

No. 30.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, 8TH JUNE, 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department of Works and Housing—
R. A. Knowles, F. M. Wilson.

5. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE DISSOLUTION DEADLOCKS) BILL 1950.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 6.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution relating to the Senate*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 7th June, 1950.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

On the motion of the Attorney-General (Senator Spicer) the Bill was read a first time, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

6. 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.
Senator Grant moved—That Senator Morrow be granted an extension of time for thirty minutes.
Question—put.
The Senate divided—

Ayes, 31.

Noes, 19.

Senator— Amour. Armstrong. Arnold. Ashley. Aylett. Beerworth. Brown. Cameron. Cole. Cooke. Critchley. Devlin. Finlay. Fraser. Grant. Harris. Hendrickson.	Senator— Katz. McKenna. Morrow. Murray. Nash. Nicholls. O'Byrne. O'Flaherty. Ryan. Sandford. Sheehan. Ward. Willesee. <i>Teller:</i> Senator Clothier.
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Senator— Cooper. Gorton. Guy. Hannaford. Kendall. McLeay. Maher. Mattner. O'Sullivan. Piesse. Rankin, A. J. M.	Senator— Robertson. Simmonds. Spicer. Spooner. Wedgwood. Wood. Wordsworth. <i>Teller:</i> Senator Wright.
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Ordered, on the motion of Senator Guy—That the documents quoted from by Senator Morrow during his speech be laid upon the Table.

Senator Morrow having accordingly laid upon the Table the documents quoted from, viz.—

(1) *Peace*—The Journal of the Australian Peace Council, Vol. 1, No. 1, April, 1950 ;

(2) Tatler Theatrettes Pty. Ltd.—typewritten notes regarding—

Debate continued.

Suspension of Standing Order No. 407A.—The Attorney-General (Senator Spicer) moved—That so much of Standing Order No. 407A be suspended as would prevent the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) speaking in reply for more than thirty minutes.

Question—put and passed, there being present an absolute majority of the whole number of Senators, and no dissentient voice.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 read—

Senator McKenna moved an amendment, viz.—page 3, lines 6 and 7, leave out “a peace officer appointed under the *Peace Officers Act 1925* or”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause debated—

Senator McKenna moved a further amendment, viz.—page 4, line 4, leave out “majority”, insert “substantial number”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, temporarily withdrawn.

Further consideration of clause 3 postponed.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 read—

The Attorney-General (Senator Spicer) moved an amendment, viz.—page 5, after sub-clause (2.) insert the following sub-clause :—

“(2A.) The Executive Council shall not advise the Governor-General to make a declaration under the last preceding sub-section unless the material upon which the advice is founded has first been considered by a committee consisting of the Solicitor-General, the Secretary to the Department of Defence, the Director-General of Security, and two other persons appointed by the Governor-General.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

On the motion of Senator Spicer the following further amendment was made, viz.—page 5, line 34, leave out “so declared to be an unlawful association”, insert “declared to be an unlawful association under sub-section (2.) of this section”.

Senator McKenna moved a further amendment, viz.—page 5, lines 37 and 38, leave out “, on the ground that the body is not a body to which this section applies”.

Debate ensued.

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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned at seventeen minutes to eleven p.m. till Tuesday next at three p.m.

8. **ATTENDANCE.**—Present, all the Members except Senators Collings, Lamp, McCallum, Reid, Scott, Tangney and Tate.

JOHN EDWARDS,
Clerk of the Senate.