

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

No. 104.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND JULY, 1919.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.

2. PRAYERS.

3. SENTENCES ON MEN IN AUSTRALIAN NAVY.—Senator Gardiner proceeding to ask a question in regard to the sentences lately passed on certain men in the Australian Navy—a point of order was raised that the proposed question contained an expression which had already, in regard to the same matter, been ruled out of order. Mr. President upheld the point raised, and ruled the proposed question out of order.

Dissent from President's Ruling.—Senator Gardiner thereupon objected in writing to the ruling of the President and moved—That the ruling of Mr. President that the following question, viz.: “Is it a fact that the British officers in command of the Australian Navy have passed severe and savage sentences on men who have rendered distinguished service during the war” is out of order, be disagreed with.

Debate forthwith adjourned until the next sitting day.

4. PAPERS.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) laid on the Table the following Papers, viz.:—

By Command—

War Debts of the British Empire: Scheme for their Administration, Conversion, and Extinction, prepared by the Honorable W. A. Watt, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Australia, on behalf of the Commonwealth Government.

Papers presented to British Parliament—

British Air Effort during the War—Synopsis.

Germany—Economic conditions prevailing, April, 1919.—Further Reports by British Officers.

Pursuant to Statute—

Audit Act 1901–1917.—Regulations amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 145—No. 159—No. 160.

Entertainments Tax Assessment Act 1916.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 130.

Inter-State Commission Act 1912.—

Fifth Annual Report.

Prices Investigation Reports—

No. 10.—Fruit and Vegetables.

No. 11.—Clothing.

No. 12.—Rents.

Public Service Act 1902–1918.—

Appointments, Promotions, &c.—

Department of Trade and Customs—

P. W. Mitchell.

A. Stuart.

Postmaster-General's Department—F. W. Arnold.

Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 161.

Public Works Committee Act 1913–1914.—

Fourth General Report.

5. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1919-20.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 93.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty,*" with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 27th June, 1919.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Supply Bill (No. 1) 1919-20 being passed through all its stages without delay.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

8. SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1919-20.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) moved—That the Bill be now read a first time.

Debate ensued.

At half-past six p.m. the sitting of the Senate was suspended till eight p.m.

Debate, interrupted by the suspension of the sitting, resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Minister for Repatriation moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clauses 1-4 agreed to.

Schedule debated.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after midnight—

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Schedule further debated and agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without requests.

The President resumed the Chair ; and Senator McDougall, from the Committee, reported accordingly. Whereupon the Senate adopted such Report.

The Minister for Repatriation moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

9. NEXT MEETING OF SENATE.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till Wednesday next at three p.m.

Question—put and passed.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn, and laid on the Table—

Copies of cablegrams from the Secretary of State containing a proclamation by the King in regard to the conclusion of the War, and a Statement with regard to date of Peace celebrations.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at eighteen minutes past twelve a.m. till Wednesday next at three p.m.

11. ATTENDANCE. Present, all the Members except Senators Barker, Crawford, Ferricks, Guy (on leave), Pearce, Pratten, Col. Rowell, Shannon, and Thomas.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the Senate.