

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 128.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1919.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. PRAYERS.
3. PAPERS.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) laid on the Table the following Papers, viz. :—
 By Command—
 Peace Treaty.—Reply of the Allied and Associated Powers to the Observations of the German Delegation on the Conditions of Peace. (Paper presented to British Parliament.)
 Pursuant to Statute—
 Seat of Government.—Ordinance No. 5 of 1919.—Interpretation.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
5. PEACE TREATY WITH GERMANY.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—
 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.
 Debate resumed.
 An extension was granted to Senator Lynch.
 An extension was granted to Senator Senior.
 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—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—put and passed.
6. TREATY *RE* PROTECTION OF FRANCE AGAINST GERMANY.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—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.
 Debate resumed.
 On motion of Senator Pratten, the debate was adjourned.
 Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
7. 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 twenty-five minutes to eleven a.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.
8. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Barnes, Lieut.-Col. Bolton, Grant, Guy (on leave), Millen, Needham, O'Keefe, and Pearce (on leave).

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the Senate