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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT—FIRST SESSION.

President: HON. SIR JOHN WATERS KIRWAN, Kt.B.

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Member.	Province.	Year of Election.	Year of Retirement.
Angelo, Hon. Edward Houghton ...	North	1934	1940
Baxter, Hon. Charles Farquharson ...	East	1938	1944
Bolton, Hon. Leonard Burlington ...	Metropolitan	1936	1942
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†Hamersley, Hon. Vernon	East	1934	1940
Heenan, Hon. Eric Michael	North-East	1936	1942
Holmes, Hon. John Joseph	North	1938	1944
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Kitson, Hon. William Henry	West	1936	1942
Macfarlane, Hon. James Mortimer ...	Metropolitan-Suburban	1936	1942
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Seddon, Hon. Harold	North-East	1934	1940
Thomson, Hon. Alexander	South-East	1936	1942
Tuckey, Hon. Hobart	South-West	1934	1940
Williams, Hon. Charles Bennett	South	1934	1940
Wittenoom, Hon. Charles Horne	South-East	1934	1940
Wood, Hon. Garnet Barrington	East	1936	1942

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* The Forrest Seat was rendered vacant by the death of Miss May Holman two days after the general election. A by-election held on the 20th May, 1939, resulted in the return of Mr. E. J. F. Holman.

† Elected 9th September, 1939, in succession to Mr. C. O. Barker who resigned on the 2nd August, 1939.

‡ Temporary Chairmen of Committees.

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PUBLIC STATUTES OF THE SESSION (56).

SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT—FIRST SESSION.

Administration Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 51)—

An Act to amend Section 98 of the Administration Act, 1903-1934, as reprinted pursuant to the provisions of Section 77 of the Administration Act (Estate and Succession Duties) Amendment Act, 1934. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. J. C. Willcock), 28th September, 1939. Assent given.

Appropriation Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 50)—

An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and from moneys to credit of the General Loan Fund and from the Public Account certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, 1940, and to supplement grants made by the previous Parliament during its last session in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1938-39," for charges during the year ended the 30th day of June, 1939, and to approve of certain expenditure under section 41 of the Forests Act, 1918-1931. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. J. C. Willcock), 30th November, 1939. Assent given.

Builders Registration Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 29)—

An Act relating to the qualifications and registration of builders; to constitute a board in relation thereto and for other purposes connected therewith. Introduced by Mr. Needham, 30th August, 1939. Assent given.

Companies Act (Litchfields Liquidation) Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 53)—

An Act to enable certain holders of selective security certificates issued by Litchfields (A/sia) Limited to apply to the court for the winding-up of the said company under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1893-1938; to make certain provisions relating to the hearing of the petition and the winding-up and distribution of the assets of the company; and for other purposes. Introduced by Hon. C. G. Latham, 6th December, 1939. Assent given.

Contraceptives Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 11)—

An Act relating to the advertisement, exhibition, sale and distribution of contraceptives. Introduced by the Minister for Health (Hon. A. H. Pantou), 29th August, 1939. Assent given.

Dairy Industry Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 37)—

An Act to amend the Dairy Industry Act, 1922-1936. Introduced by the Minister for Agriculture (Hon. F. J. S. Wise), 19th September, 1939. Assent given.

Death Duties (Taxing) Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 17)—

An Act to amend the Death Duties (Taxing) Act, 1934. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. J. C. Willcock), 28th September, 1939. Assent given.

Dentists Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 30)—

An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to dentists. Introduced by the Minister for Health (Hon. A. H. Pantou), 11th October, 1939. Assent given.

Dried Fruits Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 31)—

An Act to continue the operation of the Dried Fruits Act, 1926-1937. Introduced by the Minister for Agriculture (Hon. F. J. S. Wise), 26th October, 1939. Assent given.

Factories and Shops Act Amendment Act (No. 1) (3 Geo. VI., No. 28)—

An Act to regulate the hours for the sale of petrol, benzine or other motor spirit, or motor oil, or motor accessories. Introduced in the Legislative Council by Hon. J. A. Dimmitt, 12th September, 1939. Assent given.

