

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 12.

## JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1920.

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

2. PRAYERS.

3. PAPERS.—The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) laid on the Table the following Papers, viz. :—

By Command—

Elections and Referendums—Statistical Returns in relation to the Senate Election, 1919 ; the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1919 ; and the submission to the Electors of Proposed Laws for the alteration of the Constitution, entitled (1) *Constitution Alteration (Legislative Powers)* 1919 ; (2) *Constitution Alteration (Nationalization of Monopolies)* 1919 ; together with Summaries of Elections and Referendums, 1903–1919.

Elections, 1919—Statistical Returns showing the Voting within each Subdivision in relation to the Senate Election, 1919, and the General Elections for the House of Representatives, 1919, viz. :—

New South Wales.  
Queensland.  
South Australia.  
Tasmania.  
Victoria.  
Western Australia.

Papers presented to British Parliament—

Income Tax—Royal Commission—Minutes of Evidence with Appendices—  
Sixth Instalment.  
Seventh Instalment.

Pursuant to Statute—

Commercial Activities Act.—Regulations.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 54.

Papua.—Ordinances of 1919—

No. 2.—Roman Catholic Mission Property.  
No. 3.—War Precautions (Validating).  
No. 4.—Prisons.  
No. 6.—Customs Tariff.

Public Service Act—

Appointments and Promotions—  
Prime Minister's Department—  
W. E. Dunk.  
N. J. O'Heare.

Department of the Treasury—G. G. M. Pain.

Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 43.

War Service Homes Act.—Land acquired for War Service Homes purposes at—  
Spotswood, Victoria.

Waratah, New South Wales.

War Precautions Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 2—No. 52.

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4. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—WAR GRATUITY BILL.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 2.*

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

W. ELLIOT JOHNSON,  
*Speaker.*

House of Representatives,  
Melbourne, 14th April, 1920.

5. WAR GRATUITY BILL.—The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) 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.
6. ADJOURNMENT TO DEBATE MATTER OF URGENCY.—Senator Pratten, in order to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The Wool Position," moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till ten a.m. to-morrow.  
And, at the termination of thirty minutes, Senator Pratten not having concluded his speech—  
The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as limits the proposer of the motion to thirty minutes, and that he be allowed such time as is necessary to complete his speech.  
Question—put and passed, there being an absolute majority of the whole number of Senators present, and no dissentient voice.  
Senator Pratten continued his speech.  
Debate ensued.  
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
7. PAPER.—The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) laid on the Table the following Paper, viz. :—  
Pursuant to Statute—  
Defence Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 45.
8. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE CANTEENS FUNDS BILL.—The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce), pursuant to leave granted on the 25th March, 1920, brought up a Bill for an Act to make provision for the administration and disposal of the funds of Australian Imperial Force Canteens, and for other purposes.  
Bill read a first time, and second reading made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—The Senate adjourned at three minutes to five p.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.
10. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Barnes, Ferricks, Guy (on leave), Lynch, Maughan, McDougall, Millen, Mulcahy, and O'Keefe.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,  
*Clerk of the Senate.*