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TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 1976

1 MEETING OF SENATE: The Senate met at half-past two p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The President (Senator the Honourable Condor L. Laucke) took the Chair.

2 PRAYERS.

3 NOTICES OF MOTION: Senator Devitt gave Notices of Motion as follows—

No. 1—That, ten sitting days after today, he would move—That new sub-section (8) of section 16 of the *Unit Titles Ordinance* 1970–1971, contained in paragraph (b) of section 3 of the *Unit Titles Ordinance* 1975, as contained in Australian Capital Territory Ordinance No. 31 of 1975, and made under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act* 1910–1973, be disallowed.

No. 2—That, ten sitting days after today, he would move—That the *Administration Ordinance* 1975, as contained in Norfolk Island Ordinance No. 5 of 1975, and made under the *Norfolk Island Act* 1957–1973, be disallowed.

Statement by Senator: Senator Devitt, by leave, made a statement relating to the Notices of Motion.

4 QUESTIONS.

5 PAPERS: The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute:

Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 67.

Australian Apple and Pear Corporation Act—First Report of the Australian Apple and Pear Corporation, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for period 1 September 1974 to 30 June 1975.

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Statute—No. 30—Courses and Awards Amendment No. 11.

Coal Industry Act—Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Joint Coal Board, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Reports thereon, for year 1974–75.

Customs Tariff—Orders 1975—Developing Country—Nos 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, Nos 58, 66.

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act, Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 48.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statements (2) by the Minister describing land acquired by agreement under section 7 (1) of the Act, for specified public purposes.

Pipeline Authority Act—Second Annual Report of the Pipeline Authority, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Reports thereon, for year 1974–75.

Postal and Telecommunications Commissions (Transitional Provisions) Act—Annual Report of the Postmaster-General's Department, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1974–75.

Postal Services Act—By-laws—
1975—

Postal Amendment No. 3.

Postal (Staff) Amendment No. 3.

1976—

Postal (Staff) Amendment No. 1.

Postal Staff (Salaries) Amendment No. 1.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination relating to holders of public offices, together with explanatory statement, dated 29 October 1975—Administrative Appeals Tribunal, Administrative Review Council, National Superannuation Committee of Enquiry, Commonwealth Commission of Enquiry into Poverty, Australian Dairy Corporation.

Science and Industry Endowment Act—Financial statements of the Science and Industry Endowment Fund, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1974–75.

Wine Overseas Marketing Act—Forty-seventh Annual Report of the Australian Wine Board, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1974–75.

- 6 ACADEMIC SALARIES TRIBUNAL—PAPER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Determination of the Academic Salaries Tribunal relating to salaries to be paid to the academic staff of the Australian National University, the Canberra College of Advanced Education and the Film and Television School, and Report relating to rates of salaries for the academic staff of other institutions of tertiary education in the States and Territories, dated 11 February 1976.

Senator Withers, by leave, made a statement relating to the Paper.

Senator Douglas McClelland, by leave, also made a statement relating thereto.

- 7 REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT: The President reported receipt of letters from the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers) and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wriedt) nominating Senators Brown, Collard, Devitt, Durack, Ryan, Wood and Wright to be members of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances.

Senator Withers, by leave, moved—That a Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances be appointed, to consist of Senators Brown, Collard, Devitt, Durack, Ryan, Wood and Wright, such Senators having been duly nominated in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 36A.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OPENING SPEECH—ADDRESS-IN-REPLY: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion by Senator Knight—That the following Address-in-Reply be agreed to:

To His Excellency the Governor-General

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Debate resumed.

Papers: Senator Sir Magnus Cormack, by leave, laid upon the Table the following Papers:

Double Dissolution 1975—Certain documents relating to the simultaneous dissolution of both Houses of Parliament on 11 November 1975.

Debate continued.

Senator Gietzelt addressing the Chair—

And it being half-past ten p.m.—

- 9 ADJOURNMENT: The President, under Sessional Order, put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
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Disputed Returns and Qualifications—Standing Committee—Appointment: The President laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing a Committee of Disputed Returns and Qualifications, as follows:

Pursuant to Standing Order 38, I hereby appoint the following Senators to be “The Committee of Disputed Returns and Qualifications”—

Senator Baume
Senator Brown
Senator Drake-Brockman
Senator Grimes
Senator Sibraa
Senator Sim
Senator Messner

Given under my hand this 24th day of February 1976.

CONDOR L. LAUCKE
President

Debate ensued on the motion for the adjournment of the Senate.

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned at thirteen minutes past eleven p.m. till to-morrow at half-past two p.m.

- 10 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators.

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate