

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 68.

## JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1920.

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

2. PRAYERS.

3. PAPERS.—The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) laid on the Table the following Papers, viz. :—

By Command—

Houses built by War Service Homes Commissioner up to 31st July, 1920—Particulars.  
(In answer to question by Senator Gardiner).

Pursuant to Statute—

Public Service Act—

Appointment of A. Dunn, Department of the Treasury.

Promotion of F. C. Lindsay, Attorney-General's Department.

Defence Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 178—No. 179—No. 180.

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

Pursuant to Statute—

Excise Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 183.

Distillation Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 184.

Railways Act.—By-law No. 16.

4. ADJOURNMENT TO DEBATE MATTER OF URGENCY.—Senator Earle, in order to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The good name of Australia—Waterfront Pillage," moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till nine a.m. to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

5. POSTPONEMENT.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 1, Private Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

6. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGES.—*Assent to Bills.*—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. President :—

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 19.*A Bill intituled "*Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Lands Act 1920*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,

Melbourne, 20th October, 1920.

FORSTER,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 20.*Bills intituled "*Income Tax Act 1920*", "*Judiciary Act 1920*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Acts.

Federal Government House,

Melbourne, 30th October, 1920.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 55.*The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Navigation Act 1912-1919'*," and acquaints the Senate that the House does not insist on its Amendment No. 9, disagreed to by the Senate, and has agreed to the amendments made by the Senate in clause 23 of the Bill in place thereof; and has agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to Amendment No. 11 of the House of Representatives.

House of Representatives,

Melbourne, 27th October, 1920.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,

*Speaker.*

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8. TREATY OF PEACE (GERMANY) BILL.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 56.

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

ELLIOT JOHNSON,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,

Melbourne, 27th October, 1920.

Bill read a first time.

*Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.*—The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce), 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.

Ordered—That the second reading of the Bill be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

9. TREATIES OF PEACE (AUSTRIA AND BULGARIA) BILL.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 57.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to carry into effect the Treaties of Peace with Austria and Bulgaria*," with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,

Melbourne, 27th October, 1920.

Bill read a first time.

*Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.*—The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce), 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.

Ordered—That the second reading of the Bill be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 58.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Customs Act 1901-1916'*," with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,

Melbourne, 28th October, 1920.

Bill read a first time, and second reading made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 59.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Quarantine Act 1908-1915'*," and acquaints the Senate that it has agreed to the same with the amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,

Melbourne, 28th October, 1920.

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

12. TREATY OF PEACE (GERMANY) BILL.—The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce), according to Order, 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 to-morrow.

13. TREATIES OF PEACE (AUSTRIA AND BULGARIA) BILL.—The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce), according to Order, 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 to-morrow.

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

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at nine minutes to four p.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.

15. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Adamson, Bolton, Buzacott, Cox, Duncan, Fairbairn, Foster, Gardiner, J. F. Guthrie, Henderson, Lynch (on leave), E. D. Millen (on leave), J. D. Millen, Payne, Plain, Pratten, Senior, and Thomas.

GEO. H. MONAHAN,

Clerk of the Senate.