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JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 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. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Senator Critchley moved, by leave—That leave of absence for one month be granted to Senator Tangney on account of ill-health.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
4. PAPERS.—The President presented the following Paper, pursuant to Statute—
Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of the Commonwealth Bank and Commonwealth Savings Bank as at 30th June, 1950 ; together with Auditor-General's reports thereon.
The following Paper was presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Northern Territory—Report on Administration for year 1948-49.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Apple and Pear Organization Act—
Fourth Annual Report of the Australian Apple and Pear Board, for year 1949-50, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 35.
Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations—1950—
No. 31—Australian Third Division Telegraphists and Postal Clerks' Union ; and others.
No. 32—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.
No. 33—Australian Journalists' Association.
No. 34—Amalgamated Engineering Union.
No. 35—Commonwealth Telephone Officers' Association.
No. 36—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 37—Sheet Metal Working Agricultural Implement and Stovemaking Industrial Union of Australia.
No. 38—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.
No. 39—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
No. 40—Fourth Division Officers' Association of the Trade and Customs Department of Australia ; and Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association.
No. 41—Australian Workers' Union and others.
No. 42—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
No. 43—Australian Journalists' Association.
No. 44—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association, and others.
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—No. 2 War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal—
Report for year 1949-50.
Banking Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 46.
Census and Statistics Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 43.
Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Army—A. H. Corbett.
Attorney-General's—W. S. Flynn.
Civil Aviation—R. D. Firms, N. L. Keys.
Commerce and Agriculture—K. L. Gunn, W. B. C. Mackie, J. P. Wilson.
Defence—E. R. Knowles, J. F. K. McCarthy.
Health—K. H. Clarke, M. N. McLeod.
Interior—G. C. Bond, T. B. Halbert, F. A. Powell, W. Steele, C. G. van Senden, R. A. Wyatt.
Labour and National Service—J. E. Excell, P. McDonnell.
National Development—D. L. Beattie, R. Green, I. R. McLeod, E. H. Morgan, W. Roberts, T. H. Rodger, K. R. Walker.
Postmaster-General's—J. M. Dixon.
Prime Minister's—H. G. Shaw.
Repatriation—A. H. G. McIntyre, B. McLean.
Social Services—N. J. Cameron.
Supply—W. A. S. Butement, B. G. Gates, A. J. H. Oxford.
Treasury—A. M. Kerr.
Works and Housing—D. W. E. Beverley, W. J. Bundrock, R. D. Cooper, G. A. Findlay, M. K. Finlayson, R. Fox, D. O. Gale, A. D. Greenhough, E. D. Greenman, J. M. Larsen, N. W. Ludbrook, N. E. Marchant, I. H. Miller, G. C. F. Millhouse, A. T. O'Meara, G. E. K. Pitt, A. J. Purcell, W. L. Reeve-Smith, E. J. Scollay, F. G. Sharkey, R. G. West, D. W. E. White.

- Customs Act—Customs Proclamations—Nos. 766, 767.
 Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, Nos. 36–41, 53, 54.
- Defence Act—
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, Nos. 29, 47.
 Royal Military College—Report for 1949.
- Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—
 National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (16).
 Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 52.
- Egg Export Charges Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 31.
- Egg Export Control Act—Third Annual Report of the Australian Egg Board, for year 1949–50.
- High Commissioner Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 45.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 Australian Aluminium Production Commission purposes—St. Leonards, Tasmania.
 Commonwealth office accommodation purposes—Perth, Western Australia.
 Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization purposes—Kelmescott, Western Australia.
- Defence purposes—
 Bogan Gate, New South Wales.
 Bonegilla, Victoria.
 Cairns, Queensland.
 Gladstone, South Australia.
 Newnes Junction, New South Wales.
 Nowra, New South Wales.
 Queanbeyan, New South Wales.
 Rathmines, New South Wales.
 Red Hill South, Victoria.
 Salisbury, South Australia.
 Werribee, Victoria.
- Department of Civil Aviation purposes—
 Cowell, South Australia.
 Eagle Farm, Queensland.
 Mangalore, Victoria.
 Meekatharra, Western Australia.
 Narrandera, New South Wales.
 Renmark, South Australia.
- Department of Supply and Development purposes—Hobart, Tasmania.
- Department of Works and Housing purposes—Burwood, New South Wales.
- Postal purposes—
 Bacchus Marsh, Victoria.
 Baulkhan Hills, New South Wales.
 Beenleigh, Queensland.
 Boronia, Victoria.
 Burnie, Tasmania.
 Carnarvon, Western Australia.
 Chatswood, New South Wales.
 Corowa, New South Wales.
 Dalwallinu, Western Australia.
 Deloraine, Tasmania.
 Doncaster, Victoria.
 Dumbleyung, Western Australia.
 Dungog, New South Wales.
 Glenorchy, Tasmania.
 Kilmore, Victoria.
 Lithgow, New South Wales.
 Maffra, Victoria.
 Miles, Queensland.
 Mitcham, Victoria.
 Murrumbidgee, Victoria.
 Narrandera, New South Wales.
 New Norfolk, Tasmania.
 Port Pirie, South Australia.
 Sandy Bay, Tasmania.
 Smeaton, Victoria.
 Stradbroke Park, South Australia.
 Swansea, Tasmania.
 Sydney, New South Wales.
 Woodside, South Australia.
- Repatriation Commission purposes—Greenslopes, Queensland.
- Meat Export Control Act—Fifteenth Annual Report of the Australian Meat Board, for year 1949–50.
- National Debt Sinking Fund Act—National Debt Commission—Twenty-seventh Annual Report for year 1949–50.
- National Health Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 50.
- Nationality and Citizenship Act—Return for year 1949–50.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Crown Lands Ordinance—Reasons for resumption of reserve at Elliott.

