

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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THURSDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1920.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. PRAYERS.
3. QUESTION.—A question on notice was answered.
4. POSTPONEMENT.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Private Business, be postponed until this day week.
5. AIR NAVIGATION BILL.—The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce), pursuant to notice, moved—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act relating to Air Navigation.  
Question—put and passed.  
Bill presented and read a first time, and second reading made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.
6. QUARANTINE BILL.—The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee for the consideration of Message No. 59 of the House of Representatives, and amendment.

In the Committee.

Message read.

The Committee proceeded to consider the amendment, which is as follows :—

## SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENT MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Page 5, clause 22, at end of clause add :—

“; and

(c) by adding at the end of sub-section (2.) thereof the following provisos :—

‘Provided that the Governor-General may direct that, as regards any vessel trading exclusively between Australian ports or Australia and New Zealand or Fiji, or other places adjacent to Australia, the expenses of carrying out any responsibility under this section shall be borne by the Commonwealth, and, upon the issue of such direction, the master, owner and agent of any vessel to which the direction relates shall be exempt from liability for the expenses of carrying out that responsibility :

Provided further that the Governor-General may direct that the expenses of overland passengers arising out of quarantine regulations may be borne by the Commonwealth.’”

Amendment agreed to, after debate.

Resolution to be reported.

The President resumed the Chair; and Senator Bakhap, from the Committee, reported that the Committee had considered Message No. 59 of the House of Representatives in reference to the Quarantine Bill, and had agreed to the amendment made by the House of Representatives in the Bill.

Whereupon the Senate adopted such Report.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 60.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Nationality and Aliens.*” 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, 4th November, 1920.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,  
Speaker.

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*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 Message being at once considered and all consequent action taken.

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Message in Committee be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

8. CUSTOMS 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 Drake-Brockman have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

9. TREATY OF PEACE (GERMANY) BILL.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—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.

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In the Committee.

Clauses 1–3 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

10. TREATIES OF PEACE (AUSTRIA AND BULGARIA) BILL.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate 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.

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In the Committee.

Clauses 1–4 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—The Senate adjourned at twenty minutes to four p.m. till to-morrow at eleven a.m.

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

GEO. H. MONAHAN,  
*Clerk of the Senate.*