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TUESDAY, 22ND 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. PEARL FISHERIES BILL (No. 2) 1953.—*Governor-General's Message*.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by the President :—

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 58.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Pearl Fisheries Act (No. 2) 1953*" 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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,

Canberra, 17th September, 1953.

4. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

5. PAPERS.—The President presented the following Paper, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Balance-sheets of the Commonwealth Bank and the Commonwealth Savings Bank as at 30th June, 1953; together with the Auditor-General's reports thereon.

The following Paper was presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Commonwealth Telegraphs Agreement—Commonwealth Telecommunications Board—Second General Report to 31st December, 1952, and Statement of Accounts to 31st March, 1952.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment—M. J. Clarke.

Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (2).

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Attorney-General's—H. R. Foster.

Interior—L. B. Capon.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1953—

No. 58—Fourth Division Postmasters, Postal Clerks and Telegraphists' Union.

No. 59—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 60.—Commonwealth Storemen and Packers' Union.

Science and Industry Endowment Act—Report by the Auditor-General on the Accounts of the Science and Industry Endowment Fund for year 1952–53.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Canberra University College—Report for year 1952.

Regulations—1953—No. 12 (Building and Services Ordinance).

6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—*Message from the House of Representatives*.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 231.

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate that, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1951*, Mr. Lawrence, a Member of the House of Representatives, has been appointed a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works in the place of Mr. McDonald, deceased.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 18th September, 1953.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,

Speaker.

7. ESTIMATES AND BUDGET PAPERS.—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.

And it being 10.30 p.m.—

8. ADJOURNMENT.—The President, under Sessional Order, put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
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Seating for Senators in the House of Representatives Chamber.—The President announced the receipt of a letter from Mr. Speaker relative to representations made for additional seating accommodation for Senators in the House of Representatives Chamber.

Question—That the Senate do now adjourn—put and passed.
The Senate adjourned at twenty-eight minutes to eleven p.m. till tomorrow at three p.m.

9. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Devlin, Hendrickson, Sheehan and Wright.

JOHN EDWARDS,
Clerk of the Senate.