

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 16.

## JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, 22ND APRIL, 1920.

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

2. PRAYERS.

3. PAPERS.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) laid on the Table the following Paper, viz.:—

By Command—

Treaty of Peace between the Allied and Associated Powers and Germany—Index. (Paper presented to British Parliament.)

The Clerk of the Senate laid on the Table the following Paper, viz.:—

Return to Order of the Senate of 25th March, 1920—

Royal Commissions—*Personnel* and Cost.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE: FIRST REPORT.—Senator Newland brought up the following Report from the Printing Committee:—

## REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the House of Representatives.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petition and Papers presented to Parliament, recommend that the following be printed:—

Audit Act—Finance 1918-19—Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure during year ended 30th June, 1919, together with report of Auditor-General thereon.

Norfolk Island.—Report of the Administrator for the year ended 30th June, 1919.

Commonwealth Bank Act—Aggregate Balance-sheet at 31st December, 1919, together with Auditor-General's report thereon.

\*Shipbuilding—Agreements between the Commonwealth and (a) William Beardmore and Co. Ltd. and (b) Vickers Ltd. in connexion with construction of ships in Great Britain.

\*Presented to House of Representatives only.

Senate Committee Room,  
22nd April, 1920.

J. NEWLAND,  
for Chairman.

5. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Senator Crawford, pursuant to notice, moved—That two months' leave of absence be granted to Senator Ferricks on account of urgent private business.  
Question—put and passed.

7. LANDS ACQUISITION BILL.—The Vice-President of the Executive Council (Senator Russell), pursuant to notice, moved—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend the *Lands Acquisition Act* 1906-1916.  
Question—put and passed.

8. WAR GRATUITY BILL.—Order of the Day read for the consideration of the Bill, as reported. The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) moved—That the Report be adopted. Senator Barnes moved—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 3. Question—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 3—put and passed.

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The Senate resolved itself into a Committee accordingly.

In the Committee.

Clause 3 reconsidered—

Senator Barnes moved—That the House of Representatives be requested to amend the clause by adding the following new paragraph after paragraph (f), viz. :—

“(g) any person who was attached to a battle unit and was frequently under fire while carrying out his duties.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Committee divided—

Ayes, 3.

Senator Gardiner.  
O’Loghlin,

Teller.

Senator Barnes.

Noes, 17.

Senator Buzacott.  
Earle.  
Fairbairn.  
Guthrie.  
Henderson.  
Keating.  
Millen.  
Newland.  
Pearce.  
Pratten.  
Reid.  
Rowell.  
Russell.  
Senior.  
Shannon.  
Thomas.

Teller.

Senator de Largie.

Request for amendment negatived accordingly.

Bill to be reported without further amendment.

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

9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS.—The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the War Gratuity Bill being passed through its remaining stages without delay.  
Question—put and passed, there being an absolute majority of the whole number of Senators present, and no dissentient voice.

10. WAR GRATUITY BILL.—The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.  
Bill read a third time and passed.

11. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE CANTEENS FUNDS BILL.—The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Consideration resumed of clause 4 and the amendment moved thereon, viz., line 5, leave out “trustees appointed by or under this Act”.

Question—put.

Committee divided—

Ayes, 6.

Senator Gardiner.  
Newland.  
Pratten.  
Senior.  
Thomas.

Teller.

Senator Foll.

Noes, 13.

Senator Buzacott.  
Earle.  
Fairbairn.  
Givens.  
Guthrie.  
Henderson.  
Millen.  
Pearce.  
Plain.  
Reid.  
Russell.  
Shannon.

Teller.

Senator de Largie.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 read—

Senator Gardiner moved an amendment, viz., lines 7 and 8, leave out “The President for the time being of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia.”

Amendment negatived.

Senator Pratten moved an amendment, viz., after line 16 insert “together with a representative from each State other than Victoria.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Committee divided—

Ayes, 5.  
Senator Gardiner.  
Keating.  
Newland.  
Pratten.

Teller.  
Senator Foll.

Noes, 14.  
Senator Buzacott.  
Earle.  
Fairbairn.  
Guthrie.  
Henderson.  
Millen.  
Pearce.  
Plain.  
Reid.  
Rowell.  
Russell.  
Shannon.  
Thomas.

Teller.  
Senator de Largie.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

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 at a later hour of the day.

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

Sitting, interrupted by the suspension, resumed.

12. POSTPONEMENT.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Private Business, be postponed till this day fortnight.
13. PAPER TO BE PRINTED.—Senator Foll moved—That the Paper, “Royal Commissions—*Personnel* and Cost : Return,” laid on the Table of the Senate this day, be printed.  
Question—put and passed.
14. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE CANTEENS FUNDS BILL.—The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clause 5 further considered—

On motion of the Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce), the following amendment was made. viz., after sub-clause (1.) insert the following new sub-clause :—

“(1A.) The trustees shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor-General.”

Clause 5, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 6-10 agreed to.

Postponed clause 2 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. Ordered—That the Bill, as reported, be considered to-morrow.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.  
The Senate adjourned at fourteen minutes past eight p.m. till to-morrow at eleven a.m.
16. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Bakhap, Barker, Bolton, Ferricks (on leave), Grant, Guy (on leave), Lynch, Maughan, McDougall (on leave), Mulcahy (on leave), and Needham.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,  
Clerk of the Senate.