

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 124.

## JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1919.

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

2. PRAYERS.

3. PAPERS.—The President laid on the Table the following Paper, viz. :—

Pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act 1911.—Aggregate Balance-Sheet of Commonwealth Bank of Australia at 30th June, 1919; together with Auditor-General's Report thereon.

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

By Command—

Peace Treaty.—Copy of Bill introduced into British Parliament for carrying into effect the Treaty of Peace with Germany.

Papers presented to British Parliament—

Adult Education Committee—Third Interim Report—Libraries and Museums.

League of Nations Covenant, with Commentary thereon.

National War Savings Committee—Third Annual Report.

Out-of-work Donation Scheme—Interim Report of Committee of Inquiry.

Women's Employment Committee—Report.

Women holding Temporary Appointments in Government Departments—Report of Sub-Committee appointed to consider position.

Pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911.—Dealings and Transactions during the year ended 30th June, 1918.

Public Service Act 1902–1918.—Regulations Amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 215—No. 216.

4. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

5. PEACE TREATY WITH GERMANY.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen), pursuant to notice, moved—That this Senate approves of the Treaty of Peace between the Allied and Associated Powers and Germany signed at Versailles on the 28th June, 1919.

An extension of half-an-hour was granted to Senator Millen.

On motion of Senator Gardiner the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

6. TREATY *RE* PROTECTION OF FRANCE AGAINST GERMANY.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen), pursuant to notice, moved—That this Senate approves the Treaty made at Versailles on the 28th June, 1919, between His Majesty the King and the President of the French Republic whereby, in case the stipulations relating to the left bank of the Rhine, contained in the Treaty of Peace with Germany signed at Versailles the 28th day of June, 1919, by the British Empire, the French Republic and the United States of America among other Powers, may not at first provide adequate security and protection to France, Great Britain agrees to come immediately to her assistance in the event of any unprovoked movement of aggression against her being made by Germany.

On motion of Senator Gardiner, the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1919-20.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 99.

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, 17th September, 1919.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,  
Speaker.

8. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 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.

An extension of half-an-hour was granted to Senator Ferricks under Standing Order No. 407A.

Debate continued.

On motion of Senator Newland, the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—The Senate adjourned at seventeen minutes to eleven p.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.

10. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Barnes, Lieut.-Col. Bolton, Guy (on leave), Maughan, Lieut.-Col. O'Loghlin, and Pearce.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,  
Clerk of the Senate.