

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

No. 6.

TUESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 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. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OPENING SPEECH—PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS, AND REPLY.—The President reported to the Senate that, accompanied by honorable Senators, he had waited upon the Governor-General on Thursday last, 26th November, and had presented to him the Address-in-Reply to the speech of His Excellency on the occasion of the Opening of the Second Session of the Twentieth Parliament, agreed to on the 11th November, 1953, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply :—

Government House,
Canberra, 26th November, 1953.

MR. PRESIDENT,

I desire to thank you for your Address-in-Reply, which you have just presented to me.

It will afford me much pleasure to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen the Message of Loyalty from the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia, to which the Address gives expression.

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

4. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
War Gratuity Act—Report of the Central War Gratuity Board on the administration of the Act.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Australian Imperial Force Canteens Fund Act—Thirty-third Annual Report by the Trustees, for year 1952-53.
Commonwealth Railways Act—Report on Commonwealth Railways operations for year 1952-53.
Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—
Defence Production—V. B. Mursell.
Repatriation—R. S. Flynn.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, &c.—1953—
No. 78—Commonwealth Telegraph Traffic and Supervisory Officers' Association.
No. 79—Hospital Employees' Federation of Australasia.

6. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORTS.—Senator Byrne (Vice-Chairman) brought up the following Reports from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts :—

Eighth Report—Parliamentary procedure in the House of Representatives on the Supply and Appropriation Bills.

Ninth Report—"Stephan" prefabricated buildings; together with Treasury minutes on First and Third Reports, and Statement on the privileges and immunities of Members of the Committee.

7. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA (VALIDATION OF APPOINTMENTS) BILL 1953.—The Attorney-General (Senator Spicer) moved, by leave—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to remove Doubts as to the Validity of the Appointments of the Chief Judge and other Judges of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea and of certain Officers of the Public Service of that Territory.

Question—put and passed.

Bill presented, and on the motion of Senator Spicer read a first time.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—Senator Spicer, 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 Spicer moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

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.

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

On the motion of Senator Spicer the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

8. THERAPEUTIC SUBSTANCES BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 11.

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate that it has agreed to the Amendment made by the Senate in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide standards for certain Therapeutic Substances, and for other purposes*".

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 27th November, 1953.

9. NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 3.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the provision of Pharmaceutical, Sickness and Hospital Benefits, and of Medical and Dental Services*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 25th November, 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 the Minister for Repatriation (Senator Cooper) the Bill was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Senator Benn the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

10. INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 4.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to give the force of Law to certain Conventions and Agreements with respect to Taxes on Income, and for purposes incidental thereto*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 26th November, 1953.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Minister for National Development (Senator Spooner), 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 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.

11. ESTATE DUTY CONVENTION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 6.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to give the force of Law to a Convention with the United States of America with respect to Duties and Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons, and for purposes incidental thereto*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 26th November, 1953.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Minister for National Development (Senator Spooner), 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 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.

12. GIFT DUTY CONVENTION (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 7.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to give the force of Law to a Convention with the United States of America with respect to Duties and Taxes on Gifts, and for purposes incidental thereto*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 26th November, 1953.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Minister for National Development (Senator Spooner), 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 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.

13. INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 3) 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 5.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to Income Tax*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 26th November, 1953.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Minister for National Development (Senator Spooner), 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 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.

14. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION (REFUND OF CHARGE) BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 13.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment, through the Australian Wheat Board, to Growers of Wheat of a certain Season of certain Moneys in the Wheat Prices Stabilization Fund*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 30th November, 1953.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

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 Sheehan the debate was adjourned.

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

15. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 8.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Customs*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 27th November, 1953.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Attorney-General (Senator Spicer), 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 Spicer the Bill was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Senator Courtice the debate was adjourned.

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

16. CUSTOMS TARIFF (NEW ZEALAND PREFERENCE) BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 10.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (New Zealand Preference) 1933-1952'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 27th November, 1953.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Attorney-General (Senator Spicer), 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 Spicer the Bill was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Senator Courtice the debate was adjourned.

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

17. EXCISE TARIFF BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 9.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Duties of Excise*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 27th November, 1953.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Attorney-General (Senator Spicer), 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 Spicer the Bill was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Senator Courtice the debate was adjourned.

