

No. 37.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, 6TH JULY, 1950.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at half-past two p.m., in accordance with the terms of the Resolution of the Senate passed on the 23rd June, 1950.
2. APPROACH OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—The approach of the Governor-General, His Excellency the Rt. Hon. William John McKell, was announced by the Usher of the Black Rod. His Excellency, being seated, informed Senators he was present to administer to Senators elected to serve in the Senate from the 1st July, 1950, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance as required by Section 42 of the Constitution.
3. CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION OF SENATORS.—The Clerk produced and laid on the Table the Certificates of Election for the following Members elected, on the 10th December, 1949, to serve in the Senate as Senators for their respective States from the 1st July, 1950 :—

New South Wales—

John Ignatius Armstrong.
Donald MacLennan Grant.
Stanley Kerin Amour.

Queensland—

Benjamin Courtice.
Archibald Malcolm Benn.
Gordon Brown.

South Australia—

Sidney Wainman O'Flaherty.
Theophilus Martin Nicholls.
Alexander Finlay.

Tasmania—

Nicholas Edward McKenna.
Norman Henry Denham Henty.
William Edward Aylett.

Victoria—

Donald Cameron.
John Joseph Devlin.
James Michael Sheehan.

Western Australia—

Richard Harry Nash.
James Mackintosh Fraser.
Victor Seddon Vincent.

Senators sworn.—And thereupon the Senators so named made and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance at the Table, pursuant to the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act.

His Excellency the Governor-General then retired.

4. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan), addressing the Clerk of the Senate by name, reminded the Senate that the time had now come when it was necessary for the Senate to choose one of its Members to be President. Whereupon the Leader of the Opposition (Senator Ashley) moved—That Senator Gordon Brown do take the Chair of this Senate as President. Which motion was seconded by Senator McKenna. And thereupon, only one Senator being proposed, Senator Brown, having first submitted himself to the Senate, was conducted to the Chair. The President-elect returned his acknowledgments to the Senate for the honour conferred upon him, and assumed the Chair, and was congratulated by Senators O'Sullivan and Ashley, and the Minister for Repatriation (Senator Cooper). Senator O'Sullivan acquainted the Senate that His Excellency the Governor-General would receive the President forthwith in the President's room.

The sitting of the Senate was thereupon suspended, and the President, accompanied by Senators, proceeded to the President's Room.

The Senate having resumed, the President reported that he had presented himself as the choice of the Senate to His Excellency the Governor-General, who had been pleased to congratulate him upon his appointment as President.

5. PRAYERS.

6. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGES—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by the President :—

W. J. McKELL,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 1.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *States Grants (Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave) Act 1950* ”“ *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1949-50* ”“ *Appropriation (Works and Services) Act (No. 2) 1949-50* ”“ *Supply Act (No. 1) 1950-51* ”“ *Supply (Works and Services) Act (No. 1) 1950-51* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 28th June, 1950.

W. J. McKELL,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 2.*

A Proposed Law intituled “ *Social Services Consolidation Act 1950* ” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,

Canberra, 28th June, 1950.

W. J. McKELL,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 3.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 1) 1950* ”“ *Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 2) 1950* ”“ *Wool (Contributory Charge) Assessment Act 1950* ”“ *Wool Realization Act 1950* ”“ *Wool (Reserve Prices) Fund Act 1950* ”“ *Nationality and Citizenship (Burmese) Act 1950* ”“ *Tariff Board Act 1950* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 1st July, 1950.

W. J. McKELL,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 4.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Supplementary Appropriation Act 1948-49* ”“ *Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Services) Act 1948-49* ”

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 5th July, 1950.

7. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) moved—That the Senate do now proceed to elect a Chairman of Committees.

Question—put and passed.

The Deputy-Leader of the Opposition (Senator McKenna) moved—That Senator T. M. Nicholls be appointed Chairman of Committees.

Which motion was seconded by Senator Armstrong.

And thereupon, only one Senator being proposed, Senator Nicholls, having first submitted himself to the Senate, was declared elected Chairman of Committees.

Senator Nicholls returned his acknowledgments to the Senate for the honour conferred upon him, and was congratulated by Senators O'Sullivan and Ashley, and the Minister for Repatriation (Senator Cooper).

8. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment—G. J. F. Anderson.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Interior—W. D. F. Caine, A. A. Dean, C. J. Marsh.

Social Services—E. F. Bennett.

Works and Housing—S. H. T. Abbiss, R. H. Frost, D. A. Stockdill, K. J. Woodward.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes—

Holland Park, Queensland.

Port Augusta, South Australia.

9. **HOSTILITIES IN KOREA—GOVERNMENT POLICY.**—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan), having made a statement outlining developments in Korea, and having informed the Senate of action taken by the Government in support of the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Korea, moved, by leave—

That the Senate, having before it the Charter of the United Nations and the recent resolutions of the Security Council in relation to Korea, approves of the action taken by the Government in placing at the disposal of the United Nations the forces indicated in the statement of the Leader of the Government in the Senate.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

10. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL SENATORS DURING ADJOURNMENT.**—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) moved, by leave—That leave of absence be granted to every Member of the Senate from the termination of the sitting this day to the day on which the Senate next meets.
Question—put and passed.

11. **NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.**—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till a day and hour to be fixed by the President, which time of meeting shall be notified to each Senator by telegram or letter.
Question—put and passed.

12. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at nine minutes to four p.m. till a day and hour to be fixed by the President, which time of meeting shall be notified to each Senator by telegram or letter.

13. **ATTENDANCE.**—Present, all the Members except Senators Kendall, Tangney and Willesee.

JOHN EDWARDS,
Clerk of the Senate.