

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

No. 108.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH JULY, 1919.

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

2. PRAYERS.

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

By Command—

League of Nations.—Draft Agreement presented to the Plenary Inter-Allied Conference of 14th February, 1919. (Paper presented to British Parliament).

War Service Homes Act 1918.—Agreement between War Service Homes Commissioner and Commonwealth Bank of Australia relating to purchase of land, erection of dwelling houses, etc.

Wool : Report relating to the Activities of the Central Wool Committee for the Wool Season 1918-1919 ; together with annexures thereto.

Pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act 1911.—Orders of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and other documents, in connexion with further variations of awards in the following cases :—

Australian Letter Carriers' Association. (Dated 16th June, 1919.)

Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia. (Dated 25th June, 1919.)

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

Audit Act 1901-1917.—Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council—Financial year 1918-19—Dated 16th July, 1919 (two).

Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Northern Territory Crown Lands Act 1890 (South Australia).—Plan of Reserve for Water Conservation and Police Purposes at Anthony's Lagoon, Northern Territory.

Northern Territory—Ordinance No. 9 of 1919.—Justices' Appeals.

Norfolk Island.—Ordinances of 1919—

No. 1.—Appeal.

No. 2.—Affidavits.

Public Service Act 1902-1918—

Promotion of G. Sinden, Postmaster-General's Department.

Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 164.

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

By Command—

Postmaster-General's Department.—Eighth Annual Report, 1917-1918.

Pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act 1903-1918.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 155—No. 156—No. 157—No. 158—No. 168.

Excise Act 1901-1918.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 186.

War Precautions Act 1914-1918.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 166—No. 167—No. 176.

The Clerk of the Senate laid on the Table the following Paper, viz. :—

Return to Order of the Senate of 26th June, 1919—

Rent paid by Commonwealth Departments in Melbourne.

4. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

5. POSTPONEMENT.—Ordered—That Private Business, Notice of Motion No. 11, be postponed until Thursday, 21st August next.

6. TRADE MARKS BILL.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell), according to Order, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

7. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: FIRST REPORT.**—The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee for the consideration of the First Report from the Standing Orders Committee, presented to the Senate on 16th July, 1919, recommending the adoption of New Standing Order No. 416A.

In the Committee.

On motion of Senator Givens, the Committee, after debate, agreed to the proposed Standing Order, which is as follows:—

416A. Where a Session of Parliament has continued for more than fifteen months, Standing Orders Nos. 133, 413, 414, and 416 shall not apply to any subject or matter that has transpired or been dealt with more than six months previously.

Resolution to be reported.

The President resumed the Chair; and Senator Shannon, from the Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the First Report from the Standing Orders Committee, together with the proposed New Standing Order No. 416A, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Report be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

8. **LIGHTHOUSES BILL.**—The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Consideration resumed of clause 2 and the amendment moved thereon, viz., lines 11 and 12, leave out "or the master, owner, agents and charterers of any ship which".

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

On motion of the Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) the following amendment was made, viz., lines 11–14, leave out all words from and including "Any person" to and including "reinstating the lighthouse or marine mark", and insert—

"If any lighthouse or marine mark is damaged or destroyed by any person or ship, the person, or the master, owner, agent, or charterer of the ship, as the case may be, shall be liable to pay to the Commonwealth the cost of repairing or replacing the lighthouse or marine mark, unless he proves that the damage or destruction of the lighthouse or marine mark was not caused through wilfulness, negligence, misconduct, or want of skill."

Clause 2, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The President resumed the Chair; and Senator Shannon, from the Committee, reported accordingly. Ordered—That the Bill, as reported, be considered to-morrow.

9. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: STATEMENT RE OFFICIAL BUSINESS AND PROPOSED WORK FOR THE SESSION.**—Order of the Day read for the resumption of the debate on the Question—That the Paper be printed.
Debate resumed.

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.

10. **NEXT MEETING OF SENATE.**—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till three p.m. on Wednesday next.
Question—put and passed.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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

12. **ATTENDANCE.**—Present, all the Members except Senators Crawford (on leave), Gardiner, Grant, Guy (on leave), Lynch, Lieut.-Col. O'Loughlin, Pearce (on leave), and Thomas.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the Senate.