

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 62.

## JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH 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. 13.*

Proposed Laws intituled :—

“ *Loan Act 1950* ”

“ *Post and Telegraph Rates 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 Laws.

Government House,  
Canberra, 28th November, 1950.

4. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

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

Arbitration (Public Service) Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1950—

No. 65—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees' Association.

No. 66—Printing Industry Employees' Union of Australia.

No. 67—Non-Official Postmasters' Association of Australia.

No. 68—Australian Workers' Union.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointment—Postmaster-General's Department—  
L. M. Chambers.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 79.

Hospital Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 77.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research  
Organization purposes—Armidale, New South Wales.

Quarantine Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 78.

6. ORDER OF THE DAY DISCHARGED.—Ordered, on the motion of the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan)—That the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be discharged :—

Foreign Affairs—Ministerial Statement (9th March, 1950)—Paper.—Adjourned debate on the motion that the Paper be printed.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 68.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) moved—That Standing Order No. 68 be suspended up to and including Friday, 22nd December, 1950, to enable new Business to be commenced after half-past ten o'clock at night.

Question—put and passed, there being present an absolute majority of the whole number of Senators, and no dissentient voice.

8. PROPOSED FRIDAY SITTING.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) moved—That the Senate, at its rising on Thursday next, adjourn until 11 a.m. on Friday, 1st December, 1950.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

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

And so it was negatived.

9. ILLNESS OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE J. B. CHIFLEY.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan), by leave, made reference to the illness of the Right Honorable J. B. Chifley, Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives, and suggested that a telegram of sympathy be sent to him.

Senator Ashley, by leave, made similar references, which were supported by the President, who undertook to send the telegram.

10. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION 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 Deputy-President resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Nash) reported accordingly.

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

11. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL 1950.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 48.*

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1949', to repeal the 'Social Services Contribution Act 1945-1949' and the 'Social Services Contribution Assessment Act 1945-1948', and for other purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 29th November, 1950.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,  
*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.

12. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION BILL 1950.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 49.*

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to impose upon Incomes a Tax by the name of Income Tax and Social Services Contribution*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 29th November, 1950.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,  
*Speaker.*

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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.

13. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) 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 11 p.m.—*

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

Ayes, 31.

Noes, 24.

Senator—	Senator—
Amour.	Large.
Armstrong.	McKenna.
Arnold.	Morrow.
Ashley.	Murray.
Aylett.	Nash.
Benn.	Nicholls.
Brown.	O'Byrne.
Cameron.	O'Flaherty.
Cole.	Ryan.
Cooke.	Sandford.
Courtice.	Sheehan.
Devlin.	Ward.
Fraser.	Willesee.
Grant.	
Harris.	<i>Teller:</i>
Hendrickson.	Senator Critchley.
Katz.	

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned at six minutes past eleven p.m., till to-morrow at eleven a.m.

15. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Finlay, Tangney (on leave) and Wright (on leave).

JOHN EDWARDS,  
*Clerk of the Senate.*