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1	Baxter, Hon. Charles Farquharson ...	East	1920	1926
2	Brown, Hon. John Reid	North-East	1924	1930
3	Burvill, Hon. Alfred	South-East	1922	1928
4	Cornell, Hon. James	South	1924	1930
5	Dodd, Hon. Jabez Edward	South	1922	1928
6	Drew, Hon. John Michael	Central	1924	1930
7	Duffell, Hon. Joseph	Metropolitan-Suburban	1920	1926
8	Ewing, Hon. John	South-West	1924	1930
9	Gray, Hon. Edmund Harry	West	1923	1929
10	Greig, Hon. James Alexander	South-East	1920	1926
11	Hamersley, Hon. Vernon	East	1922	1928
12	Harris, Hon. Edgar Henry	North-East	1920	1926
13	Hickey, Hon. James W.	Central	1922	1928
14	Hulmes, Hon. John Joseph	North	1920	1926
15	Kirwan, Hon. John Waters	South	1920	1926
16	Kitson, Hon. William Henry	West	1924	1930
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18	Macfarlane, Hon. James Mortimer	Metropolitan	1922	1928
19	Miles, Hon. Geo. W.	North	1924	1930
20	Moore, Hon. Thomas	Central	1920	1926
21	Nicholson, Hon. John	Metropolitan	1920	1926
22	Potter, Hon. George	West	1922	1928
23	Rose, Hon. Edwin	South-West	1922	1928
24	Saw, Hon. Athelstan John Henton, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.S.E.	Metropolitan-Suburban	1922	1928
25	Seddon, Hon. Harold	North-East	1922	1928
26	Stephenson, Hon. Henry Alfred	Metropolitan-Suburban	1924	1930
27	Stewart, Hon. Hector, M.C.E.	South-East	1924	1930
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30	Yelland, Hon. Hubert John	East	1924	1930

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An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and from moneys to credit of the Trust Fund and 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, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and to supplement grants made by the present Parliament during its last session in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1923-4," for charges during the year ended the 30th day of June, 1924. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. P. Collier), 16th December, 1924. Assent given.

Bunbury Electric Lighting Act Amendment Act (15 Geo. V., No. 12)—

An Act to amend the Bunbury Electric Lighting Act, 1911. Introduced by Mr. Withers, 29th October, 1924. Assent given.

Bunbury Road District Rates Validation Act (15 Geo. V., No. 4)—

An Act to validate rates imposed or purporting to have been imposed by the Bunbury Road Board. Introduced by the Minister for Works (Hon. A. McCallum), 4th September, 1924. Assent given.

Carnarvon Electric Lighting Act (15 Geo. V., No. 13)—

An Act relating to electric lighting in the Municipality of Carnarvon. Introduced by Mr. Angelo, 29th October, 1924. Assent given.

Dividend Duties Act Amendment Act (15 Geo. V., No. 35)—

An Act to further amend the Dividend Duties Act, 1902. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. P. Collier), 9th October, 1924. Assent given.

Fire Brigades Act Amendment Act (15 Geo. V., No. 21)—

An Act to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1916. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. P. Collier), 5th November, 1924. Assent given.

Forests Act Amendment Act (15 Geo. V., No. 31)—

An Act to amend the Forests Act, 1918. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. P. Collier), 26th November, 1924. Assent given.

Fremantle Municipal Tramways Act (15 Geo. V., No. 9)—

An Act to enable the Fremantle Municipal Tramways and Electric Lighting Board to provide and work omnibus services in connection with the tramways controlled by the Board. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. W. C. Angwin), 3rd September, 1924. Assent given.

General Loan and Inscribed Stock Act Continuance Act (15 Geo. V., No. 11)—

An Act to continue the operation of the General Loan and Inscribed Stock Act Amendment Act, 1922. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. P. Collier), 30th October, 1924. Assent given.

