

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

No. 54.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 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. :—

By Command—

Declaration modifying Agreement of September 10, 1919, between the Allied and Associated Powers with regard to the contributions to the cost of liberation of the Territories of the former Austro-Hungarian Monarchy.—Signed at Paris, December 8, 1919.

Papers relating to the purchase of the properties of Messrs. Lahey Bros. and Mr. J. F. Brett, of Queensland, by the War Service Homes Commissioner.

Pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act.—Appointments of L. J. Dickenson and R. S. Skerrett, Department of the Treasury.

War Service Homes Act.—Easement acquired of land at Cheltenham, Victoria.

Customs Act.—Proclamations, dated 24th August, 1920, revoking previous proclamations relating to the exportation of—

Sheep-skins and Woollen Fabrics and Yarns.

Waste Paper.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator E. D. Millen), by leave, made a Statement *re* the progress of subscriptions to the Second Peace Loan.

5. QUESTION.—A question on notice was answered.

6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Senator de Largie, pursuant to notice, moved—That Senator Lynch be granted leave of absence for two months on account of urgent private business.
Question—put and passed.7. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGES.—*Assent to Bills.*—The following Messages from the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. President:—

W. H. IRVINE,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.**Message No. 9.*A Bill intituled the "*Industrial Peace 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.

13th September, 1920.

W. H. IRVINE,

*Deputy of the Governor-General.**Message No. 10.*

The following Bills intituled :—

*Audit Act 1920, and**Institute of Science and Industry 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 Acts.

14th September, 1920.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 35.

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 Industrial Matters, and the Prevention and Settlement of Industrial Disputes.*"

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 10th September, 1920.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

9. SUPPLY BILL (No. 3) 1920-21.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 36.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one,*" with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 15th September, 1920.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

Bill read a first time.

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator E. D. Millen) moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through its remaining stages without delay.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 postponed.

Clause 3 debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Schedule debated and agreed to.

Postponed clause 2 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without requests.

The President resumed the Chair ; and Senator Bakhap, from the Committee, reported accordingly. Whereupon the Senate adopted such Report.

Senator Millen moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

10. WESTRALIAN FARMERS AGREEMENT BILL.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 37.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to approve the Agreement made between His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and Basil Lathrop Murray, of Perth, in the State of Western Australia, Managing Director of the Westralian Farmers Limited, and for other purposes,*" with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 15th September, 1920.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

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

11. POSTPONEMENT.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2.
12. ARBITRATION (PUBLIC SERVICE) BILL.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 38.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Settlement of Matters arising out of Employment in the Public Service.*" and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the amendment made by the Senate on Amendment No. 3 of the House of Representatives.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 15th September, 1920.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

13. NORTHERN TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL.—The Vice-President of the Executive Council (Senator Russell), according to Order, moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting, and that Senator Gardiner have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.
14. ATTENDANCE OF SENATOR BEFORE SELECT COMMITTEE OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator E. D. Millen), by leave, moved—That Senator Crawford have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the House of Representatives on "Sea Carriage," if he thinks fit.
Question—put and passed.
15. ADJOURNMENT.—The Senate adjourned at half-past six p.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.
16. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Adamson (on leave), Bolton, J. F. Guthrie, R. S. Guthrie (on leave), Lynch (on leave), Plain, Reid, Rowell, Senior, and Wilson.

GEO. H. MONAHAN,
Clerk of the Senate.