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## JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

TUESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 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. COMMUNIST PARTY DISSOLUTION BILL 1950 [No. 2].—GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGE.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by the President:—

W. J. MCKELL,  
Governor-General.

Message No. 5.

A Proposed Law intituled, "*Communist Party Dissolution 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, 20th October, 1950.

4. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

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

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 66.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Labour and National Service—L. L. Forbes, V. C. Routley.

Supply—C. L. Alchin, B. H. Arndt, D. R. L. Callow, I. B. Campbell, J. J. Charles, D. P. Melrose, J. D. Robinson.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, Nos. 57, 64.

Income Tax Assessment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 63.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—Postal purposes—Smithtown, New South Wales.

Pharmaceutical Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules, 1950, No. 62.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Australian Capital Territory for year 1949–50.

6. SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1950–51.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 30.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 20th October, 1950.

C. F. ADERMANN,  
Deputy Speaker.

*Suspension of Standing Orders.*—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Minister for Social Services (Senator Spooner) moved—That the Bill be now read a first time.

On the motion of Senator Ashley the debate was adjourned.

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

7. ORDER OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS MOVED.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the resumption of the debate upon Government Business, Order of the Day No. 1 (Commonwealth Bank Bill) being called on forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.  
The Senate divided—

Ayes, 22.

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

Noes, 31.

Senator—	Senator—
Amour.	Katz.
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.	Willesee.
Fraser.	
Grant.	<i>Teller:</i>
Harris.	Senator Critchley.
Hendrickson.	

And so it was negatived.

8. 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.

*And it being 10.30 p.m.—*

9. 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.

10. Attendance.—Present, all the Members except Senators Maher, Spicer, Tangney (on leave), Tate and Wood.

JOHN EDWARDS,

*Clerk of the Senate.*