High School Act (15 Geo. V., No. 5)—

An Act to enable the Governors of the High School to sell and transfer Perth Town Lot H54. Introduced in the Council by the Colonial Secretary (Hon. J. M. Drew), 12th August, 1924. Assent given.

Industries Assistance Act Amendment Act (15 Geo. V., No. 26)—

An Act to authorise the Industries Assistance Board, with the approval of the Governor, to write off advances under Part 2 of the Industries Assistance Act, 1915; to enable the Governor to extend such power to the Trustees of the Agricultural Bank; to continue the operation of the first mentioned Act, and for other relative purposes. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. W. C. Angwin), 9th October, 1924. Assent given.

Inspection of Machinery Act Amendment Act (15 Geo. V., No. 34)—

An Act to amend the Inspection of Machinery Act, 1921. Introduced by Mr. Wilson, 11th December, 1924. Assent given.

Inspection of Scaffolding Act (15 Geo. V., No. 39)—

An Act to make provision for the inspection of Scaffolding. Introduced by the Minister for Works (Hon. A. McCallum), 20th August, 1924. Assent given.

Land and Income Tax Assessment Amendment Act (15 Geo. V., No. 36)—

An Act to amend the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act, 1907. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. P. Collier), 9th October, 1924. Assent given.

Land Tax and Income Tax Act (15 Geo. V., No. 38)—

An Act to impose a land tax and an income tax. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. P. Collier), 9th December, 1924. Assent given.

Loan Act (15 Geo. V., No. 29)—

An Act to authorise the raising of a sum of three million six hundred and forty-five thousand pounds by loan for the construction of certain public works and other services, and the re-appropriation of certain loan moneys. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. P. Collier), 16th December, 1924. Assent given.

Mining Development Act Amendment Act (15 Geo. V., No. 25)—

An Act to amend the Mining Development Act, 1902. Introduced by the Minister for Mines (Hon. M. F. Troy), 26th November, 1924. Assent given.

Municipality of Albany Loan Validation Act (15 Geo. V., No. 20)—

An Act to render valid a certain loan raised by the municipality of Albany. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. W. C. Angwin), 29th October, 1924. Assent given.

Norseman-Salmon Gums Railway Act (15 Geo. V., No. 27)—

An Act to authorise the construction of a railway from Norseman to Salmon Gums. Introduced by the Minister for Works (Hon. A. McCallum), 20th November, 1924. Assent given.

Noxious Weeds Act (15 Geo. V., No. 19)—

An Act to provide for the eradication and prevention of the spread of noxious weeds. Introduced by the Minister for Agriculture (Hon. M. F. Troy), 21st August, 1924. Assent given.

Pearling Act Amendment Act (15 Geo. V., No. 28)—

An Act to amend the Pearling Act, 1912. Introduced in the Council by the Honorary Minister (Hon. J. W. Hickey), 13th December, 1924. Received in Assembly, 10th December. Assent given.

Permanent Reserve Act (15 Geo. V., No. 33)—

An Act to enable part of Reserve A1162 to be excised therefrom. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. W. C. Angwin), 11th December, 1924. Assent given.

Permanent Reserves Act (15 Geo. V., No. 15)—

An Act to enable defined portions of certain public reserves to be excised; to authorise such portions to be reserved for other purposes; and to amend section four of the Permanent Reserves Act, 1921. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. W. C. Angwin), 28th October, 1924. Assent given.

Presbyterian Church Act Amendment Act (15 Geo. V., No. 6)—

An Act to amend the Presbyterian Church Act, 1908. Introduced in the Council by the Colonial Secretary (Hon. J. M. Drew), 11th September, 1924. Assent given.

Private Savings Bank Act (15 Geo. V., No. 17)—

An Act to make provision for the regulation of the carrying on of savings bank business by private persons. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. P. Collier), 20th August, 1924. Assent given.

Reserves (Sale Authorisation) Act (15 Geo. V., No. 16)—

An Act to enable certain road boards and other public bodies to sell and transfer certain lands, subject to the proceeds of sale being applied to prescribed purposes. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. W. C. Angwin), 28th October, 1924. Assent given.

