

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 31.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, 1ST JULY, 1920.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., in accordance with the terms of the Resolution of the Senate passed on the 27th May, 1920.

2. APPROACH OF THE DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—The approach of the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-General was announced by the Usher of the Black Rod.
The Honorable Isaac Alfred Isaacs, a Justice of the High Court of Australia, the Deputy of His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Ronald Craufurd Munro Ferguson, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, entered the Chamber and took his seat on the dais.

3. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH OR AFFIRMATION.—The Deputy addressed the Senate as follows :—
GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE :

His Excellency the Governor-General, not thinking fit to be present in person at this time, has been pleased to cause Letters Patent to issue under the Great Seal of the Commonwealth constituting me his Deputy to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Honorable Senators, as will more fully appear from the Letters Patent which will now be read.

The Clerk then read the Commission, as follows :—

His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir RONALD CRAUFURD MUNRO FERGUSON, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia.

To the Honorable ISAAC ALFRED ISAACS, a Justice of the High Court of Australia.

GREETING :

WHEREAS by the forty-second Section of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, it is enacted that every Senator and every Member of the House of Representatives shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Governor-General, or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the aforesaid Constitution:

NOW THEREFORE I, the Governor-General aforesaid, do by these presents command and authorize you to attend at Parliament House, Melbourne, on Thursday, the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and twenty, at three o'clock p.m., there and then to administer the Oath or Affirmation to such Senators as are present and have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the Senate.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, this twenty-eighth day of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty.

(L.S.)

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

GEO. H. WISE,

for the Prime Minister.

4. NEW SENATORS: WRITS AND CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION.—The Clerk produced the Writs and Certificates of Return for the Members elected to serve in the Senate from and after 1st July, 1920, by which it appeared that the following were elected Senators, in the order as shown, for their respective States :—

New South Wales—

Charles Frederick Cox,
Walter Leslie Duncan,
Albert Gardiner.

Queensland—

John Adamson,
Thomas Givens,
Thomas William Glasgow.

South Australia—

Benjamin Benny,
John Newland,
Reginald Victor Wilson.

Tasmania—

John Dunlop Millen,
George Matthew Foster,
Herbert James Mockford Payne.

Victoria—

Harold Edward Elliott,
James Francis Guthrie,
Edward John Russell.

Western Australia—

George Foster Pearce,
Patrick Joseph Lynch,
Edmund Alfred Drake-Brockman.

The Deputy requested honorable Senators to come to the Table to be sworn as their names were called.

And thereupon the Senators elected (except Senators Foster and Pearce, who were not present) made and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, as provided under the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act.

The Deputy then retired.

5. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen), addressing the Clerk of the Senate by name (who, standing up, pointed to him and then sat down), reminded the Senate that the time had now come when it was necessary for the Senate to choose some Member of the Senate to be its President.

Whereupon Senator Bakhap, addressing the Clerk of the Senate by name (who, standing up, pointed to him and then sat down), moved—That Senator Thomas Givens do take the Chair of this Senate as President.

Which motion was seconded by Senator Buzacott.

Debate ensued.

And thereupon, only one Senator being proposed, Senator Givens, having first submitted himself to the Senate, was conducted to the Chair.

The President elect then expressed his thanks to the Senate for the honour conferred upon him, and took the Chair, and was congratulated by Senator Millen and Senator Gardiner.

Senator Millen acquainted the Senate that His Excellency the Governor-General would forthwith, in the Library, receive the President.

The sitting of the Senate was thereupon, at a quarter to four p.m., suspended until five minutes past four p.m.

The Senate having resumed, the President reported that, accompanied by members of the Senate, he had this day presented himself to His Excellency the Governor-General, who had been pleased to congratulate him upon his re-appointment as President.

6. PRAYERS.

7. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGES.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. President :—

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 5.

A Bill intituled "*Parliamentary Allowances Act 1920*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Federal Government House,
Melbourne, 22nd May, 1920.

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

Message No. 6.

The following Bills intituled :—

Oil Agreement Act 1920,
Committee of Public Accounts Act 1920,
Appropriation Act 1919-20,
Supply Act (No. 1) 1920-21,
War Gratuity Act (No. 2) 1920,
War Loan Act 1920,

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Acts.

Federal Government House,
Melbourne, 29th May, 1920.

8. ADDRESS TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.—The President informed the Senate that in the album containing the Address of the Senate to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales he had placed a copy of a flashlight photograph taken on the occasion of the presentation of the address. He read the following letter which he had received from the Secretary to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales :—

“Melbourne, 12th June, 1920.

The President of the Senate,
Parliament House,
Melbourne.

Mr. President,

I am directed by the Prince of Wales to acknowledge with sincere thanks the beautifully bound and illuminated album containing the Address of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia. His Royal Highness has been much interested in the photograph which you have had inserted upon the blank page, and thoroughly approves the idea of adding it to the album.

