

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 135.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

FRIDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1919.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at eleven a.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. PRAYERS.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
4. POSTPONEMENT.—Ordered—That Private Business, Order of the Day No. 3, be postponed until the next day of sitting.
5. PAPER.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) laid on the Table the following Paper, viz. :—
By Command—
Economies Royal Commission : First Progress Report.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—TREATY OF PEACE BILL.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—
MR. PRESIDENT, Message No. 111.
The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to carry into effect the Treaty of Peace with Germany*," with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.
House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1919. W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.
7. 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 Treaty of Peace Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
8. TREATY OF PEACE BILL.—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.
9. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—LOAN BILL 1919.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—
MR. PRESIDENT, Message No. 112.
The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of the sum of One million one hundred and seven thousand six hundred and two pounds for certain purposes*," with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.
House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1919. W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.
10. 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 Loan Bill 1919 being passed through all its stages without delay.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
11. LOAN 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.

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12. NAURU ISLAND AGREEMENT BILL.—The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Schedule further considered.

Schedule postponed.

Postponed clause 3 again read—

Senator Pratten moved an amendment viz. :—at end of clause add “Provided that the amount of compensation to be paid under Article 8 be ratified by Parliament.”

Debate ensued.

At one p.m. the sitting of the Committee was suspended till half-past two p.m.

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

Question—That the words proposed to be added be added—put.

Committee divided—

Ayes, 7.

Senator Barnes.

Fericks.

Gardiner.

Newland.

Pratten.

Shannon.

Teller.

Senator Needham.

Noes, 12.

Senator Bakhap.

Bolton, Lieut.-Col.

Buzacott.

Crawford.

Earle.

Fairbairn.

Guthrie.

Henderson.

Mulcahy.

Russell.

Senior.

Teller.

Senator de Largie.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Debate on clause continued.

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 further considered the Bill and had made progress, and asked leave to sit again. Ordered—That the Committee have leave to sit again on the next day of sitting.

13. NEXT MEETING OF SENATE.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till Tuesday next at three p.m.

Question—put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 113.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906-1915’*,” with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1919.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

15. 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 Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

16. REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL.—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.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (EXPEDITIONARY FORCES) BILL.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 114.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to apply the Imperial Act known as the ‘Matrimonial Causes (Dominion Troops) Act 1919’ to the Commonwealth of Australia*,” with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1919.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

18. **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 Matrimonial Causes (Expeditionary Forces) Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and passed.

19. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (EXPEDITIONARY FORCES) BILL.**—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.

20. **MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—DECEASED SOLDIERS' ESTATES BILL 1919.**—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 115.

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

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1919.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

21. **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 Deceased Soldiers' Estates Bill 1919 being passed through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and passed.

22. **DECEASED SOLDIERS' ESTATES 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.

23. **MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—SUGAR INDUSTRY COMMISSION BILL.**—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 116.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to facilitate the proceedings of the Royal Commission appointed to hold an Inquiry into the Sugar Industry in Australia,*" with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1919.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

24. **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 Sugar Industry Commission Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and passed.

25. **SUGAR INDUSTRY COMMISSION BILL.**—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.

26. **MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—NAVIGATION BILL.**—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 117.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend Sections One, Two, Six and Seven of the 'Navigation Act 1912,'*" with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1919.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

27. **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 Navigation Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and passed.

28. **NAVIGATION BILL.**—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.

29. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 118.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Customs under Tariff Proposals*," with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

Melbourne, 17th October, 1919.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,

Speaker.

30. 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 Customs Tariff Validation Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

31. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL.—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.

32. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 119.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of Collections of Duties of Excise under Tariff Proposals*," with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

Melbourne, 17th October, 1919.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,

Speaker.

33. 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 Excise Tariff Validation Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

34. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL.—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.

35. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—TASMANIAN LOAN REDEMPTION BILL.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 120.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to authorize the raising of moneys for paying off, repurchasing or redeeming certain Debentures issued by the State of Tasmania*," with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

Melbourne, 17th October, 1919.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,

Speaker.

36. 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 Tasmanian Loan Redemption Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

37. TASMANIAN LOAN REDEMPTION BILL.—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.

38. 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 four p.m. till Tuesday next at three p.m.

39. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Barker, Foll, Grant, Maughan, McDougall, Millen, Pearce (on leave), and Col. Rowell.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the Senate.