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THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1953.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at eleven a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The President (Senator the Honorable A. M. McMullin) took the Chair.
2. PRAYERS.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
National Fitness Act—Report for 1951.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Repatriation Department—T. Crisp, J. T. Quinlan.
4. 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.

Distinguished Visitor.—The President informed the Senate that Senator A. J. Ellender, a Member of the Senate of the United States of America, was in the precincts of the Senate, and he proposed, with the concurrence of honorable Senators, to invite him to take a seat in the Chamber.
And Senators concurring, the distinguished visitor was admitted and took a seat on the floor of the Senate.

Debate continued.
Question—put and passed.

5. ENTERTAINMENTS TAX ABOLITION BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 232.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to repeal the Acts of the Parliament relating to Entertainments Tax, and for purposes connected therewith*”, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 24th September, 1953.

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.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—The Senate adjourned at eight minutes to five p.m. till Tuesday next at three p.m.
7. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Devlin, Grant and Hendrickson.

JOHN EDWARDS,
Clerk of the Senate.