

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 26.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST MAY, 1950.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at a quarter-past three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The President (Senator the Honorable Gordon Brown) took the Chair.
2. PRAYERS.
3. PERSONAL EXPLANATION—LEAVE REFUSED.—Senator Sandford asked leave to make a personal explanation.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
4. RETIREMENT OF SENATOR THE HONORABLE J. S. COLLINGS.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan), by leave, made a statement referring to the retirement from the Senate of Senator Collings. Senator O'Sullivan, in paying a tribute to the long and valuable service rendered by Senator Collings, conveyed to him the good wishes of fellow Senators.
The Leader of the Opposition (Senator Ashley), by leave, expressed similar tributes and good wishes, which were supported by the Minister for Fuel, Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay), the Minister for Repatriation (Senator Cooper), Senator Courtice and the President.
By leave, Senator Collings made his acknowledgments.
5. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
6. PROPOSED FRIDAY SITTING.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) moved—That the Senate, at its rising to-morrow, adjourn till Friday next at 10.30 a.m.
Question—put.
The Senate divided—

Ayes, 23.

Noes, 33.

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

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

And so it was negatived.

7. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Labour and National Service—R. S. Horne.
8. 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.
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And it being 10.30 p.m.—

9. 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 nineteen minutes to eleven p.m. till to-morrow at eleven a.m.
10. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Cole, Lamp and Tangney.

JOHN EDWARDS,
Clerk of the Senate.