

Hon. J. J. HOLMES: We want to find out whether the money is available, as provided in the Bill.

Hon. G. Fraser: Do you not believe the Government?

Hon. J. J. HOLMES: Assuming the money is available, the committee can find out something about the distribution of that money among one section of the community.

Hon. T. Moore: This is propaganda!

Hon. J. J. HOLMES: They can consider the distribution of that money among Government employees who were called upon to make a common sacrifice. Then again, the committee can consider how we can amend the Bill to assure that the pensions of old faithful civil servants are properly protected by Act of Parliament and not left to the mercy of this or any other Government, to increase or decrease pensions as they think fit.

Hon. T. Moore: What about shareholders getting their percentages? You keep off that subject all right.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Order! I remind hon. members that all interjections are disorderly.

Hon. J. J. HOLMES: When I get interjections from all quarters, I always know that I am right on the spot. The next point is what effect this legislation, if the Minister's threat is carried out, will have upon the industries this country is trying to build up. Yet another point is that the reduction of interest under mortgages is mixed up in this Bill. No matter what may happen to the Bill itself, provision must be made somehow that the reduced rate of mortgage interest shall continue as long as the emergency legislation continues. Those are the matters we have to consider, and I submit to the House that they justify the appointment of a select committee.

Question put, and a division taken with the following result—

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## AYES.

Hon. L. B. Bolton  
Hon. J. T. Franklin  
Hon. V. Hamersley  
Hon. E. H. Harris  
Hon. J. J. Holmes  
Hon. J. M. Macfarlane  
Hon. W. J. Mann  
Hon. G. W. Miles

Hon. R. G. Moore  
Hon. H. V. Piesse  
Hon. E. Rose  
Hon. H. Seddon  
Hon. C. H. Wittencoom  
Hon. H. J. Yelland  
Hon. J. Nicholson  
(Teller.)

## NOES.

Hon. C. F. Baxter  
Hon. J. M. Drew  
Hon. G. Fraser  
Hon. E. H. Gray

Hon. W. H. Kitson  
Hon. T. Moore  
Hon. C. B. Williams  
Hon. A. M. Clydesdale  
(Teller.)

Question thus passed.

## ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY (Hon. J. M. Drew—Central) [10.38]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday, the 24th January.

Question put and passed.

*House adjourned at 10.39 p.m.*

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*Thursday, 18th January, 1934.*

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

## ADDRESS-IN-REPLY.

## Presentation.

Mr. SPEAKER: I desire to report that this morning I waited on His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor and presented the Address-in-reply agreed to by the House and that His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:—

I thank you for the expressions of loyalty to His Most Gracious Majesty the King and for your Address-in-reply to the Speech with which I opened Parliament.

### QUESTION—EAST PERTH POWER HOUSE.

Mr. SAMPSON asked the Minister for Railways: 1, Have any financial arrangements been made to extend the East Perth Power House? 2, If not, what is the position regarding extensions to the plant which have been stated to be urgent? 3, Would the proposals enable favourable consideration to be given to the reticulation of current to outer suburban areas?

The PREMIER (for the Minister for Railways) replied: 1, Arrangements have not yet been finalised in this connection. 2, It is proposed to call tenders for an additional unit at an early date. 3, Yes.

### QUESTION—YARRAMONY SETTLERS, CARTING SUBSIDY.

Mr. GRIFFITHS asked the Premier: 1, In view of his promise of a carting subsidy to the settlers along the route of the suggested Yarramony eastwards railway, will he state what amount will be paid so that encouragement might be given to the settlers to continue cultivating? 2, As those farmers cannot finance their super. supplies until they have carted all their wheat, thus preventing back loading of super., will he make the subsidy apply to super. carting?

The PREMIER replied: 1 and 2, If the hon. member can produce proof that such a promise was ever made, a most generous subsidy will be granted.

### QUESTION—BREAD, INCREASED PRICE.

Mr. FERGUSON (without notice) asked the Premier: In view of the information contained in the report to the Government by a responsible officer of the Department of Agriculture in reference to profiteering by those engaged in making bread, made possible by the operation of the recently imposed Federal flour tax, will he take the necessary steps to have all bakers in Western Australia licensed, and a license fee charged sufficient to yield the sum of £50,000, which is the estimated amount that the bakers will collect from the consumers of the State over and above the ordinary price of bread plus the amount of the flour tax, the sum collected by such license fees to be used to supplement the Federal grant to the wheat-growers of Western Australia?

Mr. Withers: What about the people who pay it.

The PREMIER replied: I can only say that the question raised by the hon. member will receive the serious consideration of the Government.

### ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

THE PREMIER (Hon. P. Collier—Boulder) [4.33]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn till to-morrow at 4.30 p.m.

Question put and passed.

*House adjourned at 4.31 p.m.*

## Legislative Assembly.

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### QUESTION—RAILWAYS, YUNA-MULLEWA PROJECT.

#### *Advisory Board's Report.*

Mr. PATRICK asked the Premier: 1, Has he received the report of the Railway Advisory Board on the country between Yuna and Mullewa? 2, If so, will he lay it on the Table?

The PREMIER replied: 1 and 2, Yes.

### QUESTION—TOBACCO GROWING.

#### *Appointment of Expert.*

Mr. LATHAM asked the Premier: 1, Is the statement correct that £833 per annum has been made available by the Common-