

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 71.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1920.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
2. PRAYERS.
3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Senator Bolton brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, viz. :—Report on Commonwealth Shipbuilding.
4. PAPERS.—The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) laid on the Table the following Papers, viz. :—
 - By Command—
 - Norfolk Island.—Report for year ended 30th June, 1920.
 - Pursuant to Statute—
 - Deceased Soldiers' Estates Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 194.
 - Defence Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 187—No. 188—No. 189—No. 195—No. 196—No. 197—No. 198—No. 199—No. 200—No. 203—No. 204—No. 205—No. 207—No. 208—No. 215.
 - Northern Territory.—Ordinance No. 8 of 1920.—Public Trustee.
 - War Precautions Act, and Land, Mining, Shares, and Shipping Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 185.
 - Public Service Act—
 - Appointments—
 - D. M. Dow, Prime Minister's Department.
 - J. Sykes, Attorney-General's Department.
 - Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 209.
 - War Precautions Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 216.
 - Norfolk Island.—Ordinance No. 2 of 1920.—Pasturage and Enclosure.
 - War Service Homes Act.—Land acquired in New South Wales at—
 - Goulburn.
 - Tamworth.
 - Waratah.

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

 - Pursuant to Statute—
 - Butter Agreement Act.—Regulations.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 193.
 - Customs Act—
 - Proclamation (dated 21st October, 1920) prohibiting exportation (except under certain conditions) of Arms and Ammunition.
 - Proclamation (dated 3rd November, 1920) revoking previous Proclamation relative to the exportation of Pig Iron, Machinery, and Manufactures of Metals.
 - Direction (No. 1) by Minister for Trade and Customs, relative to Exchange Rates and Value for Duty.
 - Customs Act and Defence Act.—Proclamation (dated 21st October, 1920) revoking previous Proclamations relative to the exportation of certain goods.
 - Distillation Act.—Regulations amended.—Statutory Rules 1920, No. 214.

5. ADJOURNMENT TO DEBATE MATTER OF URGENCY.—Senator J. F. Guthrie, in order to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz., "The adulteration of woollen goods supplied to the Defence Department by Collins Bros. Prop. Ltd., Geelong" proceeding to move—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till nine a.m. to-morrow—

Suspension of Standing Order No. 64.—Senator Guthrie not having concluded his speech within the time limit of the Standing Order—

The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) moved—That so much of Standing Order No. 64 be suspended as would preclude Senator Guthrie continuing and concluding his speech.

Question—put and passed, there being an absolute majority of the whole number of Senators present, and no dissentient voice.

Speech continued and motion moved, viz.—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn until nine a.m. to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

6. AIR DEFENCE 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 Defence.

Question—put and passed.

7. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGE.—*Assent to Bills.*—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. President :—

FORSTER,

Governor-General.

Message No. 21.

Bills intituled, respectively,

Treaty of Peace (Germany) Act 1920,

Treaties of Peace (Austria and Bulgaria) Act 1920,

Customs 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.

Government House,

Melbourne, 10th November, 1920.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 62.

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 the House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments made by the Senate on Amendment No. 3 of the House of Representatives.

House of Representatives,

Melbourne, 9th November, 1920.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

9. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL (WAR-TIME) REPEAL BILL.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 63.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to repeal the 'Commonwealth Electoral (War-time) Act 1917-1919'*," with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

Melbourne, 10th November, 1920.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 64.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Commonwealth Bank Act 1911-1914'* and for other purposes," with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

Melbourne, 16th November, 1920.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 65.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Land Tax Act 1918'* as amended by the '*Land Tax Act 1919'*," with which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

Melbourne, 16th November, 1920.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

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

12. ALIENS REGISTRATION BILL.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 66.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Registration of 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, 17th November, 1920.

ELLIOT JOHNSON,
Speaker.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT.—The Senate adjourned at three minutes to five p.m., till to-morrow at three p.m.

14. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Buzacott, Cox, Foll, E. D. Millen (on leave), Newland, Senior, and Wilson.

GEO. H. MONAHAN,
Clerk of the Senate.