

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

No. 101.

## JOURNALS OF THE SENATE

WEDNESDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1919.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., in accordance with the terms of the Resolution of the Senate passed on the 20th December, 1918.
2. PRAYERS.
3. SENATOR MULCAHY: NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT.—The President informed the Senate that he had received the following memorandum from His Excellency the Governor-General, which was read by the Clerk:—

Commonwealth of Australia.  
Governor-General's Office,  
21st January, 1919.

Memorandum for  
The Honorable  
The President of the Senate.

The Governor-General forwards herewith to the Honorable the President of the Senate a despatch received from His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, dated 15th January, 1919, on the subject of the appointment of the Honorable Edward Mulcahy to hold the vacancy created in the Senate by the resignation of Mr. J. J. Long.

R. M. FERGUSON,  
*Governor-General.*

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Government House,  
Hobart, Tasmania,  
15th January, 1919.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith two copies of the proceedings which took place at Parliament House, Hobart, to-day, in connexion with the appointment of a Senator for the State of Tasmania, *vice* Senator James Joseph Long, resigned.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient, humble servant,

F. A. NEWDEGATE,  
*Governor.*

His Excellency  
The Governor-General,  
Federal Government House,  
Melbourne.

[COPY.]

Legislative Council,  
Hobart, 15th January, 1919.

His Excellency  
The Governor.  
Your Excellency,

In reply to Your Excellency's Message, addressed to both Houses of Parliament, transmitting copy of a notification from the President of the Senate of the Commonwealth Parliament that a vacancy had arisen in the Senate through the resignation of Senator James Joseph Long, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly met together in the House of Assembly Chamber this day and sitting and voting together chose

*Hon. Edward. Mulcahy*

to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the said resignation.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

(Sgd.) TETLEY GANT,  
*President.*  
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4. **THE WAR: SURRENDER OF GERMANY—HIS MAJESTY'S RECEPTION OF ADDRESS.**—The President announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor-General the following further communication in reference to the Senate's Address of the 12th November, 1918:—

Commonwealth of Australia,  
Governor-General.

The Honorable the President of the Senate.

The Governor-General forwards herewith, for the information of the Honorable Members of the Senate, copy of a despatch received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies intimating that the Address agreed to by the Senate has been very graciously received by His Majesty.

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Federal Government House,  
Melbourne, 24th March, 1919.

[COPY.]

Commonwealth of Australia.  
No. 32.

Downing-street,  
23rd January, 1919.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch No. 400 of the 15th November, 1918, forwarding Addresses presented to you for submission to His Majesty the King by the Senate and the House of Representatives respectively, together with a copy of your reply.

2. His Majesty's reply to the Addresses as telegraphed was conveyed to you in my predecessor's telegram of the 15th November. The Addresses themselves have now been laid before the King, who was pleased to receive them very graciously.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

MILNER.

Governor-General

His Excellency the Right Honorable  
Sir R. Munro Ferguson, G.C.M.G.,  
&c., &c.

5. **GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGES.**—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. President:—

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 51.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Payment of Bounty on the Manufacture of Black Steel Sheets and Galvanized Sheets in the Commonwealth,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Sydney, 20th December, 1918.

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 52.

The following Bills intituled:—

"*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1915,'*"

"*An Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes,*"

"*An Act to amend the 'War-time Profits Tax Assessment Act 1917,'*"

"*An Act to provide for the Grant of a Pension to the First Chief Justice of Australia,*"

"*An Act to extend the duration of the 'War Precautions Act 1914-1916,' and for other purposes,*" and

"*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nineteen and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for such year,*"

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Acts.

Sydney, 25th December, 1918.

R. M. FERGUSON,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 53.

The following Bills intituled:—

"*An Act to make provision for Homes for Australian Soldiers and female dependants of Australian Soldiers,*"

"*An Act relating to the Estates of Deceased Soldiers,*"

"*An Act to amend the 'Naval Defence Act 1910-1912,'*"

"*An Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Public Service Act 1902-1917,'*" and

"*An Act to amend the 'Defence Act 1903-1918,'*"

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Acts.

Sydney, 25th December, 1918.