Financial Emergency Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 10)—

An Act to continue the operation of the Financial Emergency Act, 1934, as amended by the Financial Emergency Act Amendment Act, 1935. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. F. J. S. Wise), 19th September, 1939. Assent given.

Financial Emergency Tax Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 52)—

An Act to impose and fix the rate of a tax to be called the financial emergency tax upon income, salaries and wages. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. J. C. Willcock), 28th September, 1939. Assent given.

Financial Emergency Tax Assessment Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 49)—

An Act to amend Section 4 of the Financial Emergency Tax Assessment Act, 1932-1938. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. J. C. Willcock), 28th September, 1939. Assent given.

Firearms and Guns Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 42)—

An Act to amend the Firearms and Guns Act, 1931. Introduced in the Legislative Council by the Minister for Police (Hon. W. H. Kitson), 9th November, 1939. Assent given.

Friendly Societies Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 41)—

An Act to amend Section 35 of the Friendly Societies Act, 1894-1938. Introduced in the Legislative Council by the Chief Secretary (Hon. W. H. Kitson), 28th November, 1939. Assent given.

Geraldton Harbour Works Railway Extension Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 2)—

An Act to authorise the construction of a railway to extend the Geraldton Harbour Works railway to the industrial area of Geraldton. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. J. C. Willcock), 3rd August, 1939. Assent given.

Government Railways Act Amendment Act (No. 1) (3 Geo. VI., No. 15)—

An Act to amend Section 58 of the Government Railways Act, 1904-1933, and to make provision in the said Act for regulating the use of lights likely to be a danger to railway traffic. Introduced in the Legislative Council by the Chief Secretary (Hon. W. H. Kitson), 3rd August, 1939. Assent given.

Guardianship of Infants Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 46)—

An Act to amend the Guardianship of Infants Act, 1920. Introduced in the Legislative Council by Hon. H. S. W. Parker, 12th September, 1939. Assent given.

Income Tax Assessment Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 25)—

An Act to make provision in the Income Tax Assessment Act, 1937, for the payment and collection of income tax by instalments in certain cases and for other purposes incidental thereto. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. J. C. Willcock), 25th October, 1939. Assent given.

Income Tax (Rates for Deduction) Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 28)—

An Act to authorise deductions at certain rates from the salary or wages of employees for or on account of income tax payable or which may become payable by such employees. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. J. C. Willcock), 25th October, 1939. Assent given.

Increase of Rent (War Restrictions) Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 45)—

An Act to restrict the increase of rent during war time and for other relative purposes. Introduced by the Minister for Labour (Hon. A. R. G. Hawke), 21st September, 1939. Assent given.

Industries Assistance Act Continuance Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 7)—

An Act to continue the operation of the Industries Assistance Act, 1915. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. F. J. S. Wise), 19th September, 1939. Assent given.

Land Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 36)—

An Act to amend the Land Act, 1933-1938. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. F. J. S. Wise), 19th September, 1939. Assent given.

Land Tax and Income Tax Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 51)—

An Act to impose a land tax and an income tax. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. J. C. Willcock), 28th September, 1939. Assent given.

Licensing Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 34)—

An Act to amend Section 98 of the Licensing Act, 1911-1934. Introduced by the Minister for Justice (Hon. E. Nulsen), 28th November, 1939. Assent given.

Life Assurance Companies Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 47)—

An Act to amend the Life Assurance Companies Act, 1889. Introduced by the Minister for Labour (Hon. A. R. G. Hawke), 29th August, 1939. Assent given.

Loan Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 30)—

An Act to authorise the raising of a sum of £2,137,000 by Loan for the construction of certain public works and other services and the reappropriation of certain loan moneys. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. J. C. Willcock), 7th November, 1939. Assent given.

Lotteries (Control) Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 18)—

An Act to continue the operation of the Lotteries (Control) Act, 1932-1933. Introduced in the Legislative Council by the Chief Secretary (Hon. W. H. Kitson), 12th October, 1939. Assent given.

Main Roads Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 48)—

An Act to amend section 31 of the Main Roads Act, 1930-1938. Introduced by the Minister for Works (Hon. H. Millington), 18th October, 1939. Assent given.

Marketing of Eggs Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 55)—

An Act to amend the Marketing of Eggs Act, 1938. Introduced in the Legislative Council by Hon. G. B. Wood, 12th September, 1939. Assent given.

