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TUESDAY, 16 MARCH 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 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers), by leave, informed the Senate that, during the absence overseas of Mr Peacock, Mr Sinclair would act as Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 4 PETITIONS: Senator Bonner presented a petition from 5727 electors of Queensland praying that the Government reinstate the cadet forces.
Petition received and read.
Senator Button presented a petition from 36 citizens of Australia praying that the Government use its power to protect the natural environment of Fraser Island for the long-term benefit of the people of Australia.
Petition received and read.
The Clerk announced that Senator Bonner had lodged a petition for presentation, viz.:
From 605 citizens of Australia praying that the Government reinstate the cadet forces.
Petition received.
- 5 NOTICE OF MOTION—POSTPONEMENT: Senator Baume, pursuant to Standing Order 108, gave notice, for Wednesday, 17 March 1976, of the Motion listed on the Notice Paper as General Business, Notice of Motion No. 9.
- 6 PRIVILEGE—STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT: The President, in reply to a Question asked by Senator O'Byrne on 4 March 1976, stated that all Senators have available to them the forms of the Senate if they wish to submit, on motion, any matter of privilege for the consideration of the Privileges Committee or for the judgment of the Senate. He added that it is not for the President to rule as to whether any matter is a breach of privilege or whether a matter should be referred to the Privileges Committee, that being a matter for the Senate. The President's function is limited to determining whether, pursuant to Standing Order 118, a matter raised is one which should be accorded precedence or whether a matter is of a nature which should proceed by way of Notice of Motion.
- 7 QUESTIONS.
- 8 PAPERS: The following Papers were presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
 - Australian Fire Board—Annual Report for year 1974–75.
 - Australian Fisheries Council—Resolutions of the sixth meeting of the Australian Fisheries Council held in Canberra on 3 October 1975.
 - Department of Aboriginal Affairs—Annual Report on the activities of the Department for year ended 30 June 1975.
 - Industries Assistance Commission—
Interim Report—
Financing Promotion of Rural Products (Export Inspection of Rural Products), dated 12 December 1975.

Reports—

Aerospace Industry, dated 21 October 1975.

Cellulose Acetate Flake, dated 29 January 1976.

Hosiery, dated 11 December 1975.

Rural Reconstruction, dated 13 January 1976.

Mainline Upgrading—Reports (2) by the Bureau of Transport Economics, entitled—
“Mainline Upgrading—Evaluation of a Range of Options for the Melbourne—
Serviceton Rail Link”, dated November 1975.

“Mainline Upgrading—Evaluation of a Range of Options for the Melbourne—
Sydney Rail Link”, dated November 1975.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute:

Criminology Research Act—

Australian Institute of Criminology—Board of Management—Third Annual
Report, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General’s Report
thereon, for year 1974–75.

Criminology Research Council—Third Annual Report, together with financial
statements and the Auditor-General’s Report thereon, for year 1974–75.

Export Market Development Grants Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976,
No. 73.

Fishing Industry Act—Nineteenth Annual Report by the Minister on the operation
of the Act, for year 1974–75.

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

Postal Services Act—By-laws 1976—

Postal Amendment No. 1.

Postal (Staff) Amendment No. 2.

Postal Staff (Salaries) Amendment No. 2.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, accompanied
by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—
1975—

No. 725—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.*

No. 747—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and
others.*

No. 851—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia.*

No. 852—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.

No. 853—Australian Journalists Association.

No. 854—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen
of Australia and another.

No. 855—Professional Radio Employees’ Institute of Australasia and
others.*

No. 856—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.

No. 857—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 858—Commonwealth Foremen’s Association of Australia, Common-
wealth Public Service and another.*

No. 859—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.

No. 860—Customs Officers’ Association of Australia, Fourth Division, and
another.

No. 861—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.

No. 862—Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers.

No. 863—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association.

No. 864—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia, and another.

No. 865—Professional Officers’ Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 866—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.

No. 867—Professional Officers’ Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 868—Merchant Service Guild of Australia.

No. 869—Civil Air Operations Officers’ Association of Australia.

No. 870—Telecommunication Technical Officers' Association, Postmaster-General's Department.

No. 871—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.*

No. 872—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

1976—

No. 1—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 2—Custom Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division.

No. 3—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.

No. 4—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 5—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 6—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 7—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.

No. 8—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 9—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 10—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 11—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 12—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 13—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 14—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

Nos 15 to 18—Royal Australian Nursing Federation and another.

No. 19—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 20—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia and another.

No. 21—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.*

No. 22—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

Nos 23 and 24—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 25—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.

No. 26—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.

No. 27—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 28—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.*

No. 29—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.

No. 31—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 32—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 33—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.*

No. 34—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

Nos 35, 36, 42 and 43—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 44—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 45—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.*

No. 46—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 47—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

(* Not accompanied by statement)

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1976—

No. 5—Collections.

No. 6—Liquor.

No. 7—Scaffolding and Lifts.

No. 8—Protection of Lands.

Regulations—1976—

No. 6—(Public Health Ordinance).

Services Trust Funds Act—

Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Twenty-eighth Annual Report by the Trustees together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1974.

Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Twenty-seventh Annual Report by the Trustees together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1974.

Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report by the Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1974.

- 9 POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION IN TASMANIA—PAPER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Post-Secondary Education in Tasmania—Report of the Committee on Post-Secondary Education in Tasmania, dated 19 February 1976.

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

Senator Rae, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the Paper.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting, and that Senator Rae have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

- 10 GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGE—ASSENT TO BILLS: The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by the President:

JOHN R. KERR,

Governor-General

Message No. 3

Proposed laws intituled:—

States Grants (Capital Assistance) Act 1976

Air Navigation (Charges) Act 1976

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 9 March 1976

- 11 COMMONWEALTH TEACHING SERVICE BILL 1976: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That this 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 Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Young) reported accordingly.

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

- 12 LOAN BILL 1976: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That this 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 Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator McAuliffe) reported accordingly.

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

- 13 LOAN BILL (No. 2) 1976: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That this 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 McAuliffe) reported accordingly.

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

- 14 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Senator Harradine*—That the following words be added to the Address-in-Reply: “, and the Senate is of the opinion that your advisers, having declared their intention of taking particular care over the special circumstances of the less populous States, should obtain the approval of those States prior to the implementation of your advisers’ new approach to Federalism”—*And on the amendment moved by Senator Brown to Senator Harradine’s proposed amendment*—At end of proposed amendment, add “. The Senate is also of the opinion that, because of the financial plight of local government organizations throughout Australia, your advisers should take action immediately to re-institute hearings by the Australian Grants Commission for the purpose of assessing appropriate untied and unconditional grants to local government”.

Debate resumed.

Leave refused: Senator McLaren asked leave to incorporate a document in *Hansard*. Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Debate continued.
Senator McLaren addressing the Chair—

And it being half-past ten p.m.—

15 ADJOURNMENT: The President, under Sessional Order, put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

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

16 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators.

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate