

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 133.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1919.

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

2. PRAYERS.

3. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—Senator Newland brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, viz. :—

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and an Appendix, relating to the proposed erection of Commonwealth Note Printing Offices.

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

Pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act 1901-1916—

Proclamation, dated 1st October, 1919, prohibiting exportation (except under certain conditions) of Animal Fertilizers and Superphosphates, &c.

Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 238.

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1905.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 233.

Defence Act 1903-1918.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 245.

Lands Acquisition Act 1906-1916.—Land acquired at Ivanhoe, Victoria—For War Service Homes purposes.

5. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION WITHDRAWN.—Notice of Motion No. 4, Private Business, was withdrawn.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—INCOME TAX BILL 1919.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 105.*The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to impose Taxes upon Incomes,*" with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,

*Speaker.*House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 9th October, 1919.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Income Tax Bill 1919 being passed through all its stages without delay.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9. INCOME TAX BILL 1919.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) moved—That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time, and second reading made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (LEGISLATIVE POWERS) BILL.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 106.*The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate that it has agreed to the amendments made by the Senate in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to alter Section fifty-one of the Constitution.*"

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,

*Speaker.*House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1919.

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11. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (NATIONALIZATION OF MONOPOLIES) BILL.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 107.

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate that it has agreed to the amendment made by the Senate in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution.*"

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1919.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

12. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1919.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell), according to Order, moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Senator Pratten moved an amendment, viz., leave out all the words after the word "That" and insert "the Bill is unsatisfactory to the Senate inasmuch as it does not provide for Proportional Representation."

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—That the words proposed to be left out be left out—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 6.

Senator Bakhap.
Barnes.
Keating.
O'Keefe.
Pratten.

Teller.

Senator Needham.

Noes, 19.

Senator Bolton, Lieut.-Col.
Buzacott.
de Largie.
Foll.
Gardiner.
Givens.
Grant.
Henderson.
Lynch.
McDougall.
Mulcahy.
Newland.
Plain.
Reid.
Russell.
Senior.
Shannon.
Thomas.

Teller.

Senator Earle.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The Senate divided.

Ayes, 19.

Senator Bakhap.
Bolton, Lieut.-Col.
Buzacott.
Earle.
Foll.
Givens.
Henderson.
Keating.
Lynch.
Mulcahy.
Newland.
Plain.
Pratten.
Reid.
Russell.
Senior.
Shannon.
Thomas.

Teller.

Senator de Largie.

Noes, 6.

Senator Barnes.
Gardiner.
Grant.
Needham.
O'Keefe.

Teller.

Senator McDougall.

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.

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 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.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—LAND TAX BILL 1919.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 108.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Land Tax Act 1918,'*" with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 15th October, 1919.

Bill read a first time, and second reading made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—ENTERTAINMENTS TAX BILL 1919.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 109.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Entertainments Tax Act 1916-1918,'*" with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 15th October, 1919.

Bill read a first time, and second reading made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

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

Pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act 1906-1916.—Land acquired at Carnegie, Victoria—For War Service Homes purposes.

16. 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-four minutes to eleven p.m., till to-morrow at three p.m.

17. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Barker, Maughan, Millen, Lieut.-Col. O'Loughlin, Pearce (on leave), and Col. Rowell.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the Senate.