6. **RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE PASSED BY SENATE: REPLIES.**—The President informed the Senate that since its last meeting he had received from Mr. Douglas H. Reid, from Lady Forrest, and from Mrs. J. C. Manifold, letters of appreciation and thanks for the sympathy expressed by the Senate on the occasion of the death of Sir George Reid, of Lord Forrest, and of Mr. J. C. Manifold, respectively.
7. **PAPER.**—The President laid on the Table the following Paper, viz.:—  
Pursuant to Statute—  
Commonwealth Bank Act 1911.—True Copy of Aggregate Balance-sheet of Commonwealth Bank of Australia at 31st December, 1918; together with Auditor-General's Report thereon.
8. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: STATE OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS AND PROPOSED WORK OF SESSION.**—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen), by leave, made a Statement to the Senate as to the state of official business and proposed work of Session, and, having laid a copy of the same on the Table, moved—That the Paper be printed.  
On motion of Senator Gardiner, the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.
9. **PAPERS.**—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) laid on the Table the following Papers, viz.:—  
By Command—  
Wool: British Government's Purchase of Australian Wool Clip, Balance of Season 1916-17.—Appraisement and Disposition Statement; Statement of Wool scoured on account of Imperial Government; Statement of Wool scoured on account of Russian Government; Statement of Wool reclassified and/or repacked on account of Imperial Government; and Contraries and Oddments Statement.
- Papers presented to British Parliament—  
Agricultural Wages Board.—Report of Committee appointed to inquire into financial results of occupation of agricultural land, &c.  
Agriculture and Fisheries Board.—Wages and Conditions of Employment in Agriculture—  
Vol. I.—General Report.  
Vol. II.—Reports of Investigations.  
Australia.—Report on Trade for year 1917 by H.M. Trade Commissioner in the Commonwealth.  
Bolshevism in Russia.—Collection of Reports.  
Coal Industry Commission.—Interim Reports (2) by certain Members, and Report by certain other Members. (3 papers.)  
Criminal Law Amendment Bill and Sexual Offences Bill.—Report, &c., from Joint Select Committee of House of Lords and House of Commons.  
Demobilisation and Resettlement.—Regulations made by Military Service (Civil Liabilities) Committee.  
Dye Industry.—Memorandum by Board of Trade *re* State Assistance.  
Emigration Bill, 1918.—Correspondence.  
Gold Production Committee.—Report.  
Indian Industrial Commission, 1916-18.—Report.  
Ministry of Reconstruction—  
Advisory Bodies—Statement *re* Appointment.  
Building Industry after the War—Report of Committee.  
Civil War Workers' Committee—2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Interim Reports.  
Education in the Army—Second Interim Report of Adult Education Committee.  
Electric Power Supply—Report of Committee of Chairmen.  
Employers and Employed, Relations between—Final Report of Committee.  
Engineering Trades (New Industries)—Report of Committee.  
Machinery of Government Committee—Report.  
Rent Increase and Mortgage Interest (War Restrictions) Acts—Report of Committee.  
Work of the Ministry—Report for period ended 31st December, 1918.
- The War—  
Austro-Hungarian Government—Note addressed to Governments of all Belligerent States.  
Cost of Living—Increase since June, 1914, and counter-balancing factors arising under War conditions.—Report of Committee.  
Emergency Legislation passed by Parliaments of the Empire—Summary.  
Emergency Legislation—First and Second Reports from Select Committee.  
Germany—  
Conditions of Armistice signed 11th November, 1918.  
Convention prolonging Armistice.  
Economic Conditions prevailing, December, 1918, to March, 1919—Reports by British Officers.  
Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey—Terms of Armistices.  
German Colonies—Correspondence relating to wishes of Natives as to their future Government.  
Imperial War Conference, 1918.—Extracts from Minutes of Proceedings, and Papers laid before the Conference.  
Insurance—Preliminary Statement of Results of Government War Insurance Schemes.  
National Expenditure—Select Committee—  
Memorandum on Sixth Report.  
Ninth Report, with Appendix.  
Tenth Report.

National Relief Fund—Report on Administration, up to 30th September, 1918.

Peace Treaty between Germany and Finland, together with Commercial and Shipping Agreement.

Prisoners of War—

Combatant prisoners of war and civilians.—Agreement between British and German Governments.

Employment in Coal and Salt Mines of British prisoners in Germany—Report.

Treatment of British prisoners in Turkey—Report.

Treatment by Germans of prisoners taken during Spring Offensives of 1918—Report.

Treatment by Germans of prisoners taken during Spring Offensives of 1918—Further Report

Shipping—

British Hospital Ships *Rewa*, *Glenart Castle*, *Guildford Castle*, and *Llandoverly Castle*—Torpedoing by German Submarines—Circular Despatch to His Majesty's Diplomatic Representatives in Allied and Neutral Countries.

