

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 59.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1920.

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

2. PRAYERS.

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

Pursuant to Statute—

Inscribed Stock Act.—Dealings and Transactions during the year ended 30th June, 1919.

War Service Homes Act.—Land acquired at—

Islington, New South Wales.

Mosman, New South Wales.

Orange, New South Wales.

Weston, New South Wales.

By Command—

Repatriation : Summary of the work of the Department of Repatriation from April, 1918, to the end of June, 1920, with some account of the Activities which preceded the Department's formation ; together with Appendices.

4. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 41.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to authorize the Raising and Expending of the sum of Four million two hundred and eighty-six thousand four hundred and ninety pounds for certain purposes,*" with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 29th 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.

6. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 42.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1918,'*" with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 29th September, 1920.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

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.

Senator Russell moved—That the second reading be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.
Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

7. ENTERTAINMENTS TAX BILL.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 43.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Entertainments Tax Act 1916-1919'*," with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 29th September, 1920.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

The Vice-President of the Executive Council (Senator Russell) moved—That the Bill be now read a first time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

8. WESTRALIAN FARMERS AGREEMENT BILL.—The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clause 2 further considered and agreed to.

Schedule read—

Senator Pratten moved an amendment, viz., paragraph 5, leave out "forthwith take all necessary steps to".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be left out be left out—put.

Committee divided—

Ayes, 10.

Senator Benny.
Elliott.
Fairbairn.
Gardiner.
Guthrie, J. F.
Keating.
Payne.
Pratten.
Rowell.

Teller.

Senator Earle.

Noes, 10.

Senator Bakhap.
Buzacott.
Cox.
Drake-Brockman.
Duncan.
Henderson.
Newland.
Russell.
Thomas.

Teller.

Senator de Largie.

The Ayes and Noes being equal, and so it passed in the negative.

Schedule further debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The President resumed the Chair ; and Senator Bakhap, from the Committee, reported accordingly. Senator Russell moved—That the Report be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the third reading of the Bill be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

9. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES 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 to-morrow.
10. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1920-21.—The Vice-President of the Executive Council (Senator Russell), according to Order, moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
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.

Clauses 1-3 agreed to.

Schedule debated and agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

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

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—The Vice-President of the Executive Council (Senator Russell) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 11.

Senator Bakhap.
Benny.
Cox.
Drake-Brockman.
Elliott.
Newland.
Rowell.
Russell.
Thomas.
Wilson.

Noes, 5.

Senator Buzacott.
Gardiner.
Guthrie, J. F.
Pratten.

Teller.

Senator Payne.

Teller.

Senator de Largie.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned at half-past six p.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.

12. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Adamson (on leave), Crawford, Foll, Foster, Sir T. W. Glasgow, R. S. Guthrie (on leave), Lynch (on leave), E. D. Millen, J. D. Millen, Pearce, and Reid.

GEO. H. MONAHAN,
Clerk of the Senate.