

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 112.

## JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1919.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. PRAYERS..
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen), by leave, made a statement informing the Senate that it was proposed to arrange for an adjournment of Parliament from Friday, 29th instant, until 10th September next.
4. PAPERS.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) laid on the Table the following Papers, viz. :—
  - By Command—
    - British Mission to South America, 1918.—Correspondence. (Paper presented to British Parliament.)
  - Pursuant to Statute—
    - Public Service Act 1902-1918—
      - Appointments and Promotions—
        - C. K. Johnston, Prime Minister's Department.
        - J. B. Murphy and A. C. Smith, Department of the Treasury.
        - H. R. J. Harris, C. Henry, A. J. Metcalfe, R. L. Park, F. W. A. Ponsford, and A. Paul, Department of Trade and Customs.
        - F. W. Arnold, Postmaster General's Department.
      - Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 194.
- The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) laid on the Table the following Papers, viz. :—
  - Pursuant to Statute—
    - Defence Act 1903-1918.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 188—No. 189.
5. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
6. POSTPONEMENT.—Ordered—That Private Business, Notice of Motion No. 1, be postponed until Wednesday, 10th September next.
7. LIGHTHOUSES 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.
8. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: SECOND REPORT.—The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee for the consideration of the Second Report from the Standing Orders Committee, presented to the Senate on 7th August, 1919, recommending the adoption of a New Standing Order relating to Time Limit to Speeches.

In the Committee.

Senator Givens moved—That the proposed Standing Order, which is as follows :—

No Senator shall speak for more than one hour at a time in any debate in the Senate, except that in the debate on the Address-in-Reply, or on the first reading of a Bill which the Senate may not amend, or in moving the second reading of a Bill, he shall be at liberty to speak for one hour and a half. Any Senator may move that the limit of one hour or of one hour and a half may be extended for thirty minutes; such motion shall forthwith be put without debate.

In Committee no Senator shall speak for more than a quarter of an hour at any one time, or more than twice on any one question before the Committee: provided that no limitation shall apply in Committee to a Senator in charge of a Bill, or to any Senator during the proceedings in Committee on the Tariff, or to a Minister of the Crown, in Committee on an Appropriation or a Supply Bill, in regard to the number of his speeches in connexion with any Departments which he represents.—

be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The President resumed the Chair; and Senator Newland, from the Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the Report and had made progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered—That the Committee have leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

9. **DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.**—By leave of the Senate, the President admitted to a seat on the floor of the Senate, Admiral Viscount Jellicoe of Scapa, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., R.N.
10. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: SECOND REPORT.**—The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee for the further consideration of the Second Report from the Standing Orders Committee, presented to the Senate on 7th August, 1919, recommending the adoption of a new Standing Order relating to Time Limit to Speeches.

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In the Committee.

Debate resumed on the motion by Senator Givens—That the proposed Standing Order be agreed to. Senator Needham moved an amendment, viz., that paragraph 2 of the proposed Standing Order be left out.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Senator Keating moved an amendment, viz., that the Report be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration—

(a) generally in association with present Standing Order 431;

(b) specially as to paragraph 2 of the Report.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Senator Pratten moved an amendment, viz., line 1, after "hour" insert "and a half".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

Committee divided—

Ayes, 11.

Senator Barker.  
Ferricks.  
Gardiner.  
Guthrie.  
McDougall.  
Needham.  
Newland.  
O'Keefe.  
O'Loughlin, Lieut.-Col.  
Pratten.

*Teller.*

Senator Grant.

Noes, 17.

Senator Bakhap.  
Bolton, Lieut.-Col.  
Buzacott.  
Crawford.  
Earle.  
Foll.  
Givens.  
Henderson.  
Keating.  
Millen.  
Mulcahy.  
Plain.  
Reid.  
Rowell, Colonel.  
Russell.  
Thomas.

*Teller.*

Senator de Largie.

And so it was negatived.

On the motion of Senator Mulcahy the following amendment was made, viz., line 1 leave out "at a time".

Senator O'Keefe moved—That the Report be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration. Committee divided—

Ayes, 12.

Senator Barker.  
Ferricks.  
Gardiner.  
Guthrie.  
McDougall.  
Needham.  
Newland.  
O'Keefe.  
O'Loughlin, Lieut.-Col.  
Pratten.  
Senier.

*Teller.*

Senator Grant.

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Keating.  
Millen.  
Mulcahy.  
Plain.  
Reid.  
Rowell, Colonel.  
Russell.  
Thomas.

*Teller.*

Senator de Largie.

And so it was negatived.

On the motion of Senator Bakhap the following amendment was made, after debate, viz., in paragraph 2, line 2, leave out "or more than twice" and after "question" leave out all remaining words of the paragraph.

Senator Needham moved—That paragraph 2, as amended, be left out.  
Committee divided—

Ayes, 12.

Senator Barker.  
Ferricks.  
Gardiner.  
Guthrie.  
McDougall.  
Needham.  
Newland.  
O'Keefe.  
O'Loughlin, Lieut.-Col.  
Pratten.  
Senior.

*Teller.*

Senator Grant.

Noes, 16.

Senator Bakhap.  
Bolton, Lieut.-Col.  
Buzacott.  
de Largie.  
Foll.  
Givens.  
Henderson.  
Keating.  
Millen.  
Mulcahy.  
Plain.  
Reid.  
Rowell, Colonel.  
Russell.  
Thomas.

*Teller.*

Senator Earle.

And so it was negatived.

Senator Gardiner moved—That the following paragraph be added to the proposed Standing Order :—

"Providing that an additional two minutes be allowed to each Senator for every interjection coming from Members on the opposite side."

Amendment negatived.

Senator Millen moved—That the proposed Standing Order, as amended, be agreed to.

Committee divided—

Ayes, 19.

Senator Bakhap.  
Bolton, Lieut.-Col.  
Buzacott.  
Earle.  
Foll.  
Givens.  
Guthrie.  
Henderson.  
Keating.  
Millen.  
Mulcahy.  
Newland.  
Plain.  
Reid.  
Rowell, Colonel.  
Russell.  
Senior.  
Thomas.

*Teller.*

Senator de Largie.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution to be reported.

Noes, 9.

Senator Barker.  
Ferricks.  
Gardiner.  
McDougall.  
Needham.  
O'Keefe.  
O'Loughlin, Lieut.-Col.  
Pratten.

*Teller.*

Senator Grant.

The President resumed the Chair ; and Senator Newland, from the Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the Second Report from the Standing Orders Committee, together with the proposed New Standing Order, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT.—The Senate adjourned at one minute to eleven p.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.

12. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Barnes, Guy (on leave), Lynch, Maughan, Pearce (on leave), and Shannon.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,  
*Clerk of the Senate.*