Will you please convey his cordial acknowledgments to all Honorable Members of the Senate?

I am,

Your obedient servant,

E. W. M. GRIGG, Lieutenant-Colonel,

Secretary to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.”

9. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: RESIGNATION OF THE RIGHT HON. W. A. WATT OF POSITION AS TREASURER OF THE COMMONWEALTH.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen), by leave, made a statement to the Senate as to the resignation of the Right Hon. W. A. Watt of his position as Treasurer of the Commonwealth.
10. PAPERS.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) laid on the Table the following Papers, viz. :—
- By Command—
- Economies Royal Commission.—Comments by certain officers on First Progress Report ; also comments by the Hon. W. Webster and the Hon. G. H. Wise in connexion with the reports of officers of the Postmaster-General's Department.
- Income Tax and Estate Duty, Financial Year 1918-19.—Particulars of amounts paid, &c.
- Income Tax—Royal Commission.—Index to the seven instalments of the Minutes of Evidence and Appendices. (Paper presented to British Parliament.)
- Protocol signed by Germany, 10th January, 1920, at Paris.
- Procès-Verbal of the Deposit of Ratifications of the Treaty with Poland, signed at Versailles, 28th June, 1919.
- Procès-Verbal of the Deposit of Ratifications of the Treaty of Peace with Germany, signed at Versailles, 28th June, 1919.
- Declaration modifying the agreement of 10th September, 1919, between the Allied and Associated Powers with regard to the cost of liberation of the Territories of the former Austro-Hungarian monarchy, signed at Paris, 8th December, 1919.
- Declaration modifying the agreement of 10th September, 1919, between the Allied and Associated Powers with regard to the Italian Reparation payments, signed at Paris, 8th December, 1919.
- Convention for the control of the trade in arms and ammunition, together with Protocol, signed at Saint-Germain-en-Laye, 10th September, 1919.
- Convention relating to the liquor traffic in Africa, together with Protocol, signed at Saint-Germain-en-Laye, 10th September, 1919.
- Peace Treaty with Roumania, signed at Paris, 9th December, 1919.

Pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act.—Land acquired at—
Cottesloe, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.
Lismore, Victoria—For Postal purposes.
Quairading, Western Australia—For Postal purposes.

Northern Territory.—

Ordinance No. 13 of 1919.—Supreme Court (No. 2).
Ordinances of 1920—

No. 2.—Birds Protection.

No. 4.—Dog.

No. 5.—Pastoral Leases.

Papua.—Ordinance No. 11 of 1919.—Native Taxes.

Public Service Act—

Appointments and Promotions—

F. L. Jones, Prime Minister's Department.

R. A. Harrison, Department of the Treasury.

F. Tooth, Department of Trade and Customs.

Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 84—No. 98.

War Gratuity Act.—Regulations.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 85.

War Service Homes Act.—Land acquired at—
 Alexandria, New South Wales.
 Goulburn, New South Wales.
 Ipswich, Queensland.
 Moonah, Tasmania.
 Normanhurst, New South Wales.

War-time Profits Tax Assessment Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 76.

Defence Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 77—No. 79—No. 83—No. 88—No. 90—No. 91—No. 96.

Naval Defence Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 47—No. 48—No. 49—No. 51—No. 58—No. 81.

War Precautions Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 94.

Wireless Telegraphy Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 68.

The Vice-President of the Executive Council (Senator Russell) laid on the Table the following Papers, viz. :—

Pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act—

Proclamation, dated 19th May, 1920, revoking previous proclamations relating to the exportation of certain goods.

Proclamation, dated 19th May, 1920, revoking so much of proclamation of 29th November, 1916, as relates to the exportation of High-speed Tool Steel.

Proclamation, dated 19th May, 1920, revoking so much of proclamation of 17th October, 1917, as relates to the exportation of Manufactures of Metals.

Proclamation, dated 19th May, 1920, prohibiting exportation (except under certain conditions) of Cheese, and revoking proclamation of 6th November, 1918.

Proclamation prohibiting exportation (except under certain conditions) of Fruit (fresh or preserved), Fruit Pulp, and Jam.

Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 97.

Post and Telegraph Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 29—No. 30—No. 31—No. 37—No. 38—No. 63—No. 70—No. 71—No. 74—No. 75—No. 86—No. 87.

Railways Act.—By-law No. 14.

11. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—Senator Newland brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works :—

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed erection of mobilization and vehicle stores at Seymour, Victoria.

12. NEXT MEETING OF SENATE.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till Wednesday, 21st July instant.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Millen) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at ten minutes to five p.m. till Wednesday, 21st July instant, at three p.m.

14. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Foster, R. S. Guthrie, and Pearce.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the Senate.