

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

## JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

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THURSDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 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. PETITION.—Senator Anderson presented a petition, signed by 759 citizens, praying that action be taken to amend the Superannuation Act to rectify an alleged injustice.  
Petition received.
4. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute :—
  - Apple and Pear Organization Act—Seventh Annual Report of the Australian Apple and Pear Board, for year 1952–53, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
  - Canned Fruits Export Control Act—Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Australian Canned Fruits Board, for year 1952–53, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.
  - Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 92.
  - Lands Acquisition Act—
    - Land, &c., acquired for—
      - Defence purposes—
        - Bullsbrook, Western Australia.
        - Dee Why, New South Wales.
        - Richmond and Windsor, New South Wales.
      - Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Broken Hill, New South Wales.
      - Postal purposes—
        - Barmera, South Australia.
        - Mylor, South Australia.
    - Land disposed of under Section 63—Return showing manner of disposal.
  - Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 95.
  - Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
    - Crown Lands Ordinance—Reasons for resumption of Berrimah Reserve.
    - Ordinances—1953—
      - No. 14—Police and Police Offences.
      - No. 16—Welfare.
      - No. 19—Mining (No. 2).
  - Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1952—
    - No. 121—Education.
    - No. 122—Treasury.
    - No. 123—Supreme Court.
    - No. 124—Excise (Beer) Tariff.
    - No. 125—Excise (Beer).
    - No. 126—Small Debts (Papua).
    - No. 127—Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
    - No. 128—District Courts (New Guinea).
    - No. 129—Shipping.
    - No. 130—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (New Guinea).
    - No. 131—Auctioneers (No. 2).
    - No. 132—Land (Papua).
    - No. 133—Immigration Restriction (Papua).
    - No. 134—Volcanic and Seismic Disturbances.
    - No. 135—Criminal Code Amendment (New Guinea) (No. 2).
    - No. 136—Pharmacy (No. 2).
    - No. 137—Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) (No. 2).
    - No. 138—Business Names.
  - Public Service Act—
    - Appointments—Department—
      - Attorney-General—J. M. Lawrie.
      - Social Services—E. M. Skinner.
      - Supply—E. Jones.
      - Works—L. Mortimer.
    - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, Nos. 93, 94 (Parliamentary Officers).
  - Science and Industry Research Act—Fifth Annual Report of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, for year 1952–53.

6. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OPENING SPEECH—APPOINTMENT TO PRESENT.—The President informed the Senate he had ascertained that His Excellency the Governor-General would be pleased to receive the Address-in-Reply at Government House at a quarter to four p.m. on Thursday next, 26th November. The President invited Senators to accompany him on the occasion.
7. NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP BILL 1953.—The Minister for Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay) moved, by leave—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend the *Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948–1952*.  
Question—put and passed.  
Bill presented, and on the motion of Senator McLeay read a first time.  
*Suspension of Standing Orders*.—Senator McLeay, 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 McLeay moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.  
On the motion of Senator Arnold the debate was adjourned.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.
8. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE BILL 1953.—The Minister for Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay) moved, by leave—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Works Committee Act 1913–1951*, and for other purposes.  
Question—put and passed.  
Bill presented, and on the motion of Senator McLeay read a first time.  
*Suspension of Standing Orders*.—Senator McLeay, 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 McLeay 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 a later hour of the day.
9. SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 5) 1953.—*Message from the House of Representatives*.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read :—  
MR. PRESIDENT, Message No. 1.  
The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Sales Tax Assessment Act (No. 5) 1930–1939’* ”, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.  
ARCHIE G. CAMERON,  
House of Representatives, Speaker.  
Canberra, 18th 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 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.
10. 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. 2.  
The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to provide standards for certain Therapeutic Substances, and for other purposes* ”, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.  
ARCHIE G. CAMERON,  
House of Representatives, Speaker.  
Canberra, 19th 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 McKenna the debate was adjourned.  
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.
11. NAVIGATION 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

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

12. NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Cooper) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till Wednesday next at three p.m.  
Question—put and passed.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Cooper) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.  
The Senate adjourned at eight minutes past four p.m. till Wednesday next at three p.m.
14. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Cole, Devlin, Maher, O'Sullivan and Spicer.

JOHN EDWARDS,

*Clerk of the Senate.*