

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

No. 5.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 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. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OPENING SPEECH—CHANGE IN TIME FOR PRESENTATION.—The President informed the Senate that the time for the presentation of the Address-in-Reply to His Excellency the Governor-General had been altered. The presentation would take place at three p.m. to-morrow.
 5. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT, TO DEBATE MATTER OF URGENCY.—Senator O'Flaherty, in order to discuss a matter of urgency, viz.—“circumstances connected with the state of disrepair of War Service Homes at East Payneham and Hectorville in South Australia”, moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till to-morrow at half-past eleven a.m.
- Debate ensued.
- Closure.*—Senator Annabelle Rankin moved—That the Question be now put.
- Question—That the Question be now put—put.
- The Senate divided—

Ayes, 29.

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

Noes, 21.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till to-morrow at half-past eleven a.m.—put accordingly.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 20.

Senator—	Senator—
Amour.	Nicholls.
Armstrong.	O'Byrne.
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And so it was negatived.

6. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board Reports—

Elastics classifiable under Tariff Item 331 (B) (2) (b).
Engine cleaning waste.
Files.
Metal-working lathes.
Plastics (Polyethylene).
Tools and other articles imported as standard equipment with machines and appliances.
Valve spring removers or lifters.

Severally ordered to be printed.

Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs—Second Report relating to the Committee's activities and functions.

Papua—Report for year 1951-52.

Qantas Empire Airways Ltd.—Nineteenth Annual Report and Financial Accounts, for 1952.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian National Airlines Act—Australian National Airlines Commission—Eighth Annual Report and Financial Accounts, for year 1952-53.

Defence Transition (Residual Provisions) Act—National Security (Industrial Property) Regulations—Orders—Inventions and designs (4).

Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Commonwealth Dried Fruits Control Board, for year 1952-53, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Explosives Act—Regulations—Order directing the Berthing of a Vessel.

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

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization purposes—Deniliquin, New South Wales.

Department of Civil Aviation purposes—Broken Hill, New South Wales.

Postal purposes—

Castlecrag, New South Wales.

Iluka, New South Wales.

Rosebery, Tasmania.

Public Accounts Committee Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 91.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Postmaster-General's Department—F. Bussman, B. R. Gum.

Public Works Committee Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1953, No. 90.

Seat of Government Acceptance Act and Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1953—No. 14 (Motor Traffic Ordinance).

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Notice of variation of plan of lay-out of Canberra and its environs, dated 19th November, 1953.

Services Trust Funds Act—

Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Annual Report by Trustees, for year 1951-52.

Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report by Trustees, for year 1952-53.

Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Australian Wine Board, for year 1952-53, together with statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

7. POSTPONEMENTS.—Ordered—That Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1, Government Business.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 68.—The Minister for Shipping and Transport (Senator McLeay), pursuant to notice, moved—That during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Standing Order No. 68 be suspended to enable new business to be commenced after half-past ten o'clock at night.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 29.

Senator—

Anderson.
Cooper.
Gorton.
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Ryan.
Sandford.
Sheehan.
Tangney.
Toohey.

Teller:

Senator Critchley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. **TARIFF BOARD BILL 1953.**—The Attorney-General (Senator Spicer) moved, by leave—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tariff Board Act 1921-1952*.
 Question—put and passed.
 Bill presented, and on the motion of Senator Spicer read a first time.
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 its remaining stages without delay.
 Question—put and passed.
 Senator Spicer 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.
10. **NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1953.**—The Attorney-General (Senator Spicer) moved, by leave—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1952*.
 Question—put and passed.
 Bill presented, and on the motion of Senator Spicer read a first time.
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 its remaining stages without delay.
 Question—put and passed.
 Senator Spicer 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. **NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP 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 Acting Deputy-President (Senator Wood) resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator McCallum) 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.

12. **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE 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.
 On the motion of Senator Henty the debate was adjourned.
 Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.
13. **SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (No. 5) 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 President resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Pearson) 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.

14. **THERAPEUTIC SUBSTANCES 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 debated—
 On the motion of the Minister for Repatriation (Senator Cooper) the following amendment was made,
 viz. :—clause 14, before sub-clause (1.), insert the following sub-clause :—
 “(1A.) A person who contravenes, or fails to comply with, a provision of this Act is guilty of an offence against this Act.”
 Bill, as amended, agreed to.
 Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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.

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

Question—put and passed.

16. 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 two minutes to eleven p.m. till Tuesday next at three p.m.

17. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Ayllett, Devlin, Marriott, O'Sullivan and Willesee.

JOHN EDWARDS,
Clerk of the Senate.