

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 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. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 69.
 Commonwealth Bank Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 70.
 Meat Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 71.
 Re-establishment and Employment Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 68.

5. STATES GRANTS (ADDITIONAL TAX REIMBURSEMENT) BILL 1950.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 36.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the purpose of Financial Assistance to the States*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
 Canberra, 9th November, 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.

On the motion of the Minister for Social Services (Senator Spooner) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Spooner moved—That the Bill be now read a second 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.

6. STATES GRANTS 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.

Question—put and passed.

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 agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

On the motion of the Minister for Social Services (Senator Spooner) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

7. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1950.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 37.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
 Canberra, 9th November, 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.

On the motion of Senator O'Sullivan the Bill was read a first time.

Senator O'Sullivan moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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 agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without requests.

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

On the motion of Senator O'Sullivan the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

8. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL 1950.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 38.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1949'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 9th November, 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.

On the motion of Senator O'Sullivan the Bill was read a first time.

Senator O'Sullivan moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

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 agreed to.

Bill to be reported without requests.

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

On the motion of Senator O'Sullivan the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—The Senate adjourned at nine minutes past nine p.m. till Tuesday next at three p.m.
10. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Harris, Hendrickson, Morrow, Murray, A. J. M. Rankin, Sheehan, Spicer, Tangney (on leave), Tate, Wood and Wordsworth.

JOHN EDWARDS,
Clerk of the Senate.