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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 DEATH OF FIELD-MARSHAL VISCOUNT MONTGOMERY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers), by leave, made a statement referring to the death, on 24 March 1976, of Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wriedt), by leave, made a statement relating thereto.

4 PETITIONS: Senator Mulvihill presented a petition from 55 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.

Senator Ryan presented a petition from 25 citizens of the Australian Capital Territory praying that the Government honour its 1975 election promise that existing Commissioner for Housing loans would continue.

Petition received and read.

Senator Baume presented a petition from 43 citizens of 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 and read.

Senator O'Byrne presented a petition from 28 citizens of Tasmania praying that the Australian Government reject any proposal to build an Omega Station in Australia.

Petition received and read.

Petitioning Letter: Senator Ryan, by leave, presented a letter from a citizen of the Australian Capital Territory protesting about the inadequacy of public transport services at weekends in Belconnen, Australian Capital Territory, accompanied by a document containing 186 signatures in support of the letter.

5 NOTICE OF MOTION: Senator Harradine gave a Notice of Motion as follows—That, on the next day of sitting, he would move—That the Senate take note of the Paper entitled "Position Statement on Future Arrangements for the Stevedoring Industry", by R. M. Northrop, Q.C., dated February 1976.

6 QUESTIONS.

7 PERSONAL EXPLANATION: Senator Jessop, by leave, made a personal explanation relating to a report appearing this day in the Adelaide newspaper *The Advertiser*.

8 PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN AUSTRALIA—PAPER: The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Public Libraries in Australia—Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Public Libraries, dated 27 February 1976.

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

- 9 HOME SAVINGS GRANTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development (Senator Greenwood), by leave, made a statement relating to Home Savings Grants and moved—That the Senate take note of the Statement.

Debate ensued.

On the motion of the Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers) the debate was adjourned.

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

- 10 NATIONAL RESOURCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF MATTER: Senator Durack, pursuant to Notice of Motion not objected to as a Formal Motion, moved—That there be referred to the Senate Standing Committee on National Resources the following matter: Solar Energy.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 MARITIME COLLEGE BILL 1976: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), 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 make provision for the Establishment of an Australian Maritime College.

Question—put and passed.

Bill presented, and on the motion of Senator Carrick read a first time.

Suspension of Standing Orders: Senator Carrick, 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 Carrick moved—That this Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Grimes the debate was adjourned.

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

- 12 PAPER: The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute:

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Statute—No. 31—Courses and Awards Amendment No. 12.

- 13 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF MATTER: Senator Sim, by leave, amended Business of the Senate, Notice of Motion No. 1, standing in his name, and moved—That there be referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence for consideration and report, on or before 1 September 1976, the following matter: Australia and the Indian Ocean region.

Senator Primmer moved an amendment, viz.: Leave out "Senate Standing", insert "Joint".

Question—That the words proposed to be left out be left out—put and negatived.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Main Question—put and passed.

- 14 STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) 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 Education (Senator Carrick) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

- 15 STATES GRANTS (UNIVERSITIES) AMENDMENT BILL 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.

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Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.
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On the motion of the Minister for Education (Senator Carrick) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

- 16 STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) BILL 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.

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

- 17 STATES GRANTS (ADVANCED EDUCATION) AMENDMENT BILL 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 Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) 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.

- 18 STATES GRANTS (TECHNICAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION) AMENDMENT BILL 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 Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) 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.

- 19 WHEAT EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That this Bill be now read a first time.
 Debate resumed.

Extension of Time: Senator Martin moved—That Senator Harradine's time be extended for five minutes.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 34		NOES, 23	
Senator—	Senator—	Senator—	Senator—
Archer	Martin	Bishop	McClelland,
Baume	Maunsell	Brown	James
Carrick	Messner	Button	McIntosh
Collard	Missen	Cameron	McLaren
Cormack,	Scott	Cavanagh	Melzer
Sir Magnus	Sheil	Coleman	Mulvihill
Cotton	Sim	Colston	O'Byrne
Davidson	Tehan	Devitt	Primmer
Drake-Brockman	Thomas	Gietzelt	Robertson
Durack	Townley	Grimes	Walsh
Greenwood	Walters	Keeffe	
Guilfoyle	Webster	McAuliffe	
Harradine	Withers	McClelland,	<i>Teller:</i>
Jessop	Wood	Douglas	Georges
Kilgariff	Wright		
Knight	Young		
Lajovic	<i>Teller:</i>		
Laucke	Chaney		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate continued.