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

18. POSTPONEMENTS.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of the National Health Bill 1953.

19. NATIONAL HEALTH 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.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till a later hour of the day, and that Senator Benn have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

20. NEW GUINEA TIMBER AGREEMENT BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 15.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'New Guinea Timber Agreement Act 1952'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 1st December, 1953.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Attorney-General (Senator Spicer), 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 Spicer the Bill was read a first time.

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

Debate ensued.

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.

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

On the motion of Senator Spicer the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

21. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 16.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918-1952 '*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 1st December, 1953.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

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.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

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In the Committee.

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated—

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.

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The Deputy-President resumed the Chair ; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Pearson) reported that the Committee had considered the Bill and had made progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered—That the Committee have leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

22. NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 17.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948-1952 '*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 1st December, 1953.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

23. NATIONAL HEALTH 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.

Senator Benn moved an amendment, viz.—Leave out all words after " Bill ", insert " be withdrawn and redrafted to place greater emphasis, through co-operation with the States and Local Authorities, on the promotion of positive health—

(a) in the establishment and maintenance of an adequate number of diagnostic and health centres ;

(b) in dental care of children under sixteen years of age ;

(c) in the provision of adequate medical training and research facilities and a system of regional hospitals

and to provide—

(1) for substantially increased rates of hospital benefits having regard to the rise of hospital costs ;

(2) for the negotiation of fresh agreements between the Commonwealth and the States to ensure that throughout Australia there should be no charge and no means test for qualified patients occupying beds in public wards of public hospitals ;

(3) that registered organizations shall be subsidized to ensure that their benefits will be extended to chronic sufferers and those suffering disabilities at the commencement of their membership of registered organizations ;

(4) to devise in consultation with the medical profession and State Governments machinery to stabilize medical charges and to determine just variations of those charges ;

(5) that Medical Benefits be extended to mileage charges of medical practitioners incurred by patients especially those in outback areas."

Debate continued.

On the motion of Senator Cameron the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

24. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—
The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 14.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948-1952'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 1st December, 1953.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Minister for National Development (Senator Spooner), 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 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 a later hour of the day.

25. NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1953.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—
That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Senator Benn (see page 25).*
Debate resumed.

And it being 10.30 p.m.—

The President, under Sessional Order, put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn—
Debate ensued.

Closure.—The Minister for Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay) moved—That the Question be now put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 29.

Senator—

Anderson.
Cooper.
Gorton.
Guy.
Hannaford.
Henty.
Kendall.
Laught.
McCallum.
McLeay.
McMullin.
Maher.
Marriott.
Mattner.
Paltridge.
Pearson.

Senator—

Rankin, G. J.
Reid.
Robertson.
Scott.
Seward.
Spicer.
Spooner.
Wardlaw.
Wedgwood.
Wood.
Wordsworth.
Wright.

Teller:

Senator Annabelle
Rankin.

Noes, 25.

Senator—

Amour.
Armstrong.
Arnold.
Ashley.
Aylett.
Benn.
Brown.
Byrne.
Cole.
Cooke.
Courtice.
Fraser.
Grant.
Harris.

Senator—

Kennelly.
Nicholls.
O'Byrne.
O'Flaherty.
Ryan.
Sandford.
Sheehan.
Tangney.
Toohey.
Willesee.

Teller:

Senator Critchley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Senate do now adjourn—put accordingly.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 25.

Senator—

Amour.
Armstrong.
Arnold.
Ashley.
Aylett.
Benn.
Brown.
Byrne.
Cole.
Cooke.
Courtice.
Fraser.
Grant.
Harris.

Senator—

Kennelly.
Nicholls.
O'Byrne.
O'Flaherty.
Ryan.
Sandford.
Sheehan.
Tangney.
Toohey.
Willesee.

Teller:

Senator Critchley.

Noes, 29.

Senator—

Anderson.
Cooper.
Gorton.
Guy.
Hannaford.
Henty.
Kendall.
Laught.
McCallum.
McLeay.
McMullin.
Maher.
Marriott.
Mattner.
Paltridge.
Pearson.

Senator—

Rankin, G. J.
Reid.
Robertson.
Scott.
Seward.
Spicer.
Spooner.
Wardlaw.
Wedgwood.
Wood.
Wordsworth.
Wright.

Teller:

Senator Annabelle
Rankin.

