

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1920.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. PRAYERS.
3. PAPER.—The Vice-President of the Executive Council (Senator Russell) laid on the Table the following Paper, viz. :—
Pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act.—Appointments of H. Morrell, J. Sutherland, F. Considine, R. A. Newton, and A. J. Allen, Department of Trade and Customs.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
5. POSTPONEMENTS.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, and Notice of Motion No. 2, Private Business, be postponed until Thursday next.
6. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 44.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'War Service Homes Act 1918-1919'*," and acquaints the Senate that it has agreed to the same with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Melbourne, 30th September, 1920.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Message in Committee be an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. POSTPONEMENTS.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4.
8. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES 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 four p.m. the sitting of the Senate was suspended till five p.m.

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

At half-past six p.m. the sitting of the Senate was suspended till eight 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.

Clauses 1-4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and postponed.

Clause 6 read—

Senator Earle moved an amendment, viz., after line 28 insert the following new line :—" Letters from a registered Friendly Benefit Society bearing the official stamp of such Society ... 1d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz."

Debate ensued.

Question—put.
Committee divided—

Ayes, 3.

Senator Bakhap.
Payne.

Teller.

Senator Earle.

Noes, 15.

Senator Buzacott.
Cox.
Drake-Brockman.
Duncan.
Elliott.
Guthrie, J. F.
Henderson.
Keating.
Newland.
Pratten.
Rowell.
Russell.
Senior.
Thomas.

Teller.

Senator de Largie.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Senator Thomas moved an amendment, viz., in line 29, leave out the figure "2" and insert "1½" in lieu thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.
Committee divided—

Ayes, 7.

Senator Elliott.
Guthrie, J. F.
Keating.
Payne.
Pratten.
Thomas.

Teller.

Senator Senior.

Noes, 11.

Senator Buzacott.
Cox.
Drake-Brockman.
Duncan.
Earle.
Givens.
Henderson.
Newland.
Rowell.
Russell.

Teller.

Senator de Largie.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 read—

Senator Keating moved an amendment, in line 14, viz., leave out "threepence", insert "fourpence".

Amendment debated and agreed to.

Clause 8, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to

Postponed clause 5 again read—

On motion of Senator Russell, the following amendment was made, viz., lines 8–12, second column, leave out the words "Provided that the minimum amount of postage payable on the aggregate weight of newspapers so posted shall be One shilling."

Clause 5, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—The Senate adjourned at fifteen minutes past eleven p.m. till to-morrow at eleven a.m.

10. 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.