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THURSDAY, 19TH MARCH, 1953.

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

2. PRAYERS.

3. ROYAL STYLE AND TITLES BILL 1953.—*Governor-General's Message.—Reservation of Bill.*—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by the Deputy President:—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 45.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Royal Style and Titles Act 1953*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General, His Excellency has, under Section 58 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, reserved the proposed Law for the Queen's pleasure.

Government House,
Canberra, 17th March, 1953.

4. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Imperial Force Canteens Fund Act—Thirty-second Annual Report by the Trustees, for year 1951–52.
Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Order—Inventions and designs.
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of the Interior—H. K. Arnold.
Wool Products Bounty Act—Third Annual Report on operations of Act, for year 1952.

6. FLAX INDUSTRY BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 209.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of a Flax Commission, and for matters incidental thereto*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 18th March, 1953.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Minister for Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay), 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 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 the next day of sitting.

7. DAIRY PRODUCE 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. 211.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Dairy Produce Export Control Act 1924–1947'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 18th March, 1953.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Minister for Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay), 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 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.

8. AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.—*Senate Members of Council*.—The Minister for Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of section eleven of the *Australian National University Act 1946–1947*, the Senate elects Senators. McCallum and Tangney to be members of the Council of the Australian National University for a period of two years from the 1st July, 1953.

Question—put and passed.

9. 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.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 29.

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

Senator—
Reid.
Robertson.
Robinson.
Scott.
Seward.
Spicer.
Spoonner.
Tate.
Vincent.
Wedgwood.
Wood.
Wordsworth.

Teller:

Senator Annabelle Rankin.

Noes, 23.

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

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

Teller:

Senator Critchley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Senator McKenna moved—That it be an instruction to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill to consider an amendment to Section 169 of the Principal Act.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 23.

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

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

Teller:

Senator Critchley.

Noes, 28.

Senator—
Cooper.
Cormack.
Gorton.
Guy.
Hannaford.
Kendall.
Laught.
McCallum.
McLeay.
McMullin.
Maher.
Marriott.
Paltridge.
Pearson.
Rankin, G. J.
Reid.

Senator—
Robertson.
Robinson.
Scott.
Seward.
Spicer.
Spoonner.
Tate.
Vincent.
Wedgwood.
Wood.
Wordsworth.

Teller:

Senator Annabelle Rankin.

And so it was negatived.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Clause 12 debated and agreed to.

Clause 13 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 14 to 17 agreed to.

Clause 18 debated and agreed to.

First Schedule debated—

Senator McKenna moved an amendment, viz.—Page 13, First Schedule, opposite "Section 177" in the first column, insert in the second column, "Sub-section (3.), omit 'where the Governor is satisfied that special circumstances exist', insert 'with the concurrence of the Governor'; after 'lend' insert 'money'; omit 'money not exceeding at any one time Two hundred and fifty pounds'".

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 22.

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

Noes, 27.

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

Amendment negated accordingly.

First Schedule agreed to.

Second and Third Schedules agreed to.

Fourth Schedule debated and agreed to.

Fifth Schedule agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

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

10. BANKING 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.

And it being 10.30 p.m.—

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

Debate continued.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 28.

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

Noes, 21.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 debated and agreed to.

Clause 7 read—

The Minister for National Development (Senator Spooner) moved an amendment, viz.—page 6, at the end of proposed new section 22A, add the following sub-section :—

“(2.) The rate of interest determined under the last preceding sub-section shall be the same in respect of each bank.”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 7, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 8 and 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 11 to 17 agreed to.

Clause 18 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 19 to 23 agreed to.

Clause 24 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 25 to 29 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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

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

11. ADJOURNMENT.—The Minister for National Development (Senator Spooner) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at twelve minutes to twelve o'clock midnight till Tuesday next at three p.m.

12. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Arnold, Devlin (on leave), Finlay, Fraser (on leave), Mattner (on leave), Ryan (on leave) and Wright.

JOHN EDWARDS,

Clerk of the Senate.