Merchant Tonnage and the Submarine—Supplementary Statement showing, for period August, 1914, to October, 1918—(1) Merchant Tonnage losses by Enemy Action and Marine Risk; (2) Merchant Shipbuilding Output; (3) Enemy Vessels captured and brought into Service; together with Diagrams.

Women—Employment in the United Kingdom during the War—Report of Board of Trade.

Pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act 1911—

Awards of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and other documents, in connexion with complaints submitted by—

Australian Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association (Award dated 14th March, 1919).

Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia (Award dated 31st March, 1919).

Meat Inspectors' Association—Commonwealth Public Service (Award dated 27th March, 1919).

Orders of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitrations, and other documents, in connexion with variations or further variations of awards in the following cases :—

Australian Commonwealth Post and Telegraph Association (dated 16th December 1918).

Australian Commonwealth Post and Telegraph Officers' Association (dated 18th December, 1918)—(2 cases).

Australian Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association (dated 16th December, 1918).

Australian Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association (dated 18th December, 1918).

Australian Letter Carriers' Association (dated 16th December, 1918)—(2 cases).

Australian Letter Carriers' Association (dated 18th December, 1918)—(2 cases).

Australian Telegraph and Telephone Construction and Maintenance Union (dated 3rd March, 1919).

Commonwealth General Division Telephone Officers' Association (dated 16th December, 1918).

Commonwealth General Division Telephone Officers' Association (dated 18th December, 1918).

Commonwealth General Division Telephone Officers' Association (dated 6th March, 1919).

Commonwealth Legal Professional Officers' Association (dated 6th March, 1919).

Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia (dated 16th December, 1918)—(2 cases).

Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia (dated 18th December, 1918)—(2 cases).

General Division Officers' Union of the Trade and Customs Department of Australia (dated 16th December, 1918).

General Division Officers' Union of the Trade and Customs Department of Australia (dated 18th December, 1918).

General Division Officers' Union of the Trade and Customs Department of Australia (dated 6th March, 1919).

Postal Sorters' Union of Australia (dated 16th December, 1918).

Audit Act 1901-1917—

Transfers of amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council.—Financial year 1918-19—

Dated 26th March, 1919.

Dated 30th April, 1919.

Dated 28th May, 1919.

Dated 6th June, 1919.

Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 47—No. 52—No. 60.

Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 and Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906-1915.—Regulations.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 57.

Contract Immigrants Act 1905.—Return for 1918, respecting Contract Immigrants admitted or refused admission into the Commonwealth, &c.

Entertainments Tax Assessment Act 1916.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 299; 1919, No. 51—No. 68.

Immigration Act 1901-1912.—Return for 1918, showing (a) Persons refused admission to the Commonwealth; (b) Persons who passed the dictation test; (c) Persons admitted without being asked to pass the dictation test; (d) Departures of coloured persons from the Commonwealth.

Lands Acquisition Act 1906-1916.—Land acquired at—

Currie, King Island, Tasmania—For Postal purposes.

Fairy Meadow, New South Wales—For Federal Capital and other purposes.

Five Dock, Sydney, New South Wales—For Repatriation purposes.

Kangaroo Point, Brisbane, Queensland—For Repatriation purposes.

Launceston, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.

Lithgow, New South Wales—For Defence purposes (3 notifications).

North Sydney, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

North Sydney, New South Wales—For Repatriation purposes.

Port Augusta, South Australia—For Railway purposes (2 notifications).

Port Pirie, South Australia—For Defence purposes.

Port Pirie, South Australia—For Customs purposes.

Redfern, New South Wales—For Repatriation purposes.

Rosemount, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

Westernport, Victoria—For Defence purposes—(easement over land).

Naturalization Act 1903-1917—Return of Persons to whom Naturalization Certificates were granted during 1918.

Northern Territory.—Ordinances—

1918, No. 13—Real Property.

1919—

No. 1.—Interpretation.

No. 2.—Bush Fires.

No. 3.—Jury.

No. 4.—Bank Holidays.

No. 5.—Workmen's Dwellings.

Papua.—Ordinances—

1918—

No. 11.—Native Taxes.

No. 13.—Health (Venereal Diseases).

1919, No. 1.—Native Plantations.

Patents Act 1903-1909.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 14—No. 30.

