

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 49.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

TUESDAY, 31ST 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. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Aluminium Industry Act—Australian Aluminium Production Commission—Fifth Annual Report, for year 1949-50.
 Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment—M. M. Bourke.
 Communist Party Dissolution Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 67.
 Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 Postal purposes—
 Campbell Town, Tasmania.
 Dungowan, New South Wales.
 Repatriation Commissioner purposes—
 Perth, Western Australia.

5. 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—
 Gorton.
 Guy.
 Hannaford.
 Henty.
 Kendall.
 McCallum.
 McLeay.
 Mattner.
 O'Sullivan.
 Piesse.
 Rankin, G. J.
 Reid.
 Robertson.

Senator—
 Scott.
 Simmonds.
 Spicer.
 Spooner.
 Vincent.
 Wedgwood.
 Wood.
 Wordsworth.

Teller:

Senator Rankin,
 A. J. M.

Noes, 33.

Senator—
 Amour.
 Armstrong.
 Arnold.
 Ashley.
 Aylett.
 Beerworth.
 Benn.
 Brown.
 Cameron.
 Cole.
 Cooke.
 Courtice.
 Devlin.
 Finlay.
 Fraser.
 Grant.
 Harris.
 Hendrickson.

Senator—
 Katz.
 Large.
 McKenna.
 Morrow.
 Murray.
 Nash.
 Nicholls.
 O'Byrne.
 O'Flaherty.
 Ryan.
 Sandford.
 Sheehan.
 Ward.
 Willesee.

Teller:

Senator Critchley.

And so it was negatived.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 242 (CALL OF THE SENATE).—Senator McKenna, pursuant to notice, moved—That Standing Order 242 be suspended to enable the Third Reading of the Constitution Alteration (Prices) Bill 1950 to be passed without a Call of the Senate.

Question—put and passed.

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7. 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.—

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 Maher, Tangney (on leave), Tate and Wright.

JOHN EDWARDS,
Clerk of the Senate.