

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 38.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1950.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., in accordance with the terms of the Resolution of the Senate passed on the 6th July, 1950.—The President (Senator the Honorable Gordon Brown) took the Chair.

2. PRAYERS.

3. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (PRICES) BILL 1950.—Senator McKenna, pursuant to leave granted on the 22nd June, 1950, brought up a Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws with respect to Prices.

On the motion of Senator McKenna the Bill was read a first time.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—Senator McKenna moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill from passing through its remaining stages without delay and, unless otherwise ordered, from taking precedence over Government and other General Business so long as it remains on the Notice Paper.

Debate ensued.

Closure Moved.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Cooper) moved—That the Question be now put. Question—That the Question be now put—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 25.

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

Noes, 31.

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

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Closure.—Senator Ward moved—That the Question be now put.

Question—That the Question be now put—put and passed.

Main Question—put accordingly.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 31.

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

Noes, 24.

Senator—	Senator—
Cooper.	Reid.
Gorton.	Robertson.
Guy.	Scott.
Hannaford.	Simmonds.
Henty.	Spicer.
Kendall.	Spooner.
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the whole number of Senators. Senator McKenna moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

4. COMMUNIST PARTY DISSOLUTION BILL 1950 [No. 2].—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 28.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Dissolution of the Australian Communist Party and of other Communist Organizations, to disqualify Communists from holding certain Offices, and for purposes connected therewith*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 4th October, 1950.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

Declaration of Urgency.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan), having declared that the Bill was an Urgent Bill, moved—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 25.

Noes, 31.

Senator—	Senator—
Cooper.	Reid.
Gorton.	Robertson.
Guy.	Scott.
Hannaford.	Simmonds.
Henty.	Spicer.
Kendall.	Spooner.
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Rankin, A. J. M.	<i>Teller:</i>
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Arnold.	McKenna.
Ashley.	Morrow.
Aylett.	Murray.
Beerworth.	Nash.
Benn.	Nicholls.
Cameron.	O'Byrne.
Cole.	O'Flaherty.
Cooke.	Ryan.
Courtice.	Sandford.
Devlin.	Sheehan.
Finlay.	Ward.
Fraser.	Willesee.
Grant.	
Harris.	<i>Teller:</i>
Hendrickson.	Senator Critchley.
Katz.	

And so it was negatived.

Proposed Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders.—Senator O'Sullivan, pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 25.

Noes, 32.

Senator—	Senator—
Cooper.	Reid.
Gorton.	Robertson.
Guy.	Scott.
Hannaford.	Simmonds.
Henty.	Spicer.
Kendall.	Spooner.
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Armstrong.	Katz.
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Brown.	Nicholls.
Cameron.	O'Byrne.
Cole.	O'Flaherty.
Cooke.	Ryan.
Courtice.	Sandford.
Devlin.	Sheehan.
Finlay.	Ward.
Fraser.	Willesee.
Grant.	
Harris.	<i>Teller:</i>
Hendrickson.	Senator Critchley.

And so it was negatived.

On the motion of Senator O'Sullivan the Bill was read a first time, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

5. MINISTERIAL DUTIES.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan), by leave, announced the following re-arrangement of Ministerial duties during the absence abroad of Mr. Spender and Mr. McEwen—

Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) as acting Minister for External Affairs and acting Minister for External Territories.

Minister for Fuel, Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay) as acting Minister for Commerce and Agriculture.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—The Senate adjourned at eight minutes past ten p.m. till to-morrow at eleven a.m.
7. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Amour, Tangney and Tate.

JOHN EDWARDS,
Clerk of the Senate.