

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 51.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1920.

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

2. PRAYERS.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS.—

The Minister for Repatriation (Senator E. D. Millen), by leave, made Statements on the following subjects, viz. :—

(1) Flotation of the Second Peace Loan.

(2) Purchase by Commonwealth Government of Timber Properties in Queensland.

The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce), by leave, made a Statement *re* Price of Crossbred Wool supplied for use in Commonwealth Government Mills.

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

Pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 142—No. 143.

War Service Homes Act.—Land acquired at—

Abermain, New South Wales.

Goulburn, New South Wales.

Tempe, New South Wales.

Weston, New South Wales.

Wollongong, New South Wales.

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

Pursuant to Statute—

Customs Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 149.

5. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

6. BUTTER AGREEMENT BILL.—*Governor-General's Message*.—The following Message from the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. President:—

W. H. IRVINE,

Deputy of the Governor-General.

Message No. 8.

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

Melbourne, 3rd September, 1920.

7. COMMONWEALTH CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—*Message from the House of Representatives*.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 31.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1918'*," with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

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Melbourne, 8th September, 1920.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

Bill read a first time.

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 Bill to be taken forthwith.

Debate ensued.

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

Senator Russell moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

On motion of Senator de Largie, the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

8. AUDIT BILL.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 32.

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate that it has agreed to the amendments made by the Senate in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Audit Act 1901-1917'*"

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 8th September, 1920.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

9. INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY BILL.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 33.

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate that it has agreed to the amendments made by the Senate in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Commonwealth Institute of Science and Industry.*"

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 8th September, 1920.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at thirty-eight minutes past four p.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.

11. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Adamson (on leave), Bolton, Foster, Gardiner, R. S. Guthrie (on leave), Keating, Lynch, J. D. Millen, Reid, and Thomas.

GEO. H. MONAHAN,
Clerk of the Senate.