £100,000.

Hon. W. Kingsmill: Does the measure provide any penalties?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY: I am afraid it is not possible to provide penalties against Treasurers or Governments. Part III. of the Bill contains machinery provisions, to some of which reference has already been made. The last clause, it will be seen, enables any surplus of Consolidated Revenue in any year to be applied in the redemption of any bonds or stock issued under the authority of this Bill. At the suggestion of the leader of the Opposition, the Premier has asked me to move an amendment in this last clause, making it compulsory that when the surplus in any year exceeds the sum of £50,000 it shall be applied to this purpose. I am glad the ex-Treasurer and present leader of the Opposition is so sanguine as to deem it desirable to make provision for possible surpluses exceeding £50,000. The Bill is largely one for consideration in Committee. My endeavour this afternoon has been merely to place a general outline of the position before hon. members. I move—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

On motion by Hon. A. Sanderson debate adjourned.

• ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. H. P. Colebatch—East) [5.57]: I am very loth to ask hon. members to waste their time in any way, but yet I do not wish to delay the business of the country unduly. I think I shall perhaps be making a fair compromise

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between these two motives, by asking hon. members to meet again on next Tuesday week, when I trust they will find that the calling together of the House will not be useless. I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 20th February.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

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The SPEAKER took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

NOTICE OF MOTION—WANT OF CONFIDENCE.

Hon. J. SCADDAN (Brownhill-Ivanhoe) [4.33]: I give notice that at the next sitting of the House I shall move, "That the Government do not possess the confidence of the country, because of their action in introducing during the time of war purely party measures to the exclusion of more urgent and important legislation affecting our national welfare, their incapacity in the handling of the public finances, their general lack of initiative and ability in the administration of the affairs of the State, and their abandonment of the principles of responsible government."

The PREMIER (Hon. Frank Wilson—Sussex) [4.34]: In view of the notice of motion just given by the leader of the Opposition, adopting the usual procedure I move—

That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 4.35 p.m.