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

Senator Willesee moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

And the Senate having continued to sit until twelve o'clock midnight—

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Debate continued.

Senator Byrne moved—That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 22.

Noes, 26.

Senator—

Amour.
Armstrong.
Arnold.
Aylett.
Benn.
Byrne.
Cole.
Cooke.
Fraser.
Grant.
Harris.
Kennelly.

Senator—

Nicholls.
O'Byrne.
O'Flaherty.
Ryan.
Sandford.
Sheehan.
Tangney.
Toohey.
Willesee.

Teller:

Senator Critchley.

Senator—

Anderson.
Cooper.
Gorton.
Hannaford.
Henty.
Kendall.
Laught.
McCallum.
McLeay.
McMullin.
Maher.
Marriott.
Mattner.
Paltridge.
Pearson.

Senator—

Rankin, G. J.
Reid.
Robertson.
Scott.
Seward.
Wardlaw.
Wedgwood.
Wood.
Wordsworth.
Wright.

Teller:

Senator Annabelle
Rankin.

And so it was negatived.

Debate continued.

On the motion of Senator Marriott the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

26. WOOL STORES BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 19.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to certain Wool Stores*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 1st December, 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 a later hour of the day.

27. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE VETERANS' RESIDENCES BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 18.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the application of the share of the proceeds of Prize captured during the State of War that commenced on the third day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, that is available for the benefit of members of the Royal Australian Air Force*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 1st December, 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 Critchley the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

Suspension of Sitting.—At one minute past three a.m. the sitting of the Senate was suspended until three p.m.

The Senate having resumed—

28. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board Report—Mica and manufactures thereof.

Ordered to be printed.

Australian Wool Board—Seventeenth Annual Report, for year 1952-53.

International Labour Organization—Thirty-sixth Session, Geneva, June, 1953—Reports of the Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—

Sixth Annual Report by the Chief Judge, for year ended 30th September, 1953.

Annual Report by the Chief Conciliation Commissioner, for year ended 7th October, 1953.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land, &c., acquired for—

Defence purposes—Nowra, New South Wales.

Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Mascot, New South Wales.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

National Development—D. E. Catley, W. D. Parkinson.

Social Services—H. J. B. Home.

Works—R. C. Hilton, P. W. Jeffries, D. P. Ruff.

Stevedoring Industry Act—Australian Stevedoring Industry Board—Fourth Annual Report and financial accounts, for year 1952-53.

Sugar Agreement Act—Twenty-second Annual Report of the Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee, for year ended 31st August, 1953.

29. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 12.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate the following Resolution which was agreed to by the House of Representatives this day, and requests the concurrence of the Senate therein :—

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to consider such matters concerning foreign affairs as are referred to it by the Minister for External Affairs.
- (2) That twelve Members of the House of Representatives be appointed to serve on such Committee.
- (3) That the Minister for External Affairs shall make available to the Committee information within such categories or on such conditions as he may consider desirable.
- (4) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders—
 - (a) the persons appointed for the time being to serve on the Committee shall constitute the Committee notwithstanding any failure by the Senate or the House of Representatives to appoint the full number of Senators or Members referred to in these resolutions ;
 - (b) the Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of four or more of its members ; and to refer to any such sub-committees any of the matters which the Committee is empowered to examine ;
 - (c) the Committee or any sub-committee shall have power to sit during any adjournment of the Parliament and during the sittings of either House of the Parliament ;
 - (d) the Committee and its sub-committees will sit *in camera* and their proceedings shall be secret unless the Minister at the request of the Committee otherwise directs ;
 - (e) (i) one-third of the number of members appointed to the Committee for the time being shall constitute a quorum of the Committee, save that where the number of members is not divisible by three without remainder the quorum shall be the number next higher than one-third of the number of members for the time being ;
 - (ii) three members of a sub-committee shall constitute a quorum of that sub-committee ;
 - (f) the Committee shall, for considerations of national security, in all cases forward its reports to the Minister for External Affairs, but on every occasion when the Committee forwards a report to the Minister it shall inform the Parliament that it has so reported. Provided the Opposition is represented on the Committee, copies of the Committee's reports to the Minister for External Affairs shall be forwarded to the Leader of the Opposition for his confidential information ;
 - (g) subject to the consent of the Minister for External Affairs, the Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers or records ; and, subject to paragraph 4 (d), all evidence submitted to the Committee shall be regarded as confidential to the Committee ;
 - (h) a message be sent to the Senate requesting its concurrence and asking that seven members of the Senate be appointed to serve on such Committee.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 27th November, 1953.

