

## JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

No. 97.

THURSDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 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. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—  
 Overseas Telecommunications Act—Seventh Annual Report of the Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia) for year ended 31st March, 1953, together with financial accounts.  
 Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—  
 Repatriation—T. A. O'Donnell.  
 Territories—H. C. Haskew.  
 War Service Homes Act—Report of Director of War Service Homes for year 1952–53, together with statements and balance-sheet.

5. APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND SERVICES) 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. 235.

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, for the purposes of Additions, New Works and other Services involving Capital Expenditure 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.

On the motion of the Minister for National Development (Senator Spooner) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Spooner 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. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 236.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935–1952'*", 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.

On the motion of the Minister for National Development (Senator Spooner) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Spooner moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Armstrong the debate was adjourned.

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

7. SALES TAX BILLS (Nos. 1 TO 9) 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 237.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate Bills intituled :—

- " A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Sales Tax Act (No. 1) 1930-1952 ' " ;  
 " A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Sales Tax Act (No. 2) 1930-1952 ' " ;  
 " A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Sales Tax Act (No. 3) 1930-1952 ' " ;  
 " A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Sales Tax Act (No. 4) 1930-1952 ' " ;  
 " A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930-1952 ' " ;  
 " A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Sales Tax Act (No. 6) 1930-1952 ' " ;  
 " A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Sales Tax Act (No. 7) 1930-1952 ' " ;  
 " A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Sales Tax Act (No. 8) 1930-1952 ' " ;  
 " A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Sales Tax Act (No. 9) 1930-1952 ' " ;

in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 7th October, 1953.

*Suspension of Standing Orders to deal with Bills together.*—The Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Questions with regard to the several stages for the passage through the Senate of all or several of the Sales Tax Bills Nos. 1 to 9 being put in one motion, at each stage, and the consideration of all or several of such Bills together in Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed, there being present an absolute majority of the whole number of Senators, and no dissentient voice.

*Suspension of Standing Orders to prevent delay.*—Senator O'Sullivan, pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bills being passed through all their stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of the Minister for National Development (Senator Spooner) the Bills were read a first time.

Senator Spooner moved—That the Bills 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.

8. POSTPONEMENT.—Ordered—That Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business, be postponed till a later hour of the day.

9. CUSTOMS BILL 1953.—The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the further consideration of the Bill.

#### In the Committee.

Consideration resumed of clause 6 and the amendment moved thereto by Senator McKenna, viz.—page 5, after proposed new Section 273F insert :—

" 273G. No refund of duty under a by-law or determination shall be made unless the Minister is satisfied that in the case of goods imported for resale the benefit of the refund will be passed on to the purchaser or purchasers of such goods."

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 26.

Noes, 29.

Senator—

Amour.

Armstrong.

Arnold.

Ashley.

Benn.

Brown.

Cameron.

Cole.

Cooke.

Courtice.

Fraser.

Grant.

Harris.

Hendrickson.

Senator—

Kennelly.

McKenna.

Nicholls.

O'Byrne.

O'Flaherty.

Ryan.

Sandford.

Sheehan.

Tangney.

Toohey.

Willesee.

Teller:

Senator Critchley.

Senator—

Anderson.

Cooper.

Gorton.

Guy.

Hannaford.

Henty.

Kendall.

Laught.

McCallum.

McLeay.

McMullin.

Maher.

Marriott.

Mattner.

O'Sullivan.

Paltridge.

Senator—

Pearson.

Rankin, G. J.

Reid.

Robertson.

Scott.

Seward.

Spooner.

Vincent.

Wardlaw.

Wedgwood.

Wood.

Wordsworth.

Teller:

Senator Annabelle

Rankin.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Clause 6, as previously amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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

On the motion of the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator O'Sullivan) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

10. APPROPRIATION BILL 1953-54.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—  
That the Bill be now read a first time.  
Debate resumed.  
Question—put and passed.  
Bill read a first time.  
The Minister for National Development (Senator Spooner) 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 a later hour of the day.

11. REPATRIATION BILL 1953.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Cooper), pursuant to notice, moved—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend the *Repatriation Act 1920-1952*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Bill presented, and on the motion of Senator Cooper read a first time.  
*Suspension of Standing Orders*.—Senator Cooper, pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through its remaining stages without delay.  
Question—put and passed.  
Senator Cooper moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
On the motion of Senator O'Byrne the debate was adjourned.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

12. COMMONWEALTH OBSERVATORY TRUST FUND BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives*.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 238.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Establishment of a Trust Fund for the purposes of the Commonwealth Observatory in the Australian Capital Territory*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 8th October, 1953.

13. FORESTRY AND TIMBER BUREAU BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives*.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 239.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Forestry and Timber Bureau Act 1930-1946'*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 8th October, 1953.

14. APPROPRIATION BILL 1953-54.—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 4 agreed to.  
First Schedule agreed to.  
Second Schedule debated—

*And it being 10.30 p.m.*—The Chairman, under Sessional Order, put the Question—That he do leave the Chair and report to the Senate.  
Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Reid) reported accordingly.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—The President, under Sessional Order, then put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn.  
Question—resolved in the affirmative.  
The Senate adjourned at twenty-nine minutes to eleven p.m. till Tuesday next at three p.m.
16. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Aylett, Byrne, Devlin, Spicer and Wright.

JOHN EDWARDS,

Clerk of the Senate.