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1 MEETING OF SENATE: The Senate met at eleven a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The President (Senator the Honourable Condor L. Laucke) took the Chair.

## 2 PRAYERS.

3 PETITIONS: Senator Button presented a petition from 6 citizens of Australia praying that the Australian Government reverse its decision to cut expenditure on overseas aid, re-affirm Australia's commitment of Overseas Development Assistance at a minimum of 0.7 per cent of the Gross National Product, and establish an independent statutory authority to administer overseas aid.

Petition received and read.

The Clerk announced that Senator Drake-Brockman had lodged a petition for presentation, viz.:

From 19 citizens of Western Australia praying that the Australian Heritage Commission be appointed, and that there be a proper balance between the Government's programme of public austerity and the need for action in conservation.

Petition received.

## 4 NOTICES OF MOTION: Notices of Motion were given as follows—

Senator Wood: That, three sitting days after today, he would move—That the *Lands Acquisition Ordinance 1975*, as contained in Cocos (Keeling) Islands Ordinance No. 5 of 1975, and made under the *Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act 1955–1975*, be disallowed.

Senator Keffe:

No. 1—That, on the next day of sitting, he would move—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act relating to the provision of land in the Northern Territory for Aborigines.

No. 2—That, on the next day of sitting, he would move—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to provide for the Constitution of Aboriginal Councils and the incorporation of Associations of Aborigines and for matters connected therewith.

## 5 QUESTIONS.

## 6 PAPERS: The following Papers were presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Double Taxation Agreement—Agreement between Australia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income, signed at Canberra, 17 March 1976; together with a statement by the Treasurer, the Hon. Phillip Lynch, M.P.

Nature Conservation Ministers—Summary record of proceedings of the Third Meeting of the Council of Nature Conservation Ministers, held in Canberra, 1 August 1975.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute:

Dairy Adjustment Act—Dairy Adjustment Programs—Amending Agreement between the Australian Government and New South Wales Government, dated 20 January 1976.

Independent Schools (Loans Guarantee) Act—Statement of the payments made in respect of all guarantees given under the Act, for year 1974–75.

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

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

- 7 REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS LANDS ACQUISITION ORDINANCE 1975: The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wood) brought up the following Report from the Committee:

Fifty-second Report—Cocos (Keeling) Islands Lands Acquisition Ordinance 1975. Ordered to be printed.

- 8 TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES: The President laid upon the Table his Warrant nominating a Panel of Temporary Chairmen of Committees, as follows:

Pursuant to Standing Order 28A, I hereby nominate:

Senator Bonner  
 Senator Coleman  
 Senator Davidson  
 Senator Devitt  
 Senator McAuliffe  
 Senator Maunsell  
 Senator Melzer  
 Senator Mulvihill  
 Senator Wood  
 Senator Young

a panel to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees or when the Chairman of Committees is absent.

The Warrant nominating Senators to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees, dated 19 February 1976, is revoked.

Given under my hand this eighteenth day of March 1976.

CONDOR L. LAUCKE,  
 President

- 9 ABORIGINES AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS—SELECT COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS: The President informed the Senate that he had received letters from the Leader of the Government in the Senate and the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate nominating Senators Baume, Bonner, Davidson, Keefe, Melzer and Mulvihill to be members of the Select Committee on Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders. The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers), by leave, moved—That the Senators nominated, in accordance with the Resolution of the Senate establishing the Committee, be appointed members of the Select Committee on Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.  
 Question—put and passed.

- 10 PARLIAMENTARY PRESS GALLERY ACCREDITATION—STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT: The President informed the Senate that the Speaker of the House of Representatives and he had decided that the Press Gallery accreditation of Mr Maurice Wilmott should be withdrawn for a period of two weeks, commencing forthwith, for a breach of the rules relating to the Parliamentary Press Gallery.

Papers: The President laid upon the Table the following Papers:

Parliamentary Press Gallery Accreditation—

Statement by President outlining the decision of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and himself, and referring to related issues.

