

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 137.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1919.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. PRAYERS.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1919.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 121.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918,'*" and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 22nd October, 1919.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

5. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1919-20.—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.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 debated and agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Schedule read—

Senator Grant moved—That the House of Representatives be requested to amend the Bill by increasing the sum of £1,700 provided under Subdivision No. 2, Federal Capital Territory, to £250,000.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Committee divided—

Ayes, 7.

Senator Ferricks.
Gardiner.
Guy.
Maughan.
McDougall.
O'Keefe.

Teller.

Senator Grant.

Noes, 17.

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

Teller.

Senator de Largie.

Request for amendment negatived accordingly.

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Schedule further considered and agreed to.

Preamble 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.

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

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

6. TREATY OF PEACE 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—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 18.

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

Noes, 7.

Senator Barnes.
Ferricks.
Gardiner.
Grant.
O'Keefe.
O'Loughlin, Lieut.-Col.

Teller.

Senator McDougall.

Teller.

Senator de Largie.

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 agreed to.

Clause 2 read—

Senator Keating moved an amendment, viz., line 14, leave out "and orders".

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Question—That clause 2 stand as amended—put.

Committee divided—

Ayes, 17.

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

Noes, 7.

Senator Barnes.
Ferricks.
Gardiner.
Grant.
McDougall.
O'Loughlin, Lieut.-Col.

Teller.

O'Keefe.

Teller.

Senator de Largie.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Clause 3 read—

Senator O'Loughlin moved an amendment, viz., line 22, leave out "Five".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word proposed to be left out be left out—put.

Committee divided—

Ayes, 8.

Senator Barnes.
 Ferricks.
 Gardiner.
 Grant.
 McDougall.
 O'Loughlin, Lieut.-Col.
 Pratten.

Teller.

Senator O'Keefe.

Noes, 13.

Senator Bolton, Lieut.-Col.
 Buzacott.
 Earle.
 Guthrie.
 Keating.
 Lynch.
 Mulcahy.
 Newland.
 Reid.
 Russell.
 Senior.
 Shannon.

Teller.

Senator de Largie.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Senator Keating moved—That the following new clause be added to the Bill:—

"4. This Act and the Regulations made under the authority of this Act shall continue in operation until the thirty-first day of December 1920 and no longer."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the proposed new clause be added to the Bill—put.

Committee divided—

Ayes, 8.

Senator Bakhap.
 Barnes.
 Grant.
 Keating.
 McDougall.
 Mulcahy.
 Pratten.

Teller.

Senator O'Loughlin, Lieut.-Col.

Noes, 10.

Senator Bolton, Lieut.-Col.
 Buzacott
 Earle.
 Lynch.
 Newland.
 Reid.
 Russell.
 Senior.
 Shannon.

Teller.

Senator de Largie.

Proposed new clause negatived accordingly.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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.

7. NEXT MEETING OF SENATE.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till eleven a.m. to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

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 five minutes past eleven p.m. till to-morrow at eleven a.m.

9. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Barker, Crawford, Millen, Needham, and Pearce (on leave).

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the Senate.