

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 24.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, 25TH MAY, 1950.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at eleven a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The President (Senator the Honorable Gordon Brown) took the Chair.
2. PRAYERS.
3. QUESTION.—A question on notice was answered.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER No. 68.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan), pursuant to notice, moved—That Standing Order No. 68 be suspended up to and including Thursday, 15th June, 1950, to enable new Business to be commenced after half-past ten o'clock at night.
Question—put.
The Senate divided—

Ayes, 22.

Senator—	Senator—
Cooper.	Reid.
Gorton.	Robertson.
Guy.	Scott.
Hannaford.	Spicer.
Kendall.	Spooner.
McCallum.	Tate.
McLeay.	Wedgwood.
Maher.	Wood.
Mattner.	Wordsworth.
O'Sullivan.	
Piesse.	<i>Teller:</i>
Rankin, A. J. M.	Senator Wright.

Noes, 34.

Senator—	Senator—
Amour.	Lamp.
Armstrong.	Large.
Arnold.	McKenna.
Ashley.	Morrow.
Aylett.	Murray.
Brown.	Nash.
Cameron.	Nicholls.
Cole.	O'Byrne.
Collings.	O'Flaherty.
Cooke.	Ryan.
Courtice.	Sandford.
Critchley.	Sheehan.
Finlay.	Tangney.
Fraser.	Ward.
Grant.	Willesee.
Harris.	
Hendrickson.	<i>Teller:</i>
Katz.	Senator Clothier.

And so it was negatived.

5. COMMUNIST PARTY DISSOLUTION BILL 1950.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan), according to Order, moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.
On the motion of Senator McKenna the debate was adjourned.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.
6. COMMONWEALTH BANK 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.
Question—put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

- Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.
- On the motion of the Attorney-General (Senator Spicer) clauses 4, 5 and 6 were postponed.
- Clause 7 debated—
- To report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Nicholls) reported that the Committee had considered the Bill and had made progress, and asked leave to sit again.
Ordered—That the Committee have leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

And General Business taking precedence of Government Business after 8 p.m.—

7. REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE—SEVENTH REPORT.—Senator Tate, pursuant to notice, moved—That the Seventh Report from the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, presented to the Senate on 26th October, 1949, be adopted.

On the motion of Senator McKenna the debate was adjourned.

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

8. DAYS OF MEETING.—Senator Ashley, pursuant to notice, moved—That the days of meeting of the Senate, unless otherwise ordered, be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week; and that the hour of meeting, unless otherwise ordered, be Three o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday and Wednesday, and Eleven o'clock in the forenoon of Thursday.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 32.

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Armstrong.	McKenna.
Arnold.	Morrow.
Ashley.	Murray.
Aylett.	Nash.
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF SENATE.—Senator Ashley, pursuant to notice, moved—That, during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, at 10.30 p.m. on days upon which proceedings of the Senate are not being broadcast, and at 11 p.m. on days when such proceedings are being broadcast, the President shall put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn, which Question shall be open to debate; if the Senate be in Committee at that hour, the Chairman shall in like manner put the Question—That he do leave the Chair and report to the Senate; and upon such report being made the President shall forthwith put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn, which Question shall be open to debate: Provided that if the Senate or the Committee be in division at the time named, the President or the Chairman shall not put the Question referred to until the result of such division has been declared; and if the business under discussion shall not have been disposed of at such adjournment it shall appear on the Notice Paper for the next sitting day.

Question—put and passed.

10. 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 eleven a.m.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 23.

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Gorton.	Robertson.
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And so it was negatived.

And consideration of Government Business being resumed—

11. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1950.—The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clause 7 further considered.

Senator O'Flaherty addressing the Committee—

Closure of Senator moved.—The Minister for Social Services (Senator Spooner) moved—That the honorable Senator be not further heard.

Question—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 23.

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Teller:
Senator Clothier.

And so it was negatived.

Clause 7 further debated.

Closure moved.—The Attorney-General (Senator Spicer) moved—That the Question (That the clause stand as printed) be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 23.

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And so it was negatived.

Clause 7 further debated.

And it being 10.30 p.m.—The Chairman, under Sessional Order, put the Question—That he do leave the Chair and report to the Senate.

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Nicholls) reported accordingly.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—The President, under Sessional Order, then put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned at half-past ten p.m. till Tuesday next at three p.m.

13. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Beerworth, Devlin, and Simmonds (on leave).

JOHN EDWARDS,
Clerk of the Senate.