Letters, copies of—

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Right Honourable B. M. Snedden, Q.C., M.P., from the Leader of the Opposition, the Honourable E. G. Whitlam, Q.C., M.P., dated 26 February 1976.

To the Editor, *The Australian*, from the Speaker of the House of Representatives, dated 2 March 1976.

To the Editor, *Daily Telegraph*, from the Speaker of the House of Representatives, dated 2 March 1976.

To Mr K. Randall, President, Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery, from the Speaker of the House of Representatives, dated 2 March 1976.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives, from David Evans, Deputy Editor, *The Australian*, dated 9 March 1976.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives, from Simon Galvin, Editor, *Daily Telegraph*, dated 9 March 1976.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives, from K. M. Randall, President, Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery, dated 15 March 1976.

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers), by leave, moved—  
That the Senate take note of the Statement.

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

11 PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE SYSTEM—JOINT COMMITTEE—*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 transmits to the Senate the following Resolution which was agreed to by the House of Representatives this day, and requests that the Senate concur and take action accordingly:

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to inquire into, report on and make recommendations for—
  - (a) a balanced system of committees for the Parliament;
  - (b) the integration of the committee system into the procedures of the Parliament, and
  - (c) arrangements for committee meetings which will best suit the convenience of Senators and Members.
- (2) That the committee consist of four Members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Prime Minister, three Members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives, three Senators nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and three Senators nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the committee elect as Chairman of the committee one of the members nominated by the Prime Minister or by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- (5) That the committee elect as Deputy Chairman one of the members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition being a member from a different House than the Chairman, and that the member so elected act as Chairman of the committee at any time when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee.
- (6) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to any such sub-committee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to examine.

- (7) That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place and to sit during any recess or adjournment of the Parliament.
- (8) That seven members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee, and a majority of the members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
- (9) That in matters of procedure the Chairman or Deputy Chairman presiding at the meeting have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote, and that, in other matters, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman have a deliberative vote only.
- (10) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources.
- (11) That the committee or a sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (12) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that all members of the committee have not been appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy on the committee.
- (13) That the committee in selecting particular matters for investigation take account of the investigations of other Parliamentary committees and avoid duplication.
- (14) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committee on the Parliamentary Committee System appointed during the Twenty-ninth Parliament.
- (15) That the committee have leave to report from time to time but so that its final recommendations be presented on or before 26 May 1976 and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
- (16) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 17 March 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,  
Speaker

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers), by leave, moved—

- (1) That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 17 of the House of Representatives relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee on the Parliamentary Committee System.
- (2) That the provisions of the Resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.
- (3) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated to the House of Representatives by Message.

Question—put and passed.

12 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE—*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 the following Resolution which was agreed to by the House of Representatives this day, and requests that the Senate concur and take action accordingly:

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to consider and report on—
  - (a) foreign affairs and defence generally, and
  - (b) such matters as may be referred to the committee—
    - (i) by the Minister for Foreign Affairs;
    - (ii) by the Minister for Defence, or
    - (iii) by resolution of either House of the Parliament.

- (2) That the committee consist of eight Members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Prime Minister, six Members of the House of Representatives nominated by the Leader of the Opposition, four Senators nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and three Senators nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives expires by dissolution or effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect as Chairman of the committee one of the members nominated by the Prime Minister or by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- (6) That the Chairman of the committee may, from time to time, appoint another member of the committee to be the Deputy Chairman of the committee, and that the member so appointed act as Chairman of the committee at any time when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee.
- (7) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of four or more of its members and to refer to any such sub-committee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider.
- (8) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for and examine persons, papers and records, to move from place to place and to meet and transact business in public or private session and notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament.
- (9) That the committee have leave to report from time to time and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
- (10) That seven members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee and three members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
- (11) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the Chairman, or the Deputy Chairman when acting as Chairman, have a casting vote.
- (12) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the minutes of evidence and records of Joint Committees on Foreign Affairs and Defence, appointed in previous Parliaments, relating to any matter on which those committees had not completed consideration.
- (13) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered, with the approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee.
- (14) That the committee in selecting particular matters for investigation take account of the investigations of other Parliamentary committees and avoid duplication.
- (15) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 17 March 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,  
Speaker

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers), by leave, moved—

- (1) That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 18 of the House of Representatives relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence.
- (2) That the provisions of the Resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.

