

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

No. 106.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH JULY, 1919.

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

2. PRAYERS.

3. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1919-20.—The following Message from His Excellency the Deputy of the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. President:—

A. L. STANLEY,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.**Message No. 54.*

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

Melbourne, 3rd July, 1919.

4. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: FIRST REPORT.—The President, as Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee, laid on the Table the following Report, viz.:—

First Report from the Standing Orders Committee, dated 3rd July, 1919, with the proposed new Standing Order No. 416A recommended by the Committee.

Report read by the Clerk.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee on Wednesday next.

5. THE SEAMEN'S STRIKE.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen), by leave, made a Statement to the Senate in regard to the position in connexion with the Seamen's Strike.

6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—Senator Newland brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz.:—

Report, together with the Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed Ordnance Store, Leichhardt, New South Wales.

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

By Command—

Australian Institute of Tropical Medicine, Townsville, Queensland.—Half-yearly Reports, 1st January to 30th June, and 1st July to 31st December, 1918.

Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers, held at Melbourne, 22nd to 27th January, 1919.—Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates.

Navy and Defence Administration—Royal Commission.—Report on Navy Administration. South-west Africa.—Report on the Natives and their Treatment by Germany. (Paper presented to British Parliament.)

Pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act 1911—

Orders, dated 12th May, 1919, in each case, of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and other documents, in connexion with variations or further variations of awards in the following cases:—

Australian Commonwealth Post and Telegraph Association.

Australian Letter Carriers' Association.

General Division Officers' Union of the Trade and Customs Department of Australia.

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

Carnegie, Victoria.—For War Service Homes purposes.

Fitzroy, Victoria.—For the purposes of the Australian Notes Act 1910-1911.

Tarcoola, South Australia.—For Railway purposes.

Northern Territory.—Ordinances of 1919—

No. 6.—Supreme Court.

No. 7.—Jury (No. 2).

Public Service Act 1902-1918.—Fourteenth Report on the Commonwealth Public Service, by the Acting Commissioner.

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

Customs Act 1901–1916—

Proclamations—

Dated 19th June, 1919, revoking previous proclamation relating to the exportation of Condensed Milk.

Dated 2nd July, 1919, revoking previous proclamation relating to the exportation of goods to China and Siam.

Dated 2nd July, 1919, prohibiting exportation (except under certain conditions) of all goods to (late) German New Guinea.

Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 151—No. 171.

Defence Act 1903–1918.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 142—No. 143—No. 144.

Post and Telegraph Act 1901–1916.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 148—No. 149—No. 150—No. 163.

8. NEXT MEETING OF SENATE.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till 11 a.m. to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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

By Command—

Oil Development in Papua—Memorandum.

10. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

11. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Senator Millen, pursuant to notice, moved—That leave of absence for two months be granted to Senator Pearce, absent on account of urgent public business.
Question—put and passed.

12. POSTPONEMENT.—Ordered—That Private Business, Notice of Motion No. 6, be postponed until Thursday 24th instant.

13. RULING OF PRESIDENT: OBJECTION TO.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the President's ruling to the effect 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 resumed.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 8.

Senator Barker.

Barnes.

Gardiner.

Maughan.

McDougall.

Needham.

O'Keefe.

Teller.

Senator O'Loughlin, Lieut.-Col.

Noes, 17.

Senator Bakhap.

Earle.

Fairbairn.

Foll.

Guthrie.

Henderson.

Keating.

Lynch.

Millen.

Mulcahy.

Newland.

Plain.

Reid.

Rowell, Colonel.

Russell.

Senior.

Teller.

Senator de Largie.

And so it was negatived.

14. LIGHTHOUSES BILL.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) according to Order, 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

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In the Committee.

Clause 1 read.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.

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The President resumed the Chair; and Senator Bakhap, from the Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the Bill and had made progress, and asked leave to sit again.
Ordered—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

15. **WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL.**—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) according to Order, moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 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 and 2 agreed to.
 Title agreed to.
 Bill to be reported without amendment.

The President resumed the Chair ; and Senator Bakhap, from the Committee, reported accordingly. Whereupon the Senate adopted such Report.
 Ordered—That the third reading of the Bill be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

16. **TRADE MARKS BILL.**—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) according to Order, moved—That the Bill be now read a second 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 second time.
 The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clause 1 read.
 To report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The President resumed the Chair ; and Senator Bakhap, from the Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the Bill and had made progress, and asked leave to sit again.
 Ordered—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

17. **PAPER.**—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) laid on the Table the following Paper, viz. :—

Pursuant to Statute—

Northern Territory.—Ordinance No. 8 of 1919.—Council of Advice.

18. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
19. **COUNT-OUT.**—Notice being taken that a quorum of Senators was not present, the bells were rung for two minutes ; and the President, having counted the Senate and a quorum not being present, forthwith adjourned the Senate till the next sitting day.
 Present at the time of count-out—Senators Gardiner, Givens, Grant, Henderson, McDougall, O'Keefe, Lieut.-Col. O'Loughlin, Col. Rowell and Russell.
20. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Senate at five minutes to ten p.m. stood adjourned till to-morrow at eleven a.m.
21. **ATTENDANCE.**—Present, all the Members except Senators Lieut.-Col. Bolton, Crawford, Ferricks, Guy (on leave), Pearce (on leave), Pratten, Shannon, and Thomas.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the Senate.