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FRIDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1920.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at eleven a.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. PRAYERS.
3. WAR PENSIONS PAID TO DEPENDANTS OF DECEASED SOLDIERS: RETURN.—Senator Keating, on behalf of Senator Elliott, pursuant to notice, moved—That a return be laid on the Table of the Senate showing—
 - (1) The number of war pensions paid to the following dependants of deceased commissioned officers of the Australian Imperial Forces :—(a) Widows; (b) widowed mothers; (c) parents (including foster parents, but exclusive of widowed mothers); (d) children.
 - (2) A table of comparisons of the amounts of war pensions and allowances for the dependants of the various ranks from private upwards.
 Question—put and passed.
4. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1920-21.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT, *Message No. 40.*

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 for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., and to appropriate such sum,*” with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 24th September, 1920.

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—The Vice-President of the Executive Council (Senator Russell), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.
5. NEW GUINEA BILL.—The Vice-President of the Executive Council (Senator Russell), according to Order, moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and passed.
- Bill read a third time and passed.
6. WESTRALIAN FARMERS AGREEMENT BILL.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate resumed.

At one p.m. the sitting of the Senate was suspended till half-past two p.m.

Debate, interrupted by the suspension of the sitting, resumed.

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 read.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The President resumed the Chair; and Senator Bakhap, from the Committee, reported that the Committee had considered the Bill and had made progress, and asked leave to sit again.
Ordered—That the Committee have leave to sit again on the next day of sitting.

7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Senate adjourned at ten minutes to four p.m., till Wednesday next at three p.m.
8. **ATTENDANCE.**—Present, all the Members except Senators Adamson (on leave), Bolton, Crawford, Foll, Foster, Gardiner, J. F. Guthrie, R. S. Guthrie (on leave), Lynch (on leave), E. D. Millen, J. D. Millen, Pearce, Reid, and Thomas.

GEO. H. MONAHAN,
Clerk of the Senate.