- (3) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated to the House of Representatives by Message.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—*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 the following Resolution which was agreed to by the House of Representatives this day, and requests that the Senate concur and take action accordingly:

- (1) That a Joint Committee be appointed to—
  - (a) examine and report on all proposals for modification or variations of the plan of lay-out of the City of Canberra and its environs published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on the nineteenth day of November 1925, as previously modified or varied, which are referred to the committee by the Minister for the Capital Territory, and
  - (b) examine and report on such other matters relating to the Australian Capital Territory as may be referred to the committee—
    - (i) by the Minister for the Capital Territory, or
    - (ii) by resolution of either House of the Parliament.
- (2) That the committee consist of ten members, four to be nominated by the Prime Minister, two to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition, two Senators nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and two Senators nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives expires by dissolution or effluxion of time.
- (5) That the committee elect as Chairman of the committee one of the members nominated by the Prime Minister or by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- (6) That the committee elect a Deputy Chairman who shall perform the duties of the Chairman of the committee at any time when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the Chairman and Deputy Chairman are not present at a meeting of the committee, the members present shall elect another member to perform the duties of the Chairman at that meeting.
- (7) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three or more of its members, and to appoint the Chairman of each sub-committee who shall have a casting vote only, and refer to any such sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (8) That a majority of the members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
- (9) That members of the committee who are not members of a sub-committee may take part in the public proceedings of that sub-committee but shall not vote or move any motion or constitute a quorum.
- (10) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (11) That the committee have power to move from place to place and to sit during any recess.
- (12) That any sub-committee have power to move from place to place, adjourn from time to time and to sit during any recess or adjournment.
- (13) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
- (14) That the committee be provided with necessary staff, facilities and resources.

- (15) That the committee in selecting particular matters for investigation take account of the investigations of other Parliamentary committees and avoid duplication.
- (16) That the committee have leave to report from time to time and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
- (17) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (18) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 17 March 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,  
Speaker

The Minister for Science (Senator Webster), by leave, moved—

- (1) That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 19 of the House of Representatives relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory.
- (2) That the provisions of the Resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.
- (3) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated to the House of Representatives by Message.

Question—put and passed.

14 NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 20

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate the following Resolution which was agreed to by the House of Representatives this day, and requests that the Senate concur and take action accordingly:

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee be appointed to act for and represent the Parliament, as the client for the new and permanent Parliament House, in all matters concerned with the planning, design and construction of the new and permanent Parliament House and all matters incidental thereto.
- (2) That the committee reconsider and, as necessary, amend the recommendation of the former Joint Select Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House contained in its report dated March 1970, which when revised shall be used as the basis of the construction of the new and permanent Parliament House.
- (3) That the committee also consider and report on matters coming within the terms of section 5 of the *Parliament Act* 1974 as may be referred to it—
  - (i) by the Minister responsible for administering the *National Capital Development Commission Act* 1957–1975, or
  - (ii) by resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (4) That the committee consist of:
  - (a) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
  - (b) The Minister responsible for administering the *National Capital Development Commission Act* 1957–1975;
  - (c) Six Members of the House of Representatives, three of whom shall be nominated by the Prime Minister and three by the Leader of the Opposition, and
  - (d) Six Senators, three of whom shall be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate and three by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.