Appointment of Senate Members.—The Attorney-General (Senator Spicer) moved, by leave—

1. That the Senate concurs in the resolutions transmitted to the Senate by the House of Representatives for the appointment of a Joint Committee to consider such matters concerning foreign affairs as are referred to it by the Minister for External Affairs,

2. That Senators Gorton, Maher, McCallum and Wordsworth be members of such Joint Committee.

3. That the foregoing resolutions be communicated to the House of Representatives by Message.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

30. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL 1953.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Bill be now 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.

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

On the motion of the Minister for Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

31. TARIFF BOARD 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.

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

On the motion of the Attorney-General (Senator Spicer) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

32. NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) 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.

Senator Tangney moved an amendment, viz.—Leave out all words after “Bill”, insert “be withdrawn and redrafted to provide—

(a) that the Legislative Council shall consist of a majority of elected members;

(b) that the Legislative Council be empowered to consider and report upon Estimates of Expenditure for the Northern Territory;

(c) that the Council be empowered to take steps to co-ordinate the functions of departments operating in the Territory.”

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be left out be left out—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 23.

Noes, 29.

Senator—

Amour.
Armstrong.
Arnold.
Ashley.
Aylett.
Benn.
Brown.
Byrne.
Cameron.
Cole.
Cooke.
Fraser.
Grant.

Senator—

Harris.
Kennelly.
Nicholls.
O'Byrne.
Ryan.
Sandford.
Sheehan.
Tangney.
Willesee.

Teller:

Senator Critchley.

Senator—

Anderson.
Cooper.
Gorton.
Guy.
Hannaford.
Henty.
Kendall.
Laught.
McCallum.
McLeay.
McMullin.
Maher.
Marriott.
Mattner.
Paltridge.
Pearson.

Senator—

Rankin, G. J.
Reid.
Robertson.
Scott.
Seward.
Spicer.
Spooner.
Wardlaw.
Wedgwood.
Wood.
Wordsworth.
Wright.

Teller:

Senator Annabelle Rankin.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 28.

Senator—
Anderson.
Cooper.
Gorton.
Guy.
Hannaford.
Henty.
Kendall.
Laught.
McCallum.
McLeay.
McMullin.
Maher.
Marriott.
Mattner.
Paltridge.
Pearson.

Senator—
Rankin, G. J.
Reid.
Robertson.
Scott.
Seward.
Spicer.
Wardlaw.
Wedgwood.
Wood.
Wordsworth.
Wright.

Teller:

Senator Annabelle
Rankin.

Noes, 25.

Senator—
Amour.
Armstrong.
Arnold.
Ashley.
Aylett.
Benn.
Brown.
Byrne.
Cameron.
Cole.
Cooke.
Courtice.
Fraser.
Grant.

Senator—
Harris.
Kennelly.
Nicholls.
O'Byrne.
O'Flaherty.
Ryan.
Sandford.
Sheehan.
Tangney.
Willesee.

Teller:

Senator Critchley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 read—

On the motion of Senator Tangney the following amendment was made, after debate, viz.—page 6, line 2, after “two years” insert “and nine months”.

On the motion of Senator Tangney the following further amendment was made, viz.—page 6, lines 8 and 9, leave out “two years or more after the date of the last preceding general election”, insert “otherwise than as provided in the last preceding sub-section”.

Senator Tangney moved a further amendment, viz.—page 6, lines 29 and 30, leave out paragraph (a) of sub-section (1.) of proposed new section 4KA.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be left out be left out—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.

Senator—
Amour.
Armstrong.
Arnold.
Ashley.
Aylett.
Benn.
Brown.
Byrne.
Cameron.
Cole.
Cooke.
Courtice.
Fraser.
Grant.

Senator—
Harris.
Kennelly.
Nicholls.
O'Byrne.
O'Flaherty.
Ryan.
Sandford.
Sheehan.
Tangney.
Willesee.

Teller:

Senator Critchley.

Noes, 29.

Senator—
Anderson.
Cooper.
Gorton.
Guy.
Hannaford.
Henty.
Kendall.
Laught.
McCallum.
McLeay.
McMullin.
Maher.
Marriott.
Mattner.
Paltridge.
Pearson.

