

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 138.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1919.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at eleven a.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. PRAYERS.
3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 68.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) moved—That Standing Order No. 68 be suspended for the remainder of the Session.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the Senate.
4. PAPERS.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) laid on the Table the following Papers,
viz. :—
Pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act 1906–1916.—Land acquired at Prahran, Victoria—For Repatriation purposes.
Public Service Act 1902–1918.—Appointments, Promotions, &c.—
H. H. Ford and W. G. Bones, Department of the Treasury.
J. R. Watson, Department of Trade and Customs.
5. ADJOURNMENT TO DEBATE MATTER OF URGENCY.—Senator Gardiner, in order to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz., “Industrial trouble likely to arise in connexion with shipping matters,” moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till 10 a.m. on Friday next.
Debate ensued.

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

Debate, interrupted by the suspension of the sitting, resumed.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
6. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL (WAR-TIME) BILL.—
The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—
MR. PRESIDENT, Message No. 122.
The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to the method of voting by Members of the Forces at Elections and Referendums, and for other purposes,*” with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.
House of Representatives, W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Melbourne, 22nd October, 1919. Speaker.
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 Commonwealth Electoral (War-time) Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.
Question—put and passed.
9. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL (WAR-TIME) 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 a later hour of the day.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 123.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to ratify an Agreement for the Variation of the Agreement for the Surrender and Acceptance of the Northern Territory, and to amend the 'Northern Territory Acceptance Act 1910'*," with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

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

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

11. 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 Northern Territory Acceptance Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

12. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE 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 a later hour of the day.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—LEGAL PROCEEDINGS CONTROL BILL.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 124.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to certain Legal Proceedings*," with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

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

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

14. 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 Legal Proceedings Control Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

15. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS CONTROL 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 a later hour of the day.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1919.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 125.

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

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1919, a.m.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

17. 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 War Service Homes Bill 1919 being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

18. WAR SERVICE HOMES 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 a later hour of the day.

19. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—LOANS SECURITIES BILL.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 126.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to authorize the issue of Securities in relation to Loans and for other purposes in connexion therewith*," with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1919, a.m.

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

20. 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 Loans Securities Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

21. **LOANS SECURITIES 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 a later hour of the day.
22. **MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—TERMINATION OF THE PRESENT WAR (DEFINITION) BILL.**—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—
MR. PRESIDENT, *Message No. 127.*
The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make provision for determining the Date of the Termination of the Present War and for purposes connected therewith,*" with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.
W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.
House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1919, a.m.
23. **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 Termination of the Present War (Definition) Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
24. **TERMINATION OF THE PRESENT WAR (DEFINITION) 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 a later hour of the day.
25. **MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—LAND, MINING, SHARES AND SHIPPING BILL.**—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—
MR. PRESIDENT, *Message No. 128.*
The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to continue in force for a limited time the War Precautions (Enemy Shareholders) Regulations, the War Precautions (Land Transfer) Regulations, the War Precautions (Mining) Regulations, and the War Precautions (Shipping) Regulations,*" with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.
W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.
House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1919, a.m.
26. **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, Mining, Shares and Shipping Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The Senate divided—

Ayes, 17.

Senator Bolton, Lieut.-Col.
Buzacott.
de Largie.
Fairbairn.
Foll.
Guthrie.
Henderson.
Lynch.
Mulcahy.
Newland.
Plain.
Rowell, Colonel.
Russell.
Senior.
Shannon.
Thomas.

Teller.

Senator Earle.

Noes, 10.

Senator Bakhap.
Gardiner.
Grant.
Guy.
Keating.
Maughan.
O'Keefe.
O'Loughlin, Lieut.-Col.
Pratten.

Teller.

Senator McDougall.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

27. **LAND, MINING, SHARES AND SHIPPING 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 a later hour of the day.

28. **LOAN 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.
Schedule debated and 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.

29. **REFERENDUM (CONSTITUTION ALTERATION) BILL.**—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 1-10 agreed to.
Clauses 11 and 12 debated and agreed to.
Clauses 13-22 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.

30. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (EXPEDITIONARY FORCES) BILL.**—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.
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.
Senator Russell moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put and passed.
Bill read a third time and passed.

31. **SUGAR INDUSTRY COMMISSION BILL.**—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.
Preamble debated and 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.

32. NAVIGATION BILL.—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.

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

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

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clauses 3-6 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.

33. CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL.—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.

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.

34. EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL.—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.

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.

35. TASMANIAN LOAN REDEMPTION BILL.—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 1-3 agreed to.
 Clause 4 debated and agreed to.
 Clauses 5 and 6 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.

36. DECEASED SOLDIERS' ESTATES BILL 1919.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell), according to Order, moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 On motion of Senator O'Keefe the debate was adjourned.
 Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.
37. NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCEPTANCE BILL.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell), according to Order, moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 On motion of Senator Gardiner the debate was adjourned.
 Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.
38. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL (WAR-TIME) BILL.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell), according to Order, moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 On motion of Senator Gardiner the debate was adjourned.
 Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.
39. LOANS SECURITIES BILL.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell), according to Order, moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 On motion of Senator Gardiner the debate was adjourned.
 Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.
40. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1919.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell), according to Order, moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
 On motion of Senator Gardiner the debate was adjourned.
 Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.
41. PAPERS.—The Acting Minister for Defence (Senator Russell) laid on the Table the following Papers, viz. :—
 By Command—
 Economies Royal Commission: Auditor-General's reply to First Progress Report, so far as it relates to his Administration.
 Pursuant to Statute—
 Arbitration (Public Service) Act 1911.—Order of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, and other documents, in connexion with variation of an award in the case of the Australian Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association—dated 3rd October, 1919.
 Commonwealth Railways Act 1917.—By-law No. 11.
 Seamen's Compensation Act 1911.—Regulations amended, &c.—Statutory Rules 1919, No. 244.
42. 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 thirteen minutes to eleven p.m. till to-morrow at eleven a.m.
43. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Barker, Crawford, Millen, Needham, and Pearce (on leave).

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the Senate.