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TUESDAY, 23 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 ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OPENING SPEECH—TIME FOR PRESENTATION: The President informed the Senate that His Excellency the Governor-General would be pleased to receive the Address-in-Reply at Government House at half-past five p.m. this day, and invited honourable Senators to accompany him on the occasion of its presentation.

4 QUESTIONS.

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

Defence—Directives issued by the Minister for Defence to senior service and civilian officers, dated 9 February 1976.

Department of the Capital Territory—Annual Report of the Department of the Capital Territory, for year 1974–75.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute:

Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 77.

Anglo-Australian Telescope Agreement Act—Annual Report of the Anglo-Australian Telescope Board, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1974–75.

Audit Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 79.

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointments—R. H. Brooke, D. O. Nagel, A. D. Wadey.

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act, Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 75.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land, etc., acquired for—

Providing a navigational aid at Evans Head, New South Wales.

Remote receiver facilities at Lower Light, South Australia.

Telephone services—

Laffer, South Australia.

Makin, South Australia.

Sleaford Mere, South Australia.

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

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 78.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement by the Minister of reasons for the revocation of parts of land reserved for the recreation or amusement of the public at Alice Springs in the Northern Territory.

Papua New Guinea (Staffing Assistance) Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 74.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination relating to holders of certain public offices, dated 23 February 1976—Administrative Review Committee, Independent Inquiry to determine the fees for medical benefit purposes (1 January 1976 to 31 December 1976).

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1976—

No. 9—Door-to-door Sales.

No. 10—Land Rent and Rates (Deferment and Remission).

Trade Commissioners Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 76.

- 6 AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL—PAPER: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Australian Education Council—Report of meeting, held in Sydney.

Senator Button, 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 Button have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

- 7 UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND THE WORK TEST—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle), by leave, made a statement relating to the Unemployment Benefit system and the Unemployment Benefit work test.

Senator Grimes, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the Statement.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned and that Senator Grimes have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

Senators Harradine and Bishop, and the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers), by leave, made statements.

Leave refused: Senators Devitt and Georges asked leave to make statements.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Senator Guilfoyle moved—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Senator Withers moved—That the Question be now put.

Question—That the Question be now put—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 33		NOES, 25	
Senator—	Senator—	Senator—	Senator—
Archer	Martin	Bishop	McLaren
Baume	Maunsell	Brown	Melzer
Bonner	Messner	Button	Mulvihill
Collard	Missen	Cameron	O'Byrne
Cormack,	Rae	Cavanagh	Primmer
Sir Magnus	Scott	Coleman	Ryan
Cotton	Sheil	Colston	Sibraa
Davidson	Sim	Devitt	Walsh
Drake-Brockman	Tehan	Gietzelt	Wheeldon
Durack	Thomas	Grimes	Wriedt
Greenwood	Townley	Harradine	
Guilfoyle	Walters	Keeffe	
Hall	Webster	McAuliffe	
Jessop	Withers	McClelland,	<i>Teller:</i>
Kilgariff	Wright	Douglas	Georges
Knight			
Lajovic	<i>Teller:</i>		
Laucke	Chaney		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting—put and passed.

- 8 AUSTRALIAN STEVEDORING INDUSTRY AUTHORITY—PAPER: Senator Harradine, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the following Paper, tabled in the Senate on 18 March 1976:

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.

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

- 9 AUSTRALIAN CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION COMMISSION—REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT—PAPER: Senator Harradine, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the following Paper, tabled in the Senate on 2 March 1976:

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Nineteenth Annual Report of the President of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, for year ended 13 August 1975.

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

- 10 ABORIGINAL LAND (NORTHERN TERRITORY) BILL 1976: Senator Keeffe, pursuant to Notice of Motion not objected to as a Formal Motion, moved—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act relating to the Provision of land in the Northern Territory for Aborigines.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 ABORIGINAL COUNCILS AND ASSOCIATIONS BILL 1976: Senator Keeffe, pursuant to Notice of Motion not objected to as a Formal Motion, moved—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.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 POSTPONEMENT: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers) moved—That consideration of Business of the Senate be postponed till the next day of sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 STATES GRANTS (FRUIT CANNERIES) BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 21

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make Provision for the Grant of Financial Assistance to New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia to enable those States to make Loans to certain Cannerys of Fruit*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 18 March 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton) moved—That the Bill may be taken through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator Cotton the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Cotton moved—That this Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wriedt) the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

- 14 DRIED VINE FRUITS STABILIZATION AMENDMENT BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 22

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to extend the Operation of the 'Dried Vine Fruits Stabilization Act 1971' for a further Season, and for other Purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 18 March 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton) moved—That the Bill may be taken through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator Cotton the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Cotton moved—That this Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wriedt) the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

- 15 DRIED VINE FRUITS LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 23

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Dried Vine Fruits Levy Act 1971'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 18 March 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton) moved—That the Bill may be taken through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

Senator Cotton moved—That this Bill be now read a first time.

Debate ensued.

Senator Cavanagh addressing the Chair—

Suspension of Sitting: At five p.m. the sitting of the Senate was suspended till eight p.m.

The Senate having resumed—

- 16 ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OPENING SPEECH: The President informed the Senate that, accompanied by honourable Senators, he had this day waited on the Governor-General and presented to him the Address-in-Reply to the speech by His Excellency on the occasion of the opening of the Parliament, which was agreed to on 18 March 1976. His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:

MR PRESIDENT,

Thank you for your Address-in-Reply which you have just presented to me. It will be my pleasure and my duty to convey to Her Majesty The Queen the message of loyalty from the Senate, to which the Address gives expression.

- 17 DRIED VINE FRUITS LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Debate resumed on the Question—
That this Bill be now read a first time.
Senator Baume addressing the Chair—

And it being half-past ten p.m.—

- 18 ADJOURNMENT: The Acting Deputy-President (Senator Davidson), under Sessional Order, put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—resolved in the affirmative.
The Senate adjourned at six minutes to eleven p.m. till to-morrow at half-past two p.m.
- 19 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senators James McClelland, Robertson and Young.

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate