

No. 50.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 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. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGE—ASSENT TO BILLS.—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. 6.

Proposed Laws intituled:—

“ *War Pensions Appropriation Act 1950* ”

“ *Supply Act (No. 2) 1950-51* ”

“ *Supply (Works and Services) Act (No. 2) 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, 30th October, 1950.

4. QUESTION.—A Question on notice was answered.

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

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Postal purposes at Darra, Queensland.

Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by Auditor-General on the accounts of the Science and Industry Endowment Fund, for year 1949-50.

6. 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 for a period of four weeks from this day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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.

Senator Sheehan moved—That Senator Ryan be granted an extension of time for thirty minutes.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 32.

Noes, 22.

Senator—	Senator—
Amour.	Katz.
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.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The Senate divided.

Ayes, 31.		Nocs, 23.	
Senator—	Senator—	Senator—	Senator—
Amour.	Large.	Cooper.	Robertson.
Armstrong.	McKenna.	Gorton.	Scott.
Arnold.	Morrow.	Guy.	Simmonds.
Ashley.	Murray.	Hannaford.	Spicer.
Aylett.	Nash.	Henty.	Spooner.
Benn.	Nicholls.	Kendall.	Vincent.
Brown.	O'Byrne.	McCallum.	Wedgwood.
Cameron.	O'Flaherty.	McLeay.	Wood.
Cole.	Ryan.	Mattner.	Wordsworth.
Cooke.	Sandford.	O'Sullivan.	
Courtice.	Sheehan.	Piesse.	<i>Teller:</i>
Finlay.	Ward.	Rankin, G. J.	Senator Rankin,
Fraser.	Willesee.	Reid.	A. J. M.
Grant.			
Harris.	<i>Teller:</i>		
Hendrickson.	Senator Critchley.		
Katz.			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated.

Question proposed—That the Bill stand as printed.

Closure.—The Minister for Fuel, Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay) moved—That the Question be now put.

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

Question—That the Bill stand as printed—put accordingly, and passed.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Nicholls) reported accordingly.

Senator McKenna moved—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

The Senate divided.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority of the Senate, as required by the Constitution.

Bill read a third time.

8. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1950 [No. 2].—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 11 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 eleven p.m. till to-morrow at eleven a.m.

10. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Maher, Tangney (on leave), Tate and Wright.

JOHN EDWARDS,
Clerk of the Senate.