

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 34.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

TUESDAY, 20TH JUNE, 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. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—The President informed the Senate that Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, G.C.B., G.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Chief of the Imperial General Staff, was in the precincts of the Senate, and he proposed, with the concurrence of honorable Senators, to invite him to take a seat in the Chamber. And Senators concurring, the distinguished visitor was admitted and took a seat on the floor of the Senate.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1950—
 - No. 27—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union, and Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union.
 - No. 28—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 - Nos. 29 and 30—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.
 - Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
 - Civil Aviation—D. B. Elkman, I. T. Perry.
 - Prime Minister's—H. R. Berg, G. J. Mackrell, T. H. Turnock.
 - Repatriation—A. E. MacLean, P. E. Matthews, H. J. Scott.
 - Works and Housing—A. R. Skinner.
 - Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
 - National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (18).
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 25.
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—Maroubra Bay, New South Wales.
 - Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 26.
6. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL 1950.—The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the further consideration of Message No. 5 of the House of Representatives, and Amendments.

In the Committee.

Amendments further considered—

Question—That the Amendments be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 23.

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

Noes, 30.

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

Amendments disagreed to accordingly.

Resolution to be reported.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Nicholls) reported that the Committee had considered Message No. 5 of the House of Representatives in reference to the Social Services Consolidation Bill, and had disagreed to the Amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Bill.

On the motion of the Minister for Social Services (Senator Spooner) the Report from the Committee was adopted.

Senator McKenna moved—That Senators Ashley, Cooke, and McKenna be a Committee to draw up Reasons for the Senate disagreeing to the Amendments made by the House of Representatives.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 23.	
Senator—	Senator—	Senator—	Senator—
Amour.	Katz.	Cooper.	Robertson.
Armstrong.	Large.	Gorton.	Scott.
Arnold.	McKenna.	Guy.	Simmonds.
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Cooke.	Ryan.	Mattner.	Wordsworth.
Courtice.	Sandford.	O'Sullivan.	
Critchley.	Sheehan.	Piesse.	<i>Teller:</i>
Finlay.	Ward.	Rankin, G. J.	Senator Rankin,
Fraser.	Willesee.	Reid.	A. J. M.
Grant.			
Harris.	<i>Teller:</i>		
Hendrickson.	Senator Clothier.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Senator McKenna brought up the Report from the Committee for Reasons.

Reasons read, as follows:—

Reasons of the Senate for disagreeing to the Amendments of the House of Representatives.

1. Because there is an obligation on the Parliament to ensure that the grant of Child Endowment is not defeated by the action of a body other than the Parliament.
2. Because an additional family endowment of five shillings per week is inadequate.

Senator McKenna moved—That the Reasons be adopted.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 30.		Noes, 23.	
Senator—	Senator—	Senator—	Senator—
Amour.	Katz.	Cooper.	Robertson.
Armstrong.	Large.	Gorton.	Scott.
Arnold.	McKenna.	Guy.	Simmonds.
Ashley.	Morrow.	Hannaford.	Spicer.
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Beerworth.	Nicholls.	McCallum.	Tate.
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Finlay.	Ward.	Rankin, G. J.	Senator Rankin,
Fraser.	Willesee.	Reid.	A. J. M.
Grant.			
Harris.	<i>Teller:</i>		
Hendrickson.	Senator Clothier.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE DISSOLUTION DEADLOCKS) 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 10.30 p.m.—

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

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned at half-past ten p.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.

9. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Cole, Collings, Devlin, Lamp, Murray, Tangney and Wright.

JOHN EDWARDS,
Clerk of the Senate.