Metropolitan Milk Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 6)—

An Act to amend Section 48 of the Metropolitan Milk Act, 1932-1936. Introduced by the Minister for Agriculture (Hon. F. J. S. Wise), 29th August, 1939. Assent given.

Mortgagees' Rights Restriction Act Continuance Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 12)—

An Act to continue the operation of the Mortgagees' Rights Restriction Act, 1931. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. F. J. S. Wise), 19th September, 1939. Assent given.

Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Act (No. 2) (3 Geo. VI., No. 19)—

An Act to amend Section 3 of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1906-1938. Introduced by the Minister for Works (Hon. H. Millington), 31st October, 1939. Assent given.

Noxious Weeds Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 38)—

An Act to amend the Noxious Weeds Act, 1924. Introduced by the Minister for Agriculture (Hon. F. J. S. Wise), 29th August, 1939. Assent given.

Nurses Registration Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 32)—

An Act to amend section 5 of the Nurses Registration Act Amendment Act, 1921-1937. Introduced by the Minister for Health (Hon. A. H. Panton), 22nd November, 1939. Assent given.

Plant Diseases Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 5)—

An Act to amend Section 18 of the Plant Diseases Act Amendment Act, 1914-1935. Introduced by the Minister for Agriculture (Hon. F. J. S. Wise), 29th August, 1939. Assent given.

Plant Diseases (Registration Fees) Act (No. 2) (3 Geo. VI., No. 39)—

An Act to authorise temporarily the prescribing of higher registration fees for the registration of orchards under the Plant Diseases Act 1914-1935. Introduced by the Minister for Agriculture (Hon. F. J. S. Wise), 29th August, 1939. Assent given.

Police Benefit Fund Abolition Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 40)—

An Act to repeal the ordinance 30 Victoria No. 10 to regulate the Police Benefit Fund; to abolish the Police Benefit Fund established under the said Ordinance; to make provision for the winding-up of the said fund and the disposition and distribution of the moneys in the said fund; and for other purposes. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. J. C. Willcock), 21st November, 1939. Assent given.

Profitsteering Prevention Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 9)—

An Act for the prevention of profiteering and for other incidental purposes. Introduced by the Minister for Labour (Hon. A. R. G. Hawke), 2nd September, 1939. Assent given.

Reserves Act (No. 1) (3 Geo. VI., No. 4)—

An Act relating to certain reserves and other lands. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. F. J. S. Wise), 29th August, 1939. Assent given.

Reserves Act (No. 3) (3 Geo. VI., No. 3)—

An Act relating to certain reserves and other lands. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. F. J. S. Wise), 22nd November, 1939. Assent given.

Rights in Water and Irrigation Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 16)—

An Act to amend Section 27 of the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act, 1914. Introduced by the Minister for Works (Hon. H. Millington), 29th August, 1939. Assent given.

Road Closure Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 31)—

An Act for the closure of certain roads and of portions of certain roads and for other purposes. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. F. J. S. Wise), 22nd November, 1939. Assent given.

Road Districts Act Amendment Act (No. 1) (3 Geo. VI., No. 56)—

An Act to amend Paragraph 41 of Section 204 of the Road Districts Act, 1919-1934. Introduced by Mr. Marshall, 3rd October, 1939. Assent given.

Road Districts Act Amendment Act (No. 2) (3 Geo. VI., No. 54)—

An Act to amend Section 23 of the Road Districts Act, 1919-1938. Introduced in the Legislative Council by Hon. J. Cornell, 12th October, 1939. Assent given.

State Forest Access Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 22)—

An Act to authorise the purchase, acquisition, or resumption of certain lands for purposes of the Forests Act, 1918-1931. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. J. C. Willcock), 11th October, 1939. Assent given.

Superannuation and Family Benefits Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 43)—

An Act to amend the Superannuation and Family Benefits Act, 1938. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. J. C. Willcock), 1st November, 1939. Assent given.

Supply Acts (3 Geo. VI., Nos. 1 & 13)—

No. 1—£2,500,000. Introduced 8th August, 1939. Assent given.

No. 2—£1,200,000. Introduced 12th October, 1939. Assent given.

