

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 13.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH APRIL, 1950.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The President (Senator the Honorable Gordon Brown) took the Chair.
2. PRAYERS.
3. PETROL FROM FORMOSA—STATEMENT.—
Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Leader of the Opposition (Senator Ashley) moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Senator Critchley making a statement in regard to a question he proposes to ask with reference to petrol.
 Question—put and passed, there being present an absolute majority of the whole number of Senators, and no dissentient voice.
 Senator Critchley thereupon made a statement regarding the alleged failure of an Australian importing firm to obtain dollar-free petrol from Chinese Nationalist stocks in Formosa.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Australian Broadcasting Act—Australian Broadcasting Control Board—First Annual Report, for period ended 30th June, 1949.
 Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment—G. R. Brown.
 Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 Defence—G. Barrett, J. Hepburn.
 Interior—T. A. Miller.
 Labour and National Service—J. N. G. Gartside.
 Social Services—K. H. Corvan.
 Works and Housing—C. F. Bode, J. E. Carney, A. Green.
 Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 17.
 Dairy Produce Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 13.
 Defence Act and Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 12.
 Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 14.
 Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 15.
 Excise Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 16.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 Defence purposes—
 Banyo, Queensland.
 Mount Gambier, South Australia.
 Richmond, New South Wales.
 Wollongong, New South Wales.
 Department of Civil Aviation purposes—
 Bendigo, Victoria.
 Ceduna, South Australia.
 Department of Works and Housing purposes—Wagga Wagga, New South Wales.
 Postal purposes—
 Albany, Western Australia.
 Jerilderie, New South Wales.
 Loomberah, New South Wales.
 Loxton, South Australia.
 McLeod, Victoria.
 Rydal, New South Wales.
 The Entrance, New South Wales.
 Thomastown, Victoria.
 Toukley, New South Wales.
 Waikerie, South Australia.
 Whyalla, South Australia.
 Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Regulations—1950—
 No. 2 (Alice Springs Administration Ordinance).
 No. 3 (Licensing Ordinance).
 No. 4 (Licensing Ordinance).
 War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at Bankstown, New South Wales.

6. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL 1950.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Senator Cooke asked leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Debate continued.

Senator Finlay moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 28.

Senator—

Amour.

Armstrong.

Arnold.

Ashley.

Brown.

Cole.

Cooke.

Critchley.

Devlin.

Finlay.

Fraser.

Grant.

Harris.

Hendrickson.

Katz.

Senator—

Large.

McKenna.

Morrow.

Murray.

Nash.

Nicholls.

O'Byrne.

O'Flaherty.

Sandford.

Tangney.

Ward.

Willesee.

Teller:

Senator Clothier.

Noes, 20.

Senator—

Cooper.

Gorton.

Guy.

Hannaford.

Kendall.

McCallum.

Mattner.

O'Sullivan.

Piesse.

Rankin, A. J. M.

Rankin, G. J.

Senator—

Reid.

Robertson.

Scott.

Spicer.

Spooner.

Tate.

Wedgwood.

Wordsworth.

Teller:

Senator Wright.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

7. NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till to-morrow at half-past ten a.m.

Question—put and passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And the Senate having continued to sit until twelve o'clock midnight—

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Debate continued.

Closure.—Senator Finlay moved—That the Question be now put.

Question—put and passed, there being more than thirteen Senators present voting in favour of the motion.

Question—That the Senate do now adjourn—put accordingly, and passed.

The Senate adjourned at ten minutes past twelve o'clock midnight till this day at half-past ten a.m.

9. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Aylett, Collings, Maher, Ryan, Sheehan, Simmonds and Wood.

JOHN EDWARDS,

Clerk of the Senate.