

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 136.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

TUESDAY, 21st OCTOBER, 1919.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. PRAYERS.
3. THE LATE HONORABLE ALFRED DEAKIN.—The President informed the Senate that he had received from Miss Deakin a letter expressing the gratitude of her mother and family for the generous words said in the Senate in regard to her father.
4. PAPERS.—The President laid on the Table the following Paper, viz.:—
 Auditor-General—Special Report on Amendment of the Audit Act and Position and Status of the Auditor-General.
 The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) laid on the Table the following Paper, viz.:—
 Pursuant to Statute—
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act 1911.—Award, dated 23rd September, 1919, of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and other documents, in connexion with plaint submitted by the Commonwealth Engine-Drivers and Firemen's Association of Australia.
5. ADJOURNMENT TO DEBATE MATTER OF URGENCY.—Senator Ferricks, in order to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The Administration of the Northern Territory," moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till to-morrow at 9 a.m.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
6. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
7. PAPER.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) laid on the Table the following Paper, viz.:—
 By Command—
 Naval Defence: Report of Admiral of the Fleet Viscount Jellicoe of Scapa, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., on Naval Mission to the Commonwealth of Australia, May-August, 1919.
8. NAURU ISLAND AGREEMENT BILL.—The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Postponed clause 3 further considered.

Senator Gardiner moved an amendment, viz., at end of clause add—

“(a) In any agreement entered into the interests of the natives shall be considered and full justice done to them.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Debate on clause continued.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Postponed Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The President resumed the Chair; and Senator Shannon, from the Committee, reported accordingly. Whereupon the Senate adopted such Report.

9. 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 Nauru Island Agreement Bill being passed through its remaining stages without delay.
 Question—put and passed.

10. NAURU ISLAND AGREEMENT BILL.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 17.

Senator Bakhap.
Bolton, Lieut.-Col.
Buzacott.
Earle.
Fairbairn.
Givens.
Guthrie.
Keating.
Lynch.
Mulcahy.
Newland.
Plain.
Reid.
Rowell, Colonel.
Russell.
Senior.

Noes, 8.

Senator Barnes.
Foll.
Gardiner.
Maughan.
O'Loughlin, Lieut.-Col.
Pratten.
Shannon.

Teller.

Senator Ferricks.

Teller.

Senator de Largie.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time and passed.

At half-past six p.m. the sitting of the Senate was suspended till eight p.m.

Sitting, interrupted by the suspension, resumed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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—3 agreed to.
Clause 4 debated and agreed to.
Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.
Clause 7 debated and agreed to.
Clause 8 debated and agreed to.
First Schedule debated and agreed to.
Second, Third and Fourth Schedules agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without requests.

The President resumed the Chair; and Senator Shannon, from the Committee, reported accordingly. Whereupon the Senate adopted such Report.

Senator Russell moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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.
Title agreed to.
Bill to be reported without requests.

The President resumed the Chair; and Senator Shannon, from the Committee, reported accordingly. Whereupon the Senate adopted such Report.

13. 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 Land Tax Bill 1919 being passed through its remaining stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

14. **LAND TAX BILL 1919.**—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and passed.
Bill read a third time and passed.
15. **ENTERTAINMENTS TAX BILL 1919.**—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell), according to Order, moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
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—

Senator Gardiner moved—That the House of Representatives be requested to amend the Bill by leaving out all words in column 1 from "Not exceeding" to "one penny" first occurring in column 2.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Committee divided—

Ayes, 4.

Senator Barnes.
Gardiner.
O'Keefe.

Teller.

Senator O'Loghlin, Lieut.-Col.

Noes, 18.

Senator Bolton, Lieut.-Col.
Buzacott.
Earle.
Fairbairn.
Foll.
Guthrie.
Henderson.
Keating.
Lynch.
Mulcahy.
Newland.
Plain.
Reid.
Rowell, Colonel.
Russell.
Senior.
Shannon.

Teller.

Senator de Largie.

Request for amendment negatived accordingly.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without requests.

The President resumed the Chair; and Senator Newland, from the Committee, reported accordingly. Whereupon the Senate adopted such Report.

16. **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 Entertainments Tax Bill 1919 being passed through its remaining stages without delay.
Question—put and passed.
17. **ENTERTAINMENTS TAX BILL 1919.**—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and passed.
Bill read a third time and passed.
18. **PAPER.**—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) laid on the Table the following Paper, viz. :—
By Command—
Economies Royal Commission : Postmaster-General's Review of First Progress Report, so far as the Postal Department is concerned.
19. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Senate adjourned at thirteen minutes to eleven p.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.
20. **ATTENDANCE.**—Present, all the Members except Senators Barker, Crawford, Grant, McDougall, Millen, Needham, Pearce (on leave), and Thomas.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the Senate.