- (5) That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives be Joint Chairmen of the committee.
- (6) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (7) That the members of the committee hold office as a Joint Standing Committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (8) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees consisting of three or more of its members and to refer to such a sub-committee any matter that the committee is empowered to inquire into.
- (9) That the committee or a sub-committee so appointed have power to send for persons, papers and records, to move from place to place and to sit during any adjournment or recess of the Parliament.
- (10) That the committee have leave to report from time to time and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
- (11) That seven members of the committee, one of whom is the President or the Speaker, constitute a quorum of the committee and a majority of the members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
- (12) That in matters of procedure, each of the Chairmen, whether or not occupying the Chair, have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of voting, the Chairman occupying the Chair have a casting vote.
- (13) That in matters other than those of procedure, each of the Chairmen, whether or not occupying the Chair, have a deliberative vote.
- (14) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Standing Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House appointed during the Twenty-ninth Parliament.
- (15) That the committee and sub-committees be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources.
- (16) That the committee or a sub-committee have power to authorize publication of any evidence given before it or any information obtained in the course of its inquiries or any document presented to it.
- (17) That the committee be authorized to provide, on behalf of the Parliament, all necessary information concerning the functional requirements for the new and permanent Parliament House and matters incidental thereto direct to the National Capital Development Commission as the Authority responsible to Parliament to undertake or arrange for the planning, design and construction of the new and permanent Parliament House.
- (18) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 17 March 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,  
Speaker

The Minister for Science (Senator Webster), by leave, moved—

- (1) That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 20 of the House of Representatives relating to the appointment of a Joint Standing Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House.
- (2) That the provisions of the Resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.
- (3) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated to the House of Representatives by Message.

Question—put and passed.



- 15 MEAT EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT 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 Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) 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.

- 16 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.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be added (Senator Brown’s amendment)—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 25

Senator—	Senator—
Bishop	McLaren
Brown	Melzer
Button	Mulvihill
Cameron	O’Byrne
Cavanagh	Primmer
Coleman	Robertson
Colston	Ryan
Devitt	Sibraa
Gietzelt	Walsh
Grimes	Wriedt
Harradine	
Keeffe	
McAuliffe	
McClelland,	<i>Teller:</i>
Douglas	Georges

NOES, 33

Senator—	Senator—
Archer	Laucke
Baume	Martin
Bonner	Maunsell
Carrick	Messner
Collard	Missen
Cormack,	Scott
Sir Magnus	Sheil
Cotton	Sim
Davidson	Tehan
Drake-Brockman	Thomas
Durack	Townley
Greenwood	Walters
Guilfoyle	Webster
Hall	Withers
Jessop	Wright
Kilgariff	
Knight	<i>Teller:</i>
Lajovic	Chaney

Amendment to the proposed amendment negated accordingly.

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers) moved an amendment to the proposed amendment, viz.: Leave out all words after "Senate", insert "notes that your advisers, having declared their intention of taking particular care over the special circumstances of the less populous States, will consult with those States prior to the implementation of your advisers' new approach to Federalism".

Question—That the words proposed to be left out be left out (Senator Withers' amendment)—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 32		NOES, 26	
Senator—	Senator—	Senator—	Senator—
Archer	Lauke	Bishop	McClelland,
Baume	Martin	Brown	Douglas
Bonner	Maunsell	Button	McLaren
Carrick	Messner	Cameron	Melzer
Collard	Missen	Cavanagh	Mulvihill
Cormack,	Scott	Coleman	O'Byrne
Sir Magnus	Sheil	Colston	Primmer
Cotton	Sim	Devitt	Robertson
Davidson	Tehan	Gietzelt	Ryan
Drake-Brockman	Thomas	Grimes	Sibraa
Durack	Townley	Hall	Walsh
Greenwood	Walters	Harradine	Wriedt
Guilfoyle	Webster	Keeffe	Teller:
Jessop	Withers	McAuliffe	Georges
Kilgariff	Wright		
Knight	Teller:		
Lajovic	Chaney		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be inserted (Senator Withers' amendment)—put and passed.

Amendment to the proposed amendment agreed to accordingly.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be added (Senator Harradine's amendment, as amended)—put and passed.

Question—That the Address-in-Reply, as amended, be agreed to—put and passed.

Ordered—That the Address-in-Reply be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General by the President and such Senators as may desire to accompany him.

The President informed the Senate that he would ascertain when His Excellency would be pleased to receive the Address-in-Reply. When the time was fixed the Senate would be advised.

17 ADJOURNMENT: The Senate adjourned at twenty-one minutes to five p.m. till Tuesday next at half-past two p.m.

18 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senator Young.

J. R. ODGERS,  
Clerk of the Senate