Swan River Improvement Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 3)—

An Act to amend Section 2 of the Swan River Improvement Act, 1925. Introduced by the Minister for Works (Hon. H. Millington), 29th August, 1939. Assent given.

Testator's Family Maintenance Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 44)—

An Act to provide maintenance for widows, widowers and children of testators. Introduced in the Legislative Council by Hon. H. S. W. Parker, 12th September, 1939. Assent given.

Toodyay Cemeteries Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 8)—

An Act for the closure of portion of a certain road and to vest certain lands in His Majesty, and for other purposes relating thereto. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. F. J. S. Wise), 19th September 1939. Assent given.

Transfer of Land Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 23)—

An Act to amend Section 239 of the Transfer of Land Act, 1893. Introduced by the Minister for Justice (Hon. E. Nulsen), 10th October, 1939. Assent given.

War Funds Regulation Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 37)—

An Act to regulate the raising or collection of money for war funds and to make provision for the administration and control of moneys raised wholly or partly by private subscription for purposes connected with the present war, and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon. Introduced in the Legislative Council by the Chief Secretary (Hon. W. H. Kitson), 29th September, 1939. Assent given.

Wheat Products (Prices Fixation) Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 14)—

An Act to amend Section 18 of the Wheat Products (Prices Fixation) Act, 1933. Introduced by the Minister for Labour (Hon. A. R. G. Hawke), 5th October, 1939. Assent given.

Workers' Compensation Act Amendment Act (3 Geo. VI., No. 35)—

An Act to amend the Workers' Compensation Act, 1912-1938. Introduced by the Minister for Labour (Hon. A. R. G. Hawke), 29th August, 1939. Assent given.

PUBLIC BILLS OF THE SESSION (25).

Introduced but not passed.

SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT—FIRST SESSION.

Agricultural Bank Act Amendment Bill (No. 1)—

A Bill to make provision in the Agricultural Bank Act, 1934, for a basis for assessing the value of securities for certain purposes, and to repeal Section 51 of the said Act, and for other purposes. Introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Patrick, 30th August, 1939. Defeated on the second reading, 6th December, 1939.

Agricultural Bank Act Amendment Bill (No. 2)—

A Bill to amend the Agricultural Bank Act, 1934, by providing that the Commissioners shall not enforce any security or exercise certain powers and remedies without first obtaining the leave of a resident magistrate, and for other purposes. Introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Patrick, 30th August, 1939. Defeated on the second reading, 22nd November, 1939.

Agricultural Bank Act Amendment Bill (No. 3)—

A Bill to amend Section 55 of the Agricultural Bank Act, 1934. Introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Cross, 30th August, 1939. Discharged from the notice paper, 22nd November, 1939.

Bills of Sale Act Amendment Bill—

A Bill to amend the Bills of Sale Act, 1899, by protecting from seizure under bills of sale by way of security and excluding from the operation thereof certain household effects and implements of trade and for other relative purposes. Introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Cross, 30th August, 1939. Received in the Council, 28th November, 1939. Defeated on the second reading, 5th December, 1939.

Bread Act Amendment Bill—

A Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1903-1938. Introduced in the Council by the Honorary Minister (Hon. E. H. Gray), 21st November, 1939. Committee stage reached 28th November on which day the Chairman was moved out of the Chair and the Bill lapsed.

Companies (Litchfields) Liquidation Bill—

A Bill to appoint the Official Trustee to be the receiver and manager of Litchfields (A/sia), Limited; to define the powers of the Official Trustee in his capacity of receiver and manager; to provide for the winding-up of the said company in certain circumstances; to make a consequential amendment to the Official Trustee Act, 1921; and for other incidental purposes. Introduced and the second reading moved in the Assembly by Hon. C. G. Latham, 5th December, 1939. The Bill was ruled out of order on the ground that it was not competent for a private member to introduce a Bill imposing a charge on Consolidated Revenue.

Escheat Ordinance Amendment Bill—

A Bill to amend the law and practises in cases of escheat. Introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Doney, 16th November, 1939. Discharged from the notice paper, 5th December, 1939.