Territory for the Seat of Government.—Ordinances of 1919—

No. 2.—Timber Protection.

No. 3.—Fish Protection.

No. 4.—Cotter River.

Public Service Act 1902-1918—

Appointments, Promotions, &c.—

Prime Minister's Department—

V. R. Driscoll.

J. Fennessy.

H. C. Hine and D. E. Aikins.

G. J. Hogben.

M. O. Matthes.

W. Y. O'Driscoll, A. Perry, and T. J. Webster.

G. H. Waite.

Department of the Treasury—

T. S. Harrison.

S. McK. White.

S. McK. White and M. T. Keely.

G. E. R. McCarthy.

Attorney-General's Department—

J. M. Ramsay.

K. C. Waugh.

Department of Defence—

A. J. Harney and A. Crisp.

Postmaster-General's Department—

W. Carrick.

H. W. Conolly.

A. W. B. Fawcett.

R. H. Henniker.

Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 312; 1919, No. 17—No. 25—No. 27—No. 40—No. 59—No. 93—No. 94—No. 99—No. 109—No. 120.

The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) laid on the Table the following Papers, viz. :—

By Command—

Northern Territory.—Report of Administrator for year ended 30th June, 1918.

Commonwealth Government Small Arms Factory.—Report for year ended 30th June, 1918.

Death and Invalidity in the Commonwealth.—Committee concerning Causes—Report on Diphtheria.

Report by Surgeon-General R. H. Fetherston, Director-General, A.A.M.S., on (1) Australian Army Medical Services Overseas; (2) the Medical Services of Great Britain and the Allies; and (3) Re-education and Re-establishment of War Cripples in America, Europe, and India.—February–November, 1918.

Pursuant to Statute—

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1905.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 11—No. 88.

Commonwealth Railways Act 1917—

By-law No. 9.

By-law No. 10.

Customs Act 1901–1916—

Proclamations prohibiting exportation (except under certain conditions) of—

Cheese containing margarine or other foreign fatty substance (dated 30th April, 1919).

Condensed milk (dated 5th March, 1919).

Goods per parcels post (dated 8th January, 1919).

Russian rouble notes (dated 29th January, 1919).

Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 41—No. 86—No. 87—No. 137—No. 138.

Deceased Soldiers' Estates Act 1918.—Regulations.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 67.

Defence Act 1903–1918.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 319—No. 320—

No. 321—No. 322—No. 333—No. 334; 1919, No. 6—No. 10—No. 13—No. 15—No. 16

—No. 23—No. 24—No. 26—No. 33—No. 38—No. 39—No. 42—No. 48—No. 49—No. 50

—No. 54—No. 61—No. 64—No. 65—No. 66—No. 72—No. 73—No. 74—No. 91—No. 92

—No. 95—No. 104—No. 105—No. 111—No. 114—No. 121—No. 122—No. 126—No. 127.

Excise Act 1901–1918.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 118.

Naval Defence Act 1910–1912.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 1—No. 2

—No. 3—No. 18—No. 19—No. 58—No. 62—No. 63—No. 110—No. 135.

Post and Telegraph Act 1901–1916.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 327

—No. 330—No. 335; 1919, No. 22—No. 37—No. 56—No. 124—No. 131—No. 132—

No. 133—No. 136—No. 146.

Seamen's Compensation Act 1911.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 139.

Spirits Act 1906–1918.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 69.

War Precautions Act 1914–1916.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1918, No. 326—

No. 331—No. 332; 1919, No. 4—No. 5—No. 8—No. 29—No. 34—No. 36—No. 46—

No. 53—No. 70—No. 71—No. 112—No. 113—No. 116—No. 128.

Wireless Telegraphy Act 1905–1915.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 134.

10. PRIVILEGE.—Senator Pratten, as a question of privilege, called attention to the system for some time in operation of continuing a Session indefinitely from year to year by adjournment, instead of terminating one Session, and when a new meeting of Parliament was desired, initiating a new Session, and moved—That the matter complained of, and the interference thereby with the privileges of honorable members, be referred for the consideration of the Standing Orders Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT TO DEBATE MATTER OF URGENCY.—Senator Grant, in order to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the detention in custody of Paul Freeman without a trial, moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till two o'clock to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at fourteen minutes past five p.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.

13. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Bakhap, Barnes, Crawford, de Largie, Earle, Ferricks, Guy, Mulcahy, Pearce, Plain, and Thomas.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,  
Clerk of the Senate.