Ordinances—1950—

No. 1—Workmen's Compensation.

No. 2—Crown Law Officer Reference.

No. 3—Darwin Town Management.

No. 4—Fisheries.

No. 5—Police Arbitral Tribunal.

No. 6—Marriage.

No. 7—Housing Loans.

No. 8—Health.

No. 9—Apprentices.

No. 10—Adoption of Children.

No. 11—Licensing Court Annual Sittings Validating.

No. 12—Prisons.

Regulations—1950—No. 6 (Control of Waters).

Statutory Rules 1950, No. 34.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1950—

No. 3—Supply (No. 1) 1950–51.

No. 4—Customs Tariff (Papua).

No. 5—Customs Tariff (New Guinea).

No. 6—Land (New Guinea).

No. 7—Forestry (Papua).

No. 8—Justices (Attestation of Instruments).

No. 9—Expulsion of Undesirables.

No. 10—Seamen (Unemployment Indemnity) (Papua).

No. 11—Shipping (Maritime Convention) (New Guinea).

No. 12—Arms, Liquor and Opium Prohibition (New Guinea).

No. 13—Arms, Liquor and Opium Prohibition (Papua).

No. 14—Printers and Newspapers (Papua).

No. 15—Statistics.

No. 16—Lost Registers.

No. 17—Co-operative Societies.

Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 30.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, Nos. 48, 51.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 49.

Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, Nos. 27, 42.

Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for 1949.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1950—

No. 4—Medical Practitioners Registration.

No. 5—Rates.

No. 6—Tuberculosis.

Regulations—1950—

Nos. 2 and 3 (Court of Petty Sessions Ordinance).

No. 4 (Cemeteries Ordinance).

Sulphur Bounty Act—Return for year 1949–50.

Tractor Bounty Act—Return for year 1949–50.

Trade Marks Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 44.

War Service Homes Act—Land acquired at—

Deloraine, Tasmania.

Jordanville, Victoria.

Launceston, Tasmania.

Moonah, Tasmania.

Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 28.

Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 1)—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 32.

Wool (Contributory Charge) Act (No. 2)—Regulations—Statutory Rules, 1950, No. 33.

5. MR. SPEAKER'S VISIT TO LONDON—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan), by leave, informed the Senate that Mr. Speaker would shortly proceed to London to represent the Commonwealth Parliament at the Opening of the new House of Commons. The Minister invited Senators to attend a function in honor of Mr. Speaker at 5 p.m. this day.

6. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

7. POSTPONEMENTS.—Ordered—That Order of the Day No. 1, Business of the Senate, and Order of the Day No. 1, General Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business.

8. COMMUNIST PARTY DISSOLUTION BILL 1950 [No. 2].—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan), according to Order, moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Senator McKenna moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 32.

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

Noes, 24.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Senator O'Sullivan moved—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for 8 p.m. this day.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 24.

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

Noes, 32.

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

And so it was negatived.

On the motion of Senator O'Sullivan the resumption of the debate was made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

9. NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.—The Minister for Fuel, Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till to-morrow at half-past ten a.m.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 24.

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

Noes, 32.

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

And so it was negatived.

10. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE DISSOLUTION DEADLOCKS) BILL 1950—SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day having been read for bringing up the Report of the Select Committee—Senator McKenna moved—That the time for bringing up the Report be extended until the 1st November next.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the Question be now put—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 23.

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

Noes, 32.

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

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Main Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 32.

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

Noes, 24.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. POSTPONEMENT.—Ordered, after debate—That Order of the Day No. 1, General Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2, Government Business.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Suspension of Sitting.—At 8.15 p.m. the sitting of the Senate was suspended until 9.20 p.m.

Sitting resumed.

13. LEAVE TO MAKE STATEMENT REFUSED.—Senator McKenna asked for leave to make a statement. Objection being raised, leave not granted.

14. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Senator Ashley moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Senator McKenna from making a statement.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 23.	
Senator—	Senator—	Senator—	Senator—
Armstrong.	Katz.	Cooper.	Reid.
Arnold.	Large.	Gorton.	Robertson.
Ashley.	McKenna.	Guy.	Scott.
Aylett.	Morrow.	Hannaford.	Simmonds.
Beerworth.	Murray.	Henty.	Spicer.
Benn.	Nash.	McCallum.	Vincent.
Brown.	Nicholls.	McLeay.	Wedgwood.
Cameron.	O'Byrne.	Maher.	Wood.
Cole.	O'Flaherty.	Mattner.	Wordsworth.
Cooke.	Ryan.	O'Sullivan.	
Courtice.	Sandford.	Piesse.	<i>Teller:</i>
Devlin.	Sheehan.	Rankin, A. J. M.	Senator Wright.
Finlay.	Ward.	Rankin, G. J.	
Fraser.	Willesee.		
Grant.	<i>Teller:</i>		
Harris.	Senator Critchley.		
Hendrickson.			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the whole number of Senators.

15. STATEMENTS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE.—Senator McKenna made a statement relating to the business on the Notice Paper.
The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan), by leave, also made a statement referring to the matter.
16. CONSTITUTION ALTERATION (PRICES) 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 Nash having called for a document quoted from by the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan)—
The Minister stated that the document was of a confidential nature.
Debate continued.

And it being 10.30 p.m.—

17. 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 twenty-five minutes to eleven p.m. till Tuesday next at three p.m.
18. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Amour, Tangney (on leave), and Tate.

JOHN EDWARDS,
Clerk of the Senate.