

# JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

No. 89.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1953.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The President (Senator the Honorable A. M. McMullin) took the Chair.
2. PRAYERS.
3. SENATOR SWORN.—James Philip Toohey, Senator for the State of South Australia, made and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance at the Table, pursuant to the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act.
4. PETITIONS.—Petitions praying that action be taken to amend the Superannuation Act to rectify an alleged injustice were presented by Senator Cooke (24 signatures), Senator Critchley (88 signatures) and Senator Hendrickson (146 signatures).  
Petitions severally received.
5. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
6. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The President read and laid on the Table his Warrant appointing Senators Pearson and Wood to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees, as follows :—  
Pursuant to Standing Order No. 28A, I hereby nominate Senators R. W. Pearson and I. A. C. Wood to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees, or when the Chairman of Committees is absent.  
Given under my hand this sixteenth day of September, 1953.  
A. M. McMULLIN,  
*President.*
7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Tariff Board Report—Sulphur and sulphuric acid.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Postmaster-General's Department—Forty-second Annual Report, for year 1951–52.  
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—  
Land acquired for—  
Commonwealth purposes—Northcote, Victoria.  
Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Tooraweanah, New South Wales.  
Land disposed of under Section 63—Return showing manner of disposal.  
Papua and New Guinea Act—First Annual Report of the Papua and New Guinea Superannuation Board, for period 29th September, 1951, to 30th June, 1952.  
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
Civil Aviation—J. V. Doubleday, A. W. Garner, W. W. Hammond, R. O. Hart, N. H. O'Neill, P. Swift, G. B. Wharton.  
Defence Production—J. D. McLauchlan.  
Health—E. D. Docherty, J. R. Meyers, A. J. Mooney.  
Postmaster-General's—E. Dowling, M. Fardouly, T. W. Fox, D. S. Fulton, G. T. Jansen, A. Letizia, K. H. Nicholls, A. J. Ralston, E. J. Ramsay-Matthews, D. Savage, G. B. Sharpe, R. J. Shinkfield, G. W. Taylor, J. E. Thornett, A. P. Vorpagel.
8. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Senator Byrne (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts :—  
Third Report, for year 1952–53—Administrative Arrangements Order, together with Treasury Minute on Second Report of Committee 1952–53.
9. STANDING COMMITTEES.—*Resignation of Member.*—The President announced the receipt of a letter from Senator Maher resigning as a Member of the Standing Orders Committee and the Regulations and Ordinances Committee.
10. REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES COMMITTEE.—The President reported the receipt of a letter from the Leader of the Government in the Senate nominating, in accordance with Standing Order 36A, Senator Seward to fill the vacancy existing on the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances.  
The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) moved, by leave—That Senator Seward, having been duly nominated in accordance with Standing Order 36A, be appointed to fill the vacancy now existing on the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances.  
Question—put and passed.

11. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.**—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) moved, by leave—That Senator Kendall be appointed to fill the vacancy now existing on the Standing Orders Committee.

Question—put and passed.

12. **JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BROADCASTING OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.**—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 230.*

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Act 1946*, Mr. Bryson, a Member of the House of Representatives, has been appointed a member of the Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings in the place of Mr. Rosevear, deceased.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,

House of Representatives,

*Speaker.*

Canberra, 16th September, 1953.

13. **PEARL FISHERIES BILL (No. 2) 1953.**—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 229.*

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Pearl Fisheries Act 1952', as amended by the 'Pearl Fisheries Act 1953.'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,

House of Representatives,

*Speaker.*

Canberra, 10th September, 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.

14. **POSTPONEMENTS.**—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 5.

15. **ORDER OF THE DAY DISCHARGED.**—Ordered, on the motion of the Attorney-General (Senator Spicer)—That the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be discharged :—

Korea—Ministerial Statement—Paper.—Adjourned debate on the motion that the Paper be printed.

16. **ESTIMATES AND BUDGET PAPERS 1953-54.**—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion by the Minister for National Development (Senator Spooner), viz.—That the Papers be printed.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of Senator Marriott 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. **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 half-past eleven a.m.

Question—put and passed.

18. **ESTIMATES AND BUDGET PAPERS 1953-54.**—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion by the Minister for National Development (Senator Spooner), viz.—That the Papers be printed.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of Senator Pearson the debate was adjourned.

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

19. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Senate adjourned at one minute to eleven p.m. till to-morrow at half-past eleven a.m.

20. **ATTENDANCE.**—Present, all the Members except Senator Devlin.

JOHN EDWARDS,

*Clerk of the Senate.*