Senator—
Rankin, G. J.
Reid.
Robertson.
Scott.
Seward.
Spicer.
Spooner.
Wardlaw.
Wedgwood.
Wood.
Wordsworth.
Wright.

Teller:

Senator Annabelle
Rankin.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Clause 8, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 20 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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

On the motion of the Attorney-General (Senator Spicer) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

33. NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1953.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Senator Benn (see page 25).*

Declaration of Urgency.—

The Minister for Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay), having declared the Bill an Urgent Bill, moved—That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 28.

Senator—	Senator—
Anderson.	Pearson.
Cooper.	Rankin, G. J.
Gorton.	Reid.
Guy.	Robertson.
Hannaford.	Scott.
Henty.	Seward.
Kendall.	Spicer.
Laught.	Wardlaw.
McCallum.	Wedgwood.
McLeay.	Wood.
McMullin.	Wordsworth.
Maher.	Wright.
Marriott.	<i>Teller:</i>
Mattner.	Senator Annabelle
Paltridge.	Rankin.

Noes, 26.

Senator—	Senator—
Amour.	Harris.
Armstrong.	Kennelly.
Arnold.	Nicholls.
Ashley.	O'Byrne.
Aylett.	O'Flaherty.
Benn.	Ryan.
Brown.	Sandford.
Byrne.	Sheehan.
Cameron.	Tangney.
Cole.	Toohey.
Cooke.	Willesee.
Courtice.	<i>Teller:</i>
Fraser.	Senator Critchley.
Grant.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Allotment of Time.—

Senator McLeay moved—That the time allotted in connexion with the consideration of the Bill be as follows:—

- (a) For the second reading of the Bill—until 10.30 p.m. this day.
- (b) For the Committee stage of the Bill—until 2 a.m. 3rd December.
- (c) For the remaining stages of the Bill—until 2.10 a.m. 3rd December.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 29.

Senator—	Senator—
Anderson.	Rankin, G. J.
Cooper.	Reid.
Gorton.	Robertson.
Guy.	Scott.
Hannaford.	Seward.
Henty.	Spicer.
Kendall.	Spooner.
Laught.	Wardlaw.
McCallum.	Wedgwood.
McLeay.	Wood.
McMullin.	Wordsworth.
Maher.	Wright.
Marriott.	<i>Teller:</i>
Mattner.	Senator Annabelle
Paltridge.	Rankin.
Pearson.	

Noes, 26.

Senator—	Senator—
Amour.	Harris.
Armstrong.	Kennelly.
Arnold.	Nicholls.
Ashley.	O'Byrne.
Aylett.	O'Flaherty.
Benn.	Ryan.
Brown.	Sandford.
Byrne.	Sheehan.
Cameron.	Tangney.
Cole.	Toohey.
Cooke.	Willesee.
Courtice.	<i>Teller:</i>
Fraser.	Senator Critchley.
Grant.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate resumed on the Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Senator Benn (see page 25).*

Limitation of Debate.—And the time allotted for the discussion of the motion for the second reading of the Bill having expired—

Question—That the words proposed to be left out be left out—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 26.

Senator—	Senator—
Amour.	Harris.
Armstrong.	Kennelly.
Arnold.	Nicholls.
Ashley.	O'Byrne.
Aylett.	O'Flaherty.
Benn.	Ryan.
Brown.	Sandford.
Byrne.	Sheehan.
Cameron.	Tangney.
Cole.	Toohey.
Cooke.	Willesee.
Courtice.	<i>Teller:</i>
Fraser.	Senator Critchley.
Grant.	

Noes, 29.

Senator—	Senator—
Anderson.	Rankin, G. J.
Cooper.	Reid.
Gorton.	Robertson.
Guy.	Scott.
Hannaford.	Seward.
Henty.	Spicer.
Kendall.	Spooner.
Laught.	Wardlaw.
McCallum.	Wedgwood.
McLeay.	Wood.
McMullin.	Wordsworth.
Maher.	Wright.
Marriott.	<i>Teller:</i>
Mattner.	Senator Annabelle
Paltridge.	Rankin.
Pearson.	

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—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.