Road Districts Rates Act (15 Geo. V., No. 9)—

An Act to enable transfers of land sold under an order for sale pursuant to Division (6) of Part VI. of the Road Districts Act, 1919, to be registered notwithstanding the expiration of twelve months from the registration of the order. Introduced by the Minister for Works (Hon. A. McCallum), 20th August, 1924. Assent given.

Roads Closure Act (15 Geo. V., No. 14)—

An Act for the closure of certain roads. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. W. C. Angwin), 28th October, 1924. Assent given.

Stamp Act Amendment Act (15 Geo. V., No. 23)—

An Act to continue the operation of certain provisions in the second schedule to the Stamp Act, 1921, relating to duty on conveyances on the sale of property. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. P. Collier), 26th November, 1924. Assent given.

Standard Survey Marks Act (15 Geo. V., No. 8)—

An Act to enable the Surveyor General to erect standard survey marks, to provide for their protection, and for other purposes incidental thereto. Introduced in the Council by the Colonial Secretary (Hon. J. M. Drew), 12th August, 1924. Assent given.

Supply Acts (15 Geo. V., Nos. 1, 23)—

No. 1, £1,563,000. Introduced 29th July, 1924. Assent given.

No. 2, £2,150,000. Introduced 2nd December, 1924. Assent given.

Trade Unions Act Amendment Act (15 Geo. V., No. 7)—

An Act to amend the Trade Unions Act, 1902. Introduced in the Council by the Colonial Secretary (Hon. J. M. Drew), 24th July, 1924. Assent given.

Traffic Act Amendment Act (15 Geo. V., No. 37)—

An Act to amend the Traffic Act, 1919. Introduced by the Minister for Works (Hon. A. McCallum), 11th November, 1924. Assent given.

Treasury Bills Act Amendment Act (15 Geo. V., No. 18)—

An Act to further amend the Treasury Bills Act. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. P. Collier), 16th October, 1924. Assent given.

Treasury Bonds Deficiency Act (15 Geo. V., No. 32)—

An Act to authorise the issue of treasury bonds or inscribed stock to provide for the deficiency of the Consolidated Revenue Fund up to the thirtieth day of June, 1924, and for other purposes incidental thereto. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. P. Collier), 23rd September, 1924. Assent given.

Trust Funds Investment Act (15 Geo. V., No. 10)—

An Act to enable trust funds and other moneys to be invested in the debentures of road boards. Introduced by the Minister for Works (Hon. A. McCallum), 4th September, 1924. Assent given.

Unclaimed Moneys Act Amendment Act (15 Geo. V., No. 2)—

An Act to amend the Unclaimed Moneys Act, 1912. Introduced by the Premier (Hon. P. Collier), 24th July, 1924. Assent given.

Waroona-Lake Clifton Railway Act (15 Geo. V., No. 34)—

An Act to authorise the discontinuance of the Waroona-Lake Clifton railway. Introduced by the Minister for Railways (Hon. J. C. Willcock), 26th November, 1924. Assent given.

Workers' Compensation Act Amendment Act (15 Geo. V., No. 10)—

An Act to amend the Workers' Compensation Act, 1912. Introduced by the Minister for Works (Hon. A. McCallum), 20th August, 1924. Assent given.

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Bills of Sale Act Amendment Bill—

A Bill to amend the Bills of Sale Act, 1899. Introduced in Council by Hon. H. A. Stephenson, 11th November, 1924. Received in Assembly 27th November. Not further proceeded with.

Closer Settlement Bill—

A Bill relating to the acquisition and disposal of land for closer settlement. Introduced by the Minister for Lands (Hon. W. C. Angwin), 20th August, 1924; passed all stages in Assembly. Received in Council, 9th September. Council insisted on certain amendments which the Minister for Lands refused to accept. Bill discharged from Notice Paper, 22nd December, 1924.

