

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

No. 81.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1953.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy President (Senator G. J. Rankin) took the Chair.

2. PRAYERS.

3. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

4. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT, TO DEBATE MATTER OF URGENCY.—The Deputy President announced that he had received from Senator Guy a statement of his intention to move—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till to-morrow at ten a.m., for the purpose of debating a matter of urgency, viz.—“the continued failure of the Government to allow time for the consideration of private members’ business, notwithstanding the fact that a regular time for its consideration has been allotted by Sessional Order”.

And four Senators having risen in their places as indicating their approval of the moving of the motion—*Point of Order*.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O’Sullivan) submitted that the motion was not in order because it anticipated another motion of which Notice appeared on the Notice Paper.

Debate ensued on the point of order.

*Ruling of Deputy President*.—The Deputy President ruled that the proposed motion would not be in order, as it was contrary to Standing Orders 125 and 419.

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

National Health Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 21.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 20.

6. SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O’Sullivan), pursuant to notice, moved—That the Sessional Order giving precedence to General Business after eight p.m. on Thursdays be suspended until Friday, 27th March, 1953.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 28.

Senator—  
Cooper.  
Cormack.  
Hannaford.  
Henty.  
Kendall.  
Laught.  
McCallum.  
McLeay.  
McMullin.  
Maher.  
Marriott.  
O’Sullivan.  
Paltridge.  
Pearson.  
Rankin, G. J.

Senator—  
Reid.  
Robertson.  
Robinson.  
Scott.  
Seward.  
Spicer.  
Spoonier.  
Tate.  
Vincent.  
Wedgwood.  
Wood.  
Wordsworth.  
*Teller:*  
Senator Annabelle Rankin.

Noes, 24.

Senator—  
Amour.  
Armstrong.  
Ashley.  
Aylett.  
Benn.  
Brown.  
Byrne.  
Cameron.  
Cole.  
Cooke.  
Courtice.  
Grant.  
Guy.

Senator—  
Hendrickson.  
McKenna.  
Morrow.  
Nicholls.  
O’Byrne.  
O’Flaherty.  
Sandford.  
Sheehan.  
Tangney.  
Willesee.

*Teller:*

Senator Critchley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 68.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O’Sullivan), pursuant to notice, moved—That Standing Order No. 68 be suspended up to and including 27th March, 1953, to enable new Business to be commenced after half-past ten o’clock at night.  
Debate ensued.

Question—put.  
The Senate divided—

Ayes, 29.

Senator—	Senator—
Cooper.	Reid.
Cormack.	Robertson.
Guy.	Robinson.
Hannafor.	Scott.
Henty.	Seward.
Kendall.	Spicer.
Laught.	Spooner.
McCallum.	Tate.
McLeay.	Vincent.
McMullin.	Wedgwood.
Maher.	Wood.
Marriott.	Wordsworth.
O'Sullivan.	
Paltridge.	<i>Teller:</i>
Pearson.	Senator Annabelle
Rankin, G. J.	Rankin.

Noes, 23.

Senator—	Senator—
Amour.	McKenna.
Armstrong.	Morrow.
Ashley.	Nicholls.
Aylett.	O'Byrne.
Benn.	O'Flaherty.
Brown.	Sandford.
Byrne.	Sheehan.
Cameron.	Tangney.
Cole.	Willesee.
Cooke.	
Courtice.	<i>Teller:</i>
Grant.	Senator Critchley.
Hendrickson.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. CANNED FRUITS EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives*.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 201.*

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Canned Fruits Export Control Act 1926-1952'*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,  
*Speaker.*

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 17th March, 1953.

9. DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives*.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 202.*

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Dried Fruits Export Control Act 1924-1952'*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,  
*Speaker.*

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 17th March, 1953.

10. SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives*.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 204.*

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Seamen's Compensation Act 1911-1949', and for other purposes*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,  
*Speaker.*

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 17th March, 1953.

11. PATENTS, TRADE MARKS, DESIGNS AND COPYRIGHT BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives*.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 205.*

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Patents, Trade Marks, Designs and Copyright (War Powers) Act 1939-1946'*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,  
*Speaker.*

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 17th March, 1953.

12. MEAT EXPORT CONTROL BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives*.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 208.*

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Meat Export Control Act 1935-1950'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,  
*Speaker.*

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 17th March, 1953.

*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 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 McKenna the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

13. TRACTOR BOUNTY BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 207.*

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Tractor Bounty Act 1939-1950'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,  
*Speaker.*

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 17th March, 1953.

*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 McKenna the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

14. HEARD ISLAND AND McDONALD ISLANDS BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 206.*

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Government of Heard Island and McDonald Islands*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,  
*Speaker.*

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 17th March, 1953.

*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.

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.

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In the Committee.

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

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

15. COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL 1953.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate resumed.

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And it being 11 p.m.—

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

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Debate continued.

On the motion of Senator Nicholls the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.  
The Senate adjourned at twenty-two minutes to twelve o'clock midnight till to-morrow at eleven a.m.
17. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Arnold, Deylin (on leave), Finlay, Fraser (on leave), Gorton, Mattner (on leave), Ryan (on leave) and Wright.

JOHN EDWARDS,  
*Clerk of the Senate.*