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and debated—

Senator McKenna moved an amendment to clause 6, viz.—line 6, after “ delegate ” insert “ to an officer or to a person included in a prescribed class of persons ”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

On the motion of the Minister for Repatriation (Senator Cooper) the following amendments to clause 8 were made, viz.—

Page 4, line 38, leave out “ eighty-one ”, insert “ eighty-two ”.

Page 4, line 43, leave out “ and ” (last occurring).

On the motion of Senator Cooper a further amendment to clause 8 was made, after debate, viz.—page 5, after paragraph (e) add the following paragraphs:—

“(f) the National Health (Medicines for Pensioners Committees of Inquiry) Regulations, made under that Act, as in force immediately before the commencement of this section, shall continue in force until the commencement of section one hundred and five of this Act; and

(g) the Medicines for Pensioners Federal Committee of Inquiry and the Medicines for Pensioners State Committee of Inquiry for each State which were established by the Minister in pursuance of section sixteen of that Act shall remain established until the commencement of Part VIII. of this Act.”.

Senator McKenna moved an amendment to clause 9, viz.—lines 25 and 26, leave out “ for medical practitioners and hospitals ”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be left out be left out—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 25.

Senator—
Amour.
Armstrong.
Arnold.
Ashley.
Aylett.
Benn.
Brown.
Byrne.
Cameron.
Cole.
Cooke.
Courtice.
Fraser.
Grant.

Senator—
Harris.
Kennelly.
Nicholls.
O'Byrne.
O'Flaherty.
Ryan.
Sandford.
Sheehan.
Tangney.
Willesee.

Teller:

Senator Critchley.

Noes, 28.

Senator—
Anderson.
Cooper.
Gorton.
Guy.
Hannaford.
Henty.
Kendall.
Laught.
McCallum.
McLeay.
McMullin.
Marriott.
Mattner.
Paltridge.
Pearson.

Senator—
Rankin, G. J.
Reid.
Robertson.
Scott.
Seward.
Spicer.
Spooner.
Wardlaw.
Wedgwood.
Wood.
Wordsworth.
Wright.
Teller:
Senator Annabelle Rankin.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Senator McKenna moved an amendment to clause 11, viz.—page 5, line 48, after “ State ” insert “ and particulars of the arrangement shall, as soon as practicable, be tabled in the Parliament ”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Senator McKenna moved an amendment to clause 14, viz.—page 8, line 19, leave out “ contributor ”, insert “ person ”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word proposed to be left out be left out—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 23.

Senator—
Armstrong.
Arnold.
Ashley.
Aylett.
Benn.
Byrne.
Cameron.
Cooke.
Courtice.
Fraser.
Grant.
Harris.
Kennelly.

Senator—
Nicholls.
O'Byrne.
O'Flaherty.
Ryan.
Sandford.
Sheehan.
Tangney.
Toohey.
Willesee.

Teller:

Senator Critchley.

Noes, 28.

Senator—
Anderson.
Cooper.
Gorton.
Guy.
Hannaford.
Henty.
Kendall.
Laught.
McCallum.
McLeay.
McMullin.
Marriott.
Mattner.
Paltridge.
Pearson.

Senator—
Rankin, G. J.
Reid.
Robertson.
Scott.
Seward.
Spicer.
Spooner.
Wardlaw.
Wedgwood.
Wood.
Wordsworth.
Wright.
Teller:
Senator Annabelle Rankin.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Senator McKenna moved an amendment to clause 14, viz.—page 8, lines 21 to 24, leave out “ and under the rules of the registered medical benefits organization to the medical benefits funds of which the contributor pays contributions the contributor is entitled to a fund benefit equal to or greater than the amount specified in that Schedule in relation to that service ”.

Amendment negatived.

And the Committee having continued to sit until twelve o'clock midnight—

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Debate continued.

Senator McKenna moved an amendment to clause 26, viz.—page 12, line 46, leave out “ authorized ”, insert “ prescribed ”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Senator McKenna moved an amendment, viz.—page 13, after clause 26 insert the following new clause :—

“ 26A. A medical practitioner who has rendered a professional service for a person shall on request by that person supply to him a statement in writing giving particulars of the professional service and of the charge made therefor.”.

Amendment negatived.

On the motion of Senator Wright the following amendment was made, after debate, viz.—after clause 79 insert the following new clause :—

“ 79A.—(1.) Where, in pursuance of the last preceding section, the Minister suspends or cancels the registration of an organization—

- (a) the Minister shall, at the request of the organization, state in writing the grounds for the suspension or cancellation ; and
- (b) the organization may appeal to the Supreme Court of the State or Territory in which the principal office of the organization is situated.

