

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 24.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

TUESDAY, 1ST JULY, 1941.

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

2. APPROACH OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—The approach of His Excellency the Governor-General was announced by the Usher of the Black Rod. His Excellency, having entered the Chamber and being seated, informed Senators he was present to administer to newly-elected Senators the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance as required by Section 42 of the Constitution.

3. NEW SENATORS—CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION.—The Clerk produced and laid on the Table the Certificates of Return for the following Members elected, on 21st September, 1940, to serve in the Senate as Senators for their respective States :—

New South Wales—

William Patrick Ashley,
James Jarvist Arnold,
William James Large.

Queensland—

Walter Jackson Cooper,
Thomas William Crawford,
Hattil Spencer Foll.

South Australia—

James McLachlan,
George McLeay,
Oliver Uppill.

Tasmania—

Herbert Hays,
John Blyth Hayes,
Burford Sampson.

Victoria—

Charles Henry Brand,
William Gerrand Gibson,
John William Leckie.

Western Australia—

Herbert Brayley Collett,
Edward Bertram Johnston,
Allan Nicoll MacDonald.

And thereupon the before-mentioned Senators (with the exception of Senator Allan MacDonald who was not present) made and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance as provided under the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act.

His Excellency then retired.

4. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.—The Minister for Supply and Development (Senator McLeay), addressing the Clerk of the Senate by name, reminded the Senate that the time had now come when it was necessary for the Senate to choose one of its Members to be President—

Whereupon Senator McLeay moved—That Senator John Blyth Hayes do take the Chair of this Senate as President—

Which motion was seconded by the Minister for the Interior (Senator Foll).

Senator Collings moved—That Senator James Cunningham do take the Chair of this Senate as President—

Which motion was seconded by Senator Arnold.

And Senators J. B. Hayes and Cunningham having submitted themselves to the Senate—

The Senate thereupon proceeded to ballot; and the ballot being concluded, the Clerk reported the result, as follows :—

Senator J. B. Hayes	..	..	..	..	..	17 votes.
Senator Cunningham	..	..	..	..	..	17 votes.

And the votes being equal, the Senate proceeded to a second ballot; and such ballot being concluded, the Clerk reported the result, as follows :—

Senator J. B. Hayes	..	..	..	..	..	17 votes.
Senator Cunningham	..	..	..	..	..	17 votes.

And the votes being again equal—

The Clerk stated that the matter would be decided by lot, in accordance with Standing Order No. 22.

The Clerk placed the names of Senators J. B. Hayes and Cunningham in a box, and drew the name of Senator J. B. Hayes as the one to be withdrawn.

Senator Cunningham was thereupon declared elected President of the Senate.

And the votes being again equal—

The President stated that the matter would be decided by lot, in accordance with Standing Order No. 22.

The Clerk, by direction of the President, placed the names of Senators Cooper and Brown in a box, and drew the name of Senator Cooper as the one to be withdrawn.

Senator Brown was thereupon declared elected Chairman of Committees.

11. FLAX INDUSTRY—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion by Senator Aylett, viz. :—

- (1) That a Joint Select Committee of the Parliament be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters relating to—
 - (a) the growing and processing of flax ;
 - (b) the composition, functions and operations of the Flax Board.
- (2) That three members of the Senate and four members of the House of Representatives be appointed to serve on such Committee.
- (3) That the Committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place, and to sit during the adjournment of Parliament.
- (4) That a message be sent to the House of Representatives requesting its concurrence and asking that four members be appointed to serve on such Committee.

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 13.

Senator—	Senator—
Amour.	Fraser.
Armstrong.	Keane.
Arnold.	Lamp.
Arthur.	Large.
Aylett.	
Cameron.	<i>Teller :</i>
Collings.	
Cunningham.	Senator Ashley.

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Senator—	Senator—
Brand.	McBride.
Collett.	McLachlan, A. J.
Cooper.	McLachlan, James.
Crawford.	McLeay.
Foll.	Sampson.
Gibson.	Spicer.
Hayes, J. B.	
Johnston, E. B.	<i>Teller :</i>
Leckie.	Senator Uppill.

Motion negatived accordingly.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—The Senate adjourned at twenty-five minutes past five p.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.

13. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Allan MacDonald and Wilson.

R. A. BROINOWSKI,
Clerk of the Senate.