

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 43.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH AUGUST, 1920.

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

2. PRAYERS.

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

Pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act.—Land acquired at Liverpool, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Papua.—Ordinance No. 3 of 1920—Aliens, 1919.

Public Service Act.—Promotions.—Department of the Treasury.—P. A. I. O'Brien, D. R. Casey, V. P. B. Williams, T. F. Hiscock, W. J. Mason, R. C. Webster, J. Duffy, L. Walsh, H. Millard, J. L. Menzies, A. P. Hosking, W. J. Ditchburn, R. J. Davis, J. R. Shepherd, J. G. Sowersby, H. I. Furphey, G. H. Thomas.

War Service Homes Act.—Land acquired at—
Daylesford, Victoria.
Gosford, New South Wales.
Wahgunyah, Victoria (two notifications).

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

Pursuant to Statute—

Defence Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 132—No. 133—No. 134—No. 135.

4. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator E. D. Millen), pursuant to notice, moved—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Service Homes Act* 1918–1919.

Question—put and passed.

5. NATIONALITY 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 relating to Nationality and Aliens.

Question—put and passed.

Bill presented and read a first time.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 192.—The Vice-President of the Executive Council (Senator Russell) moved—That Standing Order No. 192 be suspended, so as to enable the second reading of the Nationality Bill to be taken forthwith.

Question—put and passed, there being an absolute majority of the whole number of Senators present, and no dissentient voice.

Ordered—That the second reading of the Bill be taken at a later hour of the day.

7. COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC SERVICE BILL.—The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce), according to Order, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Senator Elliott moved—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 5.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee accordingly.

In the Committee.

Clause 5 reconsidered.

Senator Elliott moved an amendment, viz., page 4, sub-clause (3.), line 48, after “therefor” insert “and if the Board does not agree with the reasons given, it may, if it thinks fit, so inform the Permanent Head and request that the matter be referred to the Minister”, and leave out sub-clause (4.) and insert the following new sub-clauses:—

“(4.) The Minister shall thereupon (unless he shall forthwith order the approval or adoption of such recommendation, report, or suggestion, or unless the Board shall withdraw the same) within fourteen days after its receipt, if the Parliament is then sitting, or if not, then within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament, cause the recommendation, report or suggestion, together with such reasons for its non-approval or non-adoption to be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

(5.) If in the case of a recommendation, report or suggestion, accompanied by such reasons as are above referred to either House of Parliament, within thirty days after the recommendation, report, or suggestion has been laid before both Houses, passes a resolution disapproving of such recommendation, report, or suggestion, such recommendation, report, or suggestion shall not come into force, but otherwise it shall immediately thereafter be carried into effect.

(6.) The Board may, if it thinks fit, although it has withdrawn its recommendation, report, or suggestion as above mentioned, report the matter to both Houses of Parliament either by means of a special report or by inclusion in its annual report.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in line 48 be inserted—put.

Committee divided—

Ayes, 6.

Senator Elliott.
Foll.
Gardiner.
Millen, J. D.
Payne.

Teller.

Senator Wilson.

Noes, 17.

Senator Adamson.
Benny.
Buzacott.
Glasgow, Sir T. W.
Guthrie, J. F.
Henderson.
Keating.
Millen, E. D.
Newland.
Pearce.
Plain.
Reid.
Rowell.
Russell.
Senior.
Thomas.

Teller.

Senator de Largie.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Bill to be reported without further amendment.

The President resumed the Chair ; and Senator Bakhap, from the Committee, reported accordingly.

Question again proposed—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 15.

Senator Bakhap.
de Largie.
Elliott.
Glasgow, Sir T. W.
Henderson.
Keating.
Millen, E. D.
Millen, J. D.
Newland.
Pearce.
Plain.
Reid.
Rowell.
Russell.

Teller.

Senator Benny.

Noes, 5.

Senator Gardiner.
Guthrie, J. F.
Thomas.
Wilson.

Teller.

Senator Payne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time and passed.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—INDUSTRIAL PEACE BILL.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 29.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Industrial Matters, and the Prevention and Settlement of Industrial Disputes,*" with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 18th August, 1920.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

Bill read a first time, and second reading made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

9. NATIONALITY BILL.—The Vice-President of the Executive Council (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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at ten minutes to six p.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.

11. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Bolton, Cox, Drake-Brockman, Duncan, Earle, Fairbairn, Foster, R. S. Guthrie (on leave), Lynch, and Pratten.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the Senate.