

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 64.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 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. 14.

Proposed Laws intituled :—

" Wool Sales Deduction (Administration) Act 1950 "

" Wool Sales Deduction Act (No. 1) 1950 "

" Wool Sales Deduction Act (No. 2) 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, 2nd December, 1950.

4. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Tariff Board Reports—

Cotton Canvas and Cotton Duck.

Tyre Cord Fabric and Tyre Cord.

Ordered to be printed.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Aliens Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 87.

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

No. 69—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 70—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.

No. 71—Postmaster-General's Department State Heads of Branches Association.

No. 72—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 84.

Commonwealth Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Defence—J. I. Serman.

Fuel, Shipping and Transport—P. A. Maclean.

Interior—H. D. Waring.

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act and Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 80.

Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 85.

Egg Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 81.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for—

Defence purposes—

Rottneest Island, Western Australia.

Department of Civil Aviation purposes—

Normanton, Queensland.

Postal purposes—

Longreach, Queensland.

Malvern North, Victoria.

Mt. Gravatt, Queensland.

Rosebud, Victoria.

Meat Export Control Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 83.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 86.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
 Australian Capital Territory Soil Conservation Council—Third Annual Report and
 Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, for year 1949–50.
 Ordinance—1950—No. 13—Liquor.
 Wool Use Promotion Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1950, No. 82.

6. COMMONWEALTH RAILWAYS BILL 1950.—The Minister for Fuel, Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay), pursuant to notice, moved—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth Railways Act 1917–1936*, as amended by the *Salaries (Statutory Offices) Adjustment Act 1950*.

Question—put and passed.

Bill presented, and on the motion of Senator McLeay read a first time, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

7. AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS' REPATRIATION BILL 1950.—*Message from the House of Representatives*.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 54.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act 1920–1949', and for other purposes*", and acquaints the Senate that it has agreed to the Bill with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
 Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

Ordered—That the Message be considered in Committee of the Whole forthwith.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of Message No. 54 of the House of Representatives, and Amendments.

In the Committee.

Message read.

The Committee proceeded to consider the Amendments, which are as follows :—

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 1.—Page 24, clause 49, line 24, omit " sub-section ", insert " sub-sections ".

No. 2.—Page 24, clause 49, after proposed new sub-section (5.) add the following sub-section :—

" (6.) In sections one hundred and fourteen and one hundred and fourteen A of this Act any reference to a member of the Forces includes a reference to a deceased member of the Forces and any reference to persons who are dependent on a member of the Forces includes a reference to a person who, but for the death of a member, would have been dependent on the member."

On the motion of the Minister for Repatriation (Senator Cooper) the amendments were agreed to.
 Resolution to be reported.

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

On the motion of Senator Cooper the Report from the Committee was adopted.

8. NATIONAL SERVICE BILL 1950.—*Message from the House of Representatives*.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 52.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for National Service in the Defence Force, and for other purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
 Canberra, 1st December, 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 Attorney-General (Senator Spicer) the Bill was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Senator McKenna the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

9. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION (REFUND OF CHARGE) BILL 1950.—*Message from the House of Representatives*.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 55.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment, through the Australian Wheat Board, to Growers of Wheat of a certain Season of certain Moneys in the Wheat Prices Stabilization Fund*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
 Canberra, 5th December, 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 Fuel, Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay) the Bill was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Senator O'Flaherty the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

10. SUPERPHOSPHATE BOUNTY ACT REPEAL BILL 1950.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 56.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to repeal the 'Superphosphate Bounty Act 1941'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

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 Fuel, Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay) the Bill was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Senator Sandford the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

11. FLAX CANVAS BOUNTY BILL 1950.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 60.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Flax Canvas*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

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.

On the motion of Senator Critchley the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

12. WOOL PRODUCTS BOUNTY BILL 1950.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 57.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of Bounty on the Production of certain Wool Products*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

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.

On the motion of Senator Benn the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 59.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Customs Act 1901-1949'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

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.

On the motion of Senator Ashley the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

14. TRACTOR BOUNTY BILL 1950.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 61.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Tractor Bounty Act 1939-1947'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

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.

On the motion of Senator Katz the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

15. CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXPORT DUTIES) BILL 1950.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 58.

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

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

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.

On the motion of Senator Ashley the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

16. NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP BILL 1950.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 53.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 5th December, 1950.

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 Attorney-General (Senator Spicer) the Bill was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Senator Grant the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

17. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT 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.

18. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION 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 requests.

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.

19. POSTPONEMENT.—Ordered—That the remaining Orders of the Day on the Notice Paper be postponed until after the consideration of the Wheat Industry Stabilization (Refund of Charge) Bill 1950.

20. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION (REFUND OF CHARGE) 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 Fuel, Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

21. SALARIES (STATUTORY OFFICES) ADJUSTMENT 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 O'Byrne) 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.

22. NATIONAL WELFARE FUND 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, after debate

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.

23. POSTPONEMENT.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 5, 6 and 7, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of the Superphosphate Bounty Act Repeal Bill 1950.
24. SUPERPHOSPHATE BOUNTY ACT REPEAL 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.—

Adjournment Negatived.—The President, under Sessional Order, put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn—
Which Question was negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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 O'Byrne) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Fuel, Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

25. POSTPONEMENT.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 5, 6 and 7, Government Business, be postponed until the next day of sitting.

26. FLAX CANVAS BOUNTY 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 Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

27. WOOL PRODUCTS BOUNTY 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 Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

28. CUSTOMS 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 Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

29. **TRACTOR BOUNTY 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 Chairman of Committees (Senator Nicholls) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

30. **NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP 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 Chairman of Committees (Senator Nicholls) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Attorney-General (Senator Spicer) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

31. **CUSTOMS TARIFF (EXPORT DUTIES) 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 requests.

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

On the motion of the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

32. **NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.**—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till to-morrow at eleven a.m.

Question—put and passed.

33. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Senate adjourned at eight minutes past eleven p.m. till to-morrow at eleven a.m.

34. **ATTENDANCE.**—Present, all the Members except Senators Aylett, Finlay, Hendrickson, Scott, Sheehan, Tate, and Wright (on leave).

JOHN EDWARDS,
Clerk of the Senate.