Electoral Act Amendment Bill—

A Bill to amend the Electoral Act, 1907, for the purpose of making provision for compulsory enrolment for the Legislative Council, and for compulsory voting for both Houses of Parliament. Introduced in the Council by Hon. J. Ewing, 19th August, 1924. Rejected on the second reading, 24th September, 1924.

Fair Rents Bill—

A Bill to provide for the determination of fair rents for houses, shops, and other buildings, and for other relative purposes. Introduced by the Minister for Justice (Hon. J. C. Willcock) 20th November, 1924; passed all stages in Assembly. Received in Council, 18th December. Rejected on second reading, 22nd December.

Industrial Arbitration Act Amendment Bill—

A Bill to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912. Introduced by the Minister for Works (Hon. A. McCallum), 20th August, 1924; passed all stages in Assembly. Received in Council, 2nd October. Returned with amendments and Conference held on 23rd December. Conference failed and Bill laid aside.

Jury Act Amendment Bill—

A Bill to amend the Jury Act, 1890. Introduced by the Minister for Justice (Hon. J. C. Willcock), 20th August, 1924; passed all stages in Assembly. Second reading passed in Council but Bill defeated by Chairman being moved out of the Chair, 23th October, 1924.

Legal Practitioners Act Amendment Bill—

A Bill to amend the Legal Practitioners Act, 1893. Introduced by Mr. Hughes, 20th August, 1924; passed all stages in Assembly. Received in Council on 9th October. Rejected on the second reading, 14th October, 1924.

Licensing Act Amendment Bill—

A Bill to amend Section 100 in Part VI. of the Licensing Act, 1911. Colonial Secretary moved in Council for leave to introduce, 19th December. Leave refused. Bill introduced in Assembly by the Minister for Justice (Hon. J. C. Willcock), 22nd December, 1924; passed all stages. Received in Council, 23rd December: rejected on second reading, 23rd December, 1924.

Licensing Act Amendment Bill—

A Bill to amend the Licensing Act Amendment Act, 1922. Introduced in the Assembly by Hon. W. D. Johnson, 9th September, 1924. Discharged, 11th November, 1924.

Main Roads Bill—

A Bill to make provision for the construction, maintenance, and supervision of main and developmental roads; to further amend the Traffic Act, 1919; to provide for the licensing of dealers in petrol, and for other relative purposes. Introduced by the Minister for Works (Hon. A. McCallum), 11th November, 1924; passed all stages in Assembly. Received in Council, 16th December. Bill not further proceeded with.

Plant Diseases Act Amendment Bill—

A Bill to amend the Plant Diseases Act, 1914. Introduced by the Minister for Agriculture (Hon. M. F. Troy), 2nd December, 1924; passed all stages in Assembly. Received in Council, 10th December. Bill not further proceeded with.

Premium Bonds Bill—

A Bill to provide for the issue of Premium Bonds on the Starr-Bowkett system and for other relative purposes. Introduced in the Council by Hon. A. Lovekin, 26th November, 1924. Second reading carried, and committee stage entered upon. Bill not further proceeded with.

Racing Restriction Act Amendment Bill—

A Bill to amend the Racing Restriction Act, 1917. Introduced by Mr. Sleeman, 26th November, 1924; passed all stages in Assembly. Received in Council, 18th December. Rejected on second reading, 23rd December.

Road Districts Act Amendment Bill—

An Act to amend Division 3 of the Road Districts Act, 1919. Introduced by Mr. Sampson, 30th October, 1924. Discharged, 11th November.

State Lotteries Bill—

A Bill to authorise State Lotteries in aid of public hospitals and charitable institutions. Introduced by Hon. S. W. Munsie (Honorary Minister), 14th October, 1924; passed all stages in Assembly. Received in Council, 15th October. Rejected on the second reading, 25th November, 1924.

Transfer of Land Act Amendment Bill—

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