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WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 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. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGES—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented :—

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 59.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Entertainments Tax Abolition Act 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, 30th September, 1953.

W. J. SLIM,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 60.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 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, 2nd October, 1953.

4. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Defence (Special Undertakings) Act—Order in relation to a Restricted Area (dated 1st September, 1953).

Explosives Act—Regulations—Orders of general application Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1953—

No. 1—Dentists Registration.

No. 2—Prisons.

No. 3—Landlord and Tenant (Control of Rents).

No. 4—Crown Lands.

No. 5—Minerals (Acquisition).

No. 6—Mining.

No. 7—Aboriginals.

No. 8—Control of Roads.

No. 9—Aboriginals (No. 2).

No. 10—Licensing.

Regulations—1953—

No. 1 (Supply of Services Ordinance).

No. 2 (Brands Ordinance).

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

Health—F. E. Rose.

Supply—T. F. C. Lawrence, F. F. McKnight, J. V. Ramsay, L. H. Winter.

Services Trust Funds Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—Report for 1952.

Whaling Industry Act—Fourth Annual Report of the Australian Whaling Commission, for year ended 31st March, 1953.

6. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Senator Paltridge brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts :—  
Fifth Report—Department of Works.

F.2176.

7. JOINT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS—SECOND REPORT.—Senator Gorton informed the Senate that the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs had forwarded to the Acting Minister for External Affairs a report relating to the Committee's activities and functions.
8. APPROPRIATION BILL 1953-54.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 234.*

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, and to appropriate the Supplies granted by the Parliament for that year*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,

*Speaker.*

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 7th October, 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.

The Minister for National Development (Senator Spooner) moved—That the Bill be now read a first time.

Debate ensued.

*And it being 11 p.m.—*

9. ADJOURNMENT.—The President, under Sessional Order, put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn.  
Question—resolved in the affirmative.  
The Senate adjourned at eleven p.m. till to-morrow at eleven a.m.
10. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Aylett, Byrne, Devlin and Wright.

JOHN EDWARDS,

*Clerk of the Senate.*