“ (2.) The Supreme Court of each State is invested with Federal jurisdiction, and jurisdiction is conferred on the Supreme Court of each Territory, to hear and determine appeals under this section.

“ (3.) The Minister shall be the respondent in the appeal.

“ (4.) Upon an appeal under this section, the Court shall have regard to the documents which were before the Committee or the Minister and the report (if any) of the Committee.

“ (5.) If the Court is satisfied that the organization has not contravened, or failed to comply with, a provision of this Act or a term or condition subject to which the organization was registered, or that it is not just and equitable that its registration should be suspended or cancelled, as the case requires, the Court shall allow the appeal and order the removal of the suspension or the restoration of the registration.

“ (6.) If the Court is not so satisfied, it shall dismiss the appeal.

“ (7.) The Court may, where it considers it just to do so, instead of dismissing an appeal in accordance with the last preceding sub-section, order the suspension of the registration instead of its cancellation, or order the reduction of the period of suspension imposed by the Minister.

“ (8.) The Court may order either party to pay costs to the other party.

“ (9.) The jurisdiction conferred by this section is exercisable by a single Judge of the Court whose decision is final and conclusive.”.

Senator McKenna moved an amendment to Clause 31, viz.—line 16, after “ arrangement ” insert “ set forth in the Third Schedule ”.

Debate ensued.

Limitation of Debate.—And the time allotted for proceedings in Committee having expired—

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

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 22.

Noes, 25.

Senator—	Senator—
Amour.	Kennelly.
Armstrong.	Nicholls.
Arnold.	O'Flaherty.
Ashley.	Ryan.
Aylett.	Sandford.
Benn.	Sheehan.
Byrne.	Tangney.
Cameron.	Toohey.
Cooke.	Willesee.
Courtice.	
Grant.	Teller:
Harris.	Senator Critchley.

Senator—	Senator—
Anderson.	Robertson.
Cooper.	Scott.
Gorton.	Seward.
Hannaford.	Spicer.
Henty.	Spooner.
Kendall.	Wardlaw.
Laught.	Wedgwood.
McCallum.	Wood.
McLeay.	Wordsworth.
McMullin.	Wright.
Mattner.	
Paltridge.	Teller:
Pearson.	Senator Annabelle
Reid.	Rankin.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Question—That Government amendments to clauses 97, 98 and 105, viz. :—

Clause 97, line 24, leave out “ One hundred ”, insert “ Ten ” ;

Clause 98, page 44, line 34, after “ may ”, insert “, after consultation with the Federated Pharmaceutical Service Guild of Australia,” ;

Clause 105, line 21, after "Regulations" insert "and the National Health (Medicines for Pensioners Committees of Inquiry) Regulations",
the remaining clauses of the Bill, and the Title, be agreed to, that the Bill as amended be agreed to, and that the Bill be reported with amendments—put and passed.
Bill to be reported with amendments.

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

On the motion of Senator Cooper the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

34. TARIFF BOARD BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 23.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Tariff Board Act 1921-1952'*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 2nd December, 1953.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

35. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA (VALIDATION OF APPOINTMENTS) BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 22.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to remove Doubts as to the Validity of the Appointments of the Chief Judge and other Judges of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea and of certain Officers of the Public Service of that Territory*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 2nd December, 1953.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

36. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 28.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Public Works Committee Act 1913-1951', and for other purposes*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953, a.m.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

37. NAVIGATION BILL 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 21.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Navigation Act 1912-1952' to give effect to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1948, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 2nd December, 1953.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

38. JOINT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 27.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate the following Resolution which was agreed to by the House of Representatives this day :—

That Mr. Bostock, Mr. D. A. Cameron, Mr. Downer, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Wentworth be members of the Joint Committee appointed to consider such matters concerning foreign affairs as are referred to it by the Minister for External Affairs.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 3rd December, 1953, a.m.

ARCHIE G. CAMERON,
Speaker.

39. ADJOURNMENT.—The Senate adjourned at eleven minutes past two a.m. till this day at eleven a.m.

40. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Devlin, Hendrickson, O'Sullivan and Vincent.

JOHN EDWARDS,
Clerk of the Senate.