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WEDNESDAY, 30TH 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. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Explosives Act—Regulations—Order directing the berthing of a vessel.
Pearl Fisheries Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 84.
5. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Senator Byrne (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts :—
Fourth Report—Department of National Development.
6. PAY-ROLL TAX ASSESSMENT 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 and passed.
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 3 agreed to.
 Clause 4 read—
 Senator O'Flaherty moved an amendment, viz.—page 2, before paragraph (a) of sub-clause (1.), insert the following paragraph :—
 “(aa) by adding at the end of paragraph (b) the words ‘ or a community hospital ’ ; ”.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be inserted—put.
 The Committee divided—

Ayes, 20.

Senator— Amour. Aylett. Benn. Brown. Byrne. Cameron. Cole. Cooke. Courtoice. Harris. Kennelly.	Senator— Nicholls. O'Byrne. O'Flaherty. Ryan. Sheehan. Tangney. Toohey. Willesee. Teller: Senator Critchley.
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Senator— Anderson. Gorton. Guy. Hannaford. Henty. Kendall. Laught. McLeay. McMullin. Maher. Marriott. Paltridge. Pearson. Rankin, G. J.	Senator— Reid. Robertson. Scott. Seward. Spooner. Vincent. Wardlaw. Wedgwood. Wood. Wordsworth. Wright. Teller: Senator Annabelle Rankin.
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Amendment negatived accordingly.

Clause further debated.

Senator O'Flaherty moved an amendment, viz.—page 3, at the end of paragraph (c) of sub-clause (1.), add the following paragraphs :—

- “(i) the Crown in the right of a State;
 (j) a municipal corporation or other local governing body or a public authority constituted in any State;
 (k) any university or other educational authority recognized by a State Government; or
 (l) a trade union.”

Debate ensued.

And it being 11 p.m.—The Temporary Chairman (Senator McCallum), under Sessional Order, put the Question—That he do leave the Chair and report to the Senate—
 Which Question was negatived.

Debate continued.

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

The Committee divided—

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Amendment negatived accordingly.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator McCallum) 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.

7. NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.—The Minister for Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till Wednesday next at three p.m.
Question—put and passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—The Minister for Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
The Senate adjourned at twenty-four minutes to twelve o'clock midnight till Wednesday next at three p.m.

9. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Armstrong, Arnold, Devlin, Mattner, O'Sullivan and Sandford.

JOHN EDWARDS,
Clerk of the Senate.