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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 PETITIONS: Senator Baume presented a petition from 958 citizens of Australia expressing support for careful and properly controlled logging in the "Eden Management Area". Petition received and read.

Senator Wheeldon presented a petition from 12 citizens of Australia praying that the Senate take the most urgent steps to readjust payments under the National Employment and Training System so that they are equivalent to the average adult male award wage.

Petition received and read.

Senator Young presented a petition from 28 citizens of Australia praying that the Australian Government reverse its decision to cut expenditure on overseas aid, reaffirm 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.

Senator Missen presented a petition from 37 citizens of Australia similar in wording to the petition presented by Senator Young.

Petition received.

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

Senator Knight: That, on the next day of sitting, he would move—That there be referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence the following matter: The implications for Australia's foreign policy and national security of proposals for a new international economic order.

Senator Wright: That, seven sitting days after today, he would move—That the amendments of the Air Navigation Regulations, as contained in Statutory Rules 1976 No. 67, and made under the *Air Navigation Act* 1920–1974, be disallowed.

Senator Jessop: That, on the next day of sitting, he would move—That there be referred to the Standing Committee on Science and the Environment for report from time to time the following matter:

- (1) The continuing oversight of Australian science policy in the physical, social and life sciences; and
- (2) The direction, priorities, efficacy, and ultimate application of Australian research and development efforts in the above scientific fields, with particular reference to:
 - (a) comparison with other countries of recent trends and expenditures in Australia;
 - (b) examination of Federal assistance granted to Australian research and development activities; and
 - (c) appraisal of the research and development effort devoted to future energy sources.

5 QUESTIONS.

6 GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGES—ASSENT TO BILLS: The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented by the President:

JOHN R. KERR,
Governor-General

Message No. 7

Proposed law intituled:—

States Grants (Housing Assistance) 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 law.

Government House,
Canberra, 31 March 1976

JOHN R. KERR,
Governor-General

Message No. 8

Proposed laws intituled:—

Dried Vine Fruits Levy Amendment Act 1976

Dried Vine Fruits Stabilization Amendment 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, 1 April 1976

JOHN R. KERR,
Governor-General

Message No. 9

Proposed laws intituled:—

States Grants (Universities) Act 1976

States Grants (Universities) Amendment Act 1976

States Grants (Advanced Education) Act 1976

States Grants (Advanced Education) Amendment Act 1976

States Grants (Technical and Further Education) Amendment 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, 1 April 1976

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

Bankruptcy Act—Eighth Annual Report by the Attorney-General on the operation of the Act, for year 1974–75.

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment—E. C. Hungerford.

Dairy Adjustment Act—Dairy Adjustment Programs—Amending Agreement between the Australian Government and South Australian Government, dated 24 February 1976.

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

National Health Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976 No. 84.

Quarantine Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976 No. 83.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1976—

No. 11—Dog Control.

No. 12—City Area Leases.

Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976 No. 85.

8 ROYAL VISIT—HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers), by leave, made a statement relating to the visit to Australia next year of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

9 INCOME TAX INVESTMENT ALLOWANCE AND LEASED PLANT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), by leave, made a statement relating to the Income Tax Investment Allowance and Leased Plant and moved—That the Senate take note of the Statement.

On the motion of Senator Douglas McClelland the debate was adjourned.

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

10 POSTPONEMENT: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers) moved—That Government Business, Order of the Day No. 2 (Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Amendment Bill 1976), be postponed till after the consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day No. 3 (Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Amendment Bill 1976).

Question—put and passed.

11 AUSTRALIA—JAPAN FOUNDATION 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, debated 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 Administrative Services (Senator Withers) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

12 PHOSPHATE FERTILIZERS BOUNTY AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Senator Gietzelt moved an amendment, viz.: At end of motion, add “, but the Senate is of the opinion that the Minister should cause to be tabled in each House of the Parliament a list showing the names and addresses of all companies and individuals whose purchases of superphosphate and ammonium phosphate exceed 400 tons in a twelve months period and a list showing the amount of benefit accruing to such companies and individuals”.

Debate continued.

Leave refused: Senator McLaren asked leave to incorporate a document in *Hansard*.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Debate continued.

Senator Walters addressing the Chair—

And it being half-past ten p.m.—

- 13 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 seventeen minutes to eleven p.m. till to-morrow at half-past two p.m.

- 14 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senators Brown, Hall and McIntosh.

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate