

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 129.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, 2ND 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—
 Defence : Permanent Naval and Military Officers receiving £400 a year and over on 1st August, 1914, and on 1st August, 1919.—Return.
 Pursuant to Statute—
 Deceased Soldiers' Estates Act 1918.—Regulations Amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 223.
 Defence Act 1903–1918.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 214—No. 218—No. 220—No. 221—No. 222.
 Post and Telegraph Act 1901–1916.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 192—No. 193—No. 209—No. 210—No. 226—No. 227.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
5. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS : PRECEDENCE.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell), pursuant to notice, moved—That during the remainder of the present session, Government Business, unless otherwise ordered, take precedence of all other business on the Notice Paper, except questions and formal motions.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—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.
 Question—put and passed.
7. NAURU ISLAND AGREEMENT 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.

The Senate divided—
Ayes, 18.

Senator Bakhap.
Buzacott.
Crawford.
de Largie.
Earle.
Fairbairn.
Givens.
Guthrie.
Henderson.
Keating.
Lynch.
Mulcahy.
Newland.
Reid.
Russell.
Senior.
Thomas.

Teller.

Senator Plain.

Noes, 4.

Senator Ferricks.
Gardiner.
Shannon.

Teller.

Senator Maughan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 Shannon, 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.

8. 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 eleven p.m. till to-morrow at eleven a.m.

9. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Barnes, Lieut.-Col. Bolton, Grant, Guy (on leave), Millen, Needham, O'Keefe, Lieut.-Col. O'Loughlin, and Pearce (on leave).

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the Senate.