Documents tabled: Senator Chaney, pursuant to Standing Order 364, moved—That the documents quoted from by Senator Harradine during his speech be laid upon the Table.

Question—put and passed.

Senator Harradine thereupon laid upon the Table the following documents:

Union Officials—Allegations—

Extract from Senate *Hansard* of 16 July 1975, pp. 2793–2798.

Copy of—

Statutory Declaration by Richard William Brian Harradine, of Rosetta, Tasmania, dated 1 August 1975, and annexure.

Statutory Declaration by Frank Shanahan, of Wagga, New South Wales, dated 30 July 1975, and annexure.

Statutory Declaration by William Leycester White, of Katoomba, New South Wales, dated 1 August 1975.

Statutory Declaration by Roger Paul Syron, of Kingsgrove, New South Wales, dated 1 August 1975.

Document relating to meeting of Youth Week Committee held in Trades Hall, Sydney, New South Wales, on 30 March 1971.

Debate continued.

Extension of Time: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers) moved—That Senator Greenwood's time be extended for twenty-one minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate continued.

The Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development (Senator Greenwood) addressing the Chair—

And it being eleven p.m.—

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the Question be now put—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 35

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

NOES, 22

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Senate do now adjourn—negatived.

Debate on the Question—That the Wheat Export Charge Amendment Bill 1976 be now read a first time—continued.

On the motion of Senator Withers the debate was adjourned.

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

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

Question—That the Question be now put—put.

The Senate proceeding to divide—

And the Senate having continued to sit till twelve o'clock midnight—

THURSDAY, 1 APRIL 1976, A.M.

Disorder: Senator Brown, having used objectionable words and having refused to withdraw them when called upon, was named by the President—

Division suspended.

Senator Brown, having been called upon in accordance with Standing Order 440, made an explanation.

Suspension of Senator: Senator Withers moved—That Senator Brown be suspended from the sitting of the Senate.

Question—That Senator Brown be suspended from the sitting of the Senate—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 34		NOES, 22	
Senator—	Senator—	Senator—	Senator—
Archer	Martin	Bishop	McIntosh
Baume	Maunsell	Brown	McLaren
Bonner	Messner	Cameron	Melzer
Carrick	Missen	Cavanagh	Mulvihill
Collard	Scott	Coleman	O'Byrne
Cormack,	Sheil	Colston	Primmer
Sir Magnus	Sim	Devitt	Robertson
Cotton	Tehan	Gietzelt	Walsh
Davidson	Thomas	Grimes	Wriedt
Drake-Brockman	Townley	Keefe	
Durack	Walters	McAuliffe	
Greenwood	Webster	McClelland,	<i>Teller:</i>
Guilfoyle	Withers	Douglas	Georges
Jessop	Wood		
Kilgariff	Wright		
Knight	Young		
Lajovic	<i>Teller:</i>		
Laucke	Chaney		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Senator Brown thereupon withdrew from the Chamber.

The Division again proceeding on the Question—That the Question be now put—
The Senate divided—

AYES, 35

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

NOES, 21

Senator—	Senator—
Bishop	McIntosh
Cameron	McLaren
Cavanagh	Melzer
Coleman	Mulvihill
Colston	O'Byrne
Devitt	Primmer
Gietzelt	Robertson
Grimes	Walsh
Keefe	Wriedt
McAuliffe	
McClelland,	<i>Teller:</i>
Douglas	Georges

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.

20 ADJOURNMENT: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers) moved—
That the Senate do now adjourn.

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

Question—That the Question be now put—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 34

Senator—	Senator—
Archer	Martin
Baume	Maunsell
Bonner	Messner
Carrick	Missen
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Cormack,	Sheil
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NOES, 22

Senator—	Senator—
Bishop	McIntosh
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Keefe	
McAuliffe	<i>Teller:</i>
McClelland,	Georges
Douglas	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Senate do now adjourn—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at twenty-three minutes past twelve o'clock midnight till this day at eleven a.m.

21 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senators Hall and Wheeldon.

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate