

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 57.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, 16TH 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. QUESTION.—A question on notice was answered.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—
 - Department of the Interior purposes—
 - Meekatharra, Western Australia.
 - Postal purposes—
 - Perth, Western Australia.
 - Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 - Ordinances—1950—
 - No. 7—Motor Traffic.
 - No. 8—Police.
 - No. 9—Police Superannuation.
 - No. 10—Seat of Government (Administration).
 - No. 11—Canberra Community Hospital.
 - No. 12—Meat.
 - Regulations—1950—
 - No. 5—(Education Ordinance).
5. JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS—FIFTH REPORT.—The President brought up the Fifth Report from the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings.
The Report was read by the President, as follows :—

FIFTH REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.

The Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings submits the Fifth Report for presentation to each House of the Parliament and recommends its adoption.

The Joint Committee has further considered the general principles upon which there should be determined the days upon which and the periods during which the proceedings of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall be broadcast, which were specified in previous reports by the Joint Committee and were adopted by both Houses. In accordance with section 12 (1.) of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act* 1946, the Joint Committee has now resolved that sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (4) of the general principles, viz. :—

“(4) Re-broadcast of questions and answers—

(a) Within the limits of time available, the following Parliamentary Proceedings shall be re-broadcast by the Australian Broadcasting Commission between 7.20 p.m. and 7.55 p.m. on each sitting day—

Senate proceedings—Questions without notice and on notice and answers thereto ;

House of Representatives proceedings—Questions without notice and answers thereto.”,

be amended as follows :—

Omit “ between 7.20 p.m. and 7.55 p.m.”, insert “ between 7.25 p.m. and 8 p.m.”.

It is proposed that this amendment shall come into operation on the 11th December, 1950.

GORDON BROWN,

Vice-Chairman.

15th November, 1950.

The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) moved, by leave—That the Report be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

6. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL (No. 2) 1950.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till a later hour of the day, and that Senator O'Flaherty have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

7. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—The President informed the Senate that His Grace, The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Reverend and Right Honorable Dr. G. F. Fisher, a Member of the House of Lords, was in the precincts of the Senate, and he proposed, with the concurrence of honorable Senators, to invite him to take a seat in the Chamber. And Senators concurring, the distinguished visitor was admitted and took a seat on the floor of the Senate.

8. POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES BILL 1950.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT.

Message No. 40.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Post and Telegraph Rates Act 1902-1949'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 15th 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 Repatriation (Senator Cooper) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Cooper 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.

9. SOCIAL SERVICES CONSOLIDATION BILL (No. 2) 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 debated.

And it being 10.30 p.m.—The Chairman, under Sessional Order, put the Question—That he do leave the Chair and report to the Senate.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.

Noes, 20.

Senator—	Senator—
Amour.	Large.
Armstrong.	Murray.
Arnold.	Nash.
Ashley.	Nicholls.
Beerworth.	O'Byrne.
Benn.	O'Flaherty.
Brown.	Ryan.
Cole.	Sandford.
Cooke.	Ward.
Courtice.	Willesee.
Finlay.	
Fraser.	<i>Teller:</i>
Harris.	
Hendrickson.	Senator Critchlev.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT.—The President, under Sessional Order, then put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 25.

Senator—	Senator—
Amour.	Large.
Armstrong.	Murray.
Arnold.	Nash.
Ashley.	Nicholls.
Beerworth.	O'Byrne.
Benn.	O'Flaherty.
Brown.	Ryan.
Cole.	Sandford.
Cooke.	Ward.
Courtice.	Willesee.
Finlay.	
Fraser.	<i>Teller:</i>
Harris.	
Hendrickson.	Senator Critchley.

Noes, 20.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned at twelve minutes to eleven p.m. till Tuesday next at three p.m.

11. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Aylett, Devlin, Simmonds, Tangney (on leave), Tate, Vincent, Wordsworth, and Wright (on leave).

JOHN EDWARDS,
Clerk of the Senate.