

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 25.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

TUESDAY, 30TH MAY, 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—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The Minister for Fuel, Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay), by leave, made a statement with reference to the importation of petrol into Australia and its relation to dollar expenditure.

4. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT, TO DEBATE MATTER OF URGENCY.—Senator McKenna, in order to discuss a matter of urgency, viz.—“The failure of the Government in aspects of National Health, namely—

(a) failure to provide pharmaceutical benefits, sickness and dental services for the people of Australia whilst they continue to pay taxes for these purposes;

(b) failure to take any material steps to promote national health;

(c) failure to inform the Parliament of its proposals (if any) in relation to the foregoing matters”;

moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till to-morrow at a quarter past three p.m.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 30.

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

6. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Postmaster-General's Department—Thirty-ninth Annual Report, for year 1948-49.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1950—

No. 24—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 25—Commonwealth Medical Officers' Association.

No. 26—Australian Workers' Union and others.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Civil Aviation—B. M. Hall.

Defence—R. L. George.

- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 Banking purposes—Whyalla, South Australia.
 Defence purposes—
 Cannon Hill, Queensland.
 Garbutt, Queensland.
 Port Kembla, New South Wales.
 Immigration purposes—East Hills, New South Wales.
 Postal purposes—
 Crystal Brook, South Australia.
 Stirling West, South Australia.
 Overseas Telecommunications Act—Third Annual Report of the Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia), for year 1948–49, together with financial accounts.
 Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—National Memorials Ordinance—Determination (dated 24th May, 1950) by the Minister for the Interior regarding the nomenclature of public places in the Canberra City District, together with plan.

7. COMMUNIST PARTY DISSOLUTION 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.

And it being eleven p.m.—

8. ADJOURNMENT.—The President, under Sessional Order, put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—resolved in the affirmative.
 The Senate adjourned at one minute past eleven p.m. till to-morrow at a quarter-past three p.m.
9. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Cole, Guy, Lamp and Tangney.

JOHN EDWARDS,
Clerk of the Senate.