Factories and Shops Act Amendment Bill (No. 4)—

A Bill to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1920-1937. Introduced in the Assembly by the Minister for Labour (Hon. A. R. G. Hawke), 19th October, 1939. Received in the Council, 1st November, 1939. Defeated on the second reading, 30th November, 1939.

Government Railways Act Amendment Bill (No. 5)—

A Bill to amend Section 22 of the Government Railways Act, 1914-1933. Introduced in the Council by Hon. A. Thomson, 9th November, 1939. Defeated on the second reading, 6th December, 1939.

Hire Purchase Agreements Act Amendment Bill—

A Bill to amend the Hire Purchase Agreements Act, 1931-1937, by incorporating therein certain provisions relating to the recovery of possession of chattels by vendors under hire-purchase agreements; and to otherwise amend the law relating to hire-purchase agreements. Introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Watts, 30th August, 1939. The Committee stage was reached and progress made, but leave to sit again was refused and the Bill lapsed.

Inspection of Machinery Act Amendment Bill—

A Bill to amend the Inspection of Machinery Act, 1921. Introduced in the Assembly by the Minister for Mines (Hon. A. H. Panton), 29th August, 1939. Received in the Council, 20th September, 1939. Defeated on the second reading, 17th October, 1939.

Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Bill (No. 1)—

A Bill to amend Section 413 and to repeal Sections 414 and 415 and the 21st and 22nd schedules of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1938. Introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Cross, 30th August, 1939. Discharged from the notice paper, 22nd November, 1939.

Plant Diseases (Registration Fees) Bill (No. 1)—

A Bill to authorise temporarily to prescribe higher registration fees for the registration of orchards. Introduced in the Assembly by the Minister for Agriculture (Hon. F. J. S. Wise), 8th November, 1939. Second reading moved 9th November. The Bill was ruled out of order because it did not comply with Standing Order 285 which provides that the precise duration of every temporary Bill must be expressed in a distinct clause at the end of the Bill.

Potato Growers Licensing Bill—

A Bill to provide for the licensing of potato growers; to provide for an annual license fee and for purposes connected therewith. Introduced in the Council by Hon. H. V. Piesse, 21st November, 1939. The Bill reached the Committee stage and was not further proceeded with.

Qualification of Electors Bill—

A Bill to amend the provisions of the Constitution Acts Amendment Act, 1899, relating to the qualification of electors. Introduced in the Assembly by the Minister for Justice (Hon. E. Nulsen), 29th August, 1939. Not further proceeded with.

Railway Level Crossings Bill—

A Bill relating to the closing of level crossings over railways. Introduced in the Assembly by the Minister for Railways (Hon. E. Nulsen), 29th August, 1939. Received in the Council, 28th September, 1939. Defeated on the second reading, 17th October, 1939.

Reserves Bill (No. 2)—

A Bill relating to Reserve A1149 (Government Domain). Introduced in the Assembly by the Minister for Lands (Hon. F. J. S. Wise), 26th October, 1939. Received in the Council, 16th November, 1939. Defeated on the second reading, 28th November, 1939.

Rural Relief Fund Act Amendment Bill—

A Bill to amend the Rural Relief Act, 1935, by making provision therein for writing down in certain circumstances the principal sums of secured debts owing by farmers; to extend the powers and authorities of the trustees, and to amend the said Act in certain other particulars. Introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Watts, 30th August, 1939. Received in the Council, 23rd November, 1939. Defeated on the second reading, 6th December, 1939.

State Government Insurance Office Act Amendment Bill—

A Bill to amend Section 2 of the State Government Insurance Office Act, 1928. Introduced in the Assembly by the Minister for Labour (Hon. A. R. G. Hawke). 26th September, 1939. Received in the Council, 25th October, 1939. The Council amended the Bill to restrict the State Office to third party risk insurance. A conference took place on the 5th December, 1939, but it failed to arrive at an agreement.

Sunday Observance Bill—

A Bill to regulate Sunday observance in certain trades. Introduced in the Assembly by the Minister for Labour (Hon. A. R. G. Hawke), 8th November, 1939. Received in the Council, 22nd November, 1939. Defeated on the second reading, 28th November, 1939.

Supreme Court Act Amendment Bill—

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