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WEDNESDAY, 19 MAY 1976

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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 Melzer presented a petition from 74 citizens of Australia praying that the Senate give urgent consideration to the continuation of federal finance for family planning and similar organisations.
Petition received and read.
- Senator Baume presented a petition from 36 citizens of Australia praying that the Government take certain action in relation to a range of social security matters of particular relevance to pensioners.
Petition received and read.
- Senator Baume presented a petition from 24 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 Colston presented a petition from 307 citizens of Australia praying that cows' milk substitutes be restored to the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits for children up to the age of six years as soon as possible.
Petition received and read.
- Senator Grimes presented a petition from 38 citizens of Australia praying that the Government reject any proposal to build an Omega Station in Australia.
Petition received and read.
- Senator Gietzelt presented a petition from 211 citizens of Australia praying that the Government take no measures to interfere with the Schools Commission.
Petition received and read.
- Senator Collard presented a petition from 1352 electors of Queensland praying that the Government reinstate the cadet forces.
Petition received and read.
- Senator Georges presented a petition from 18 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 Georges presented a petition from 28 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 Georges presented a petition from 25 citizens of Australia, similar in wording to the petition presented by Senator Melzer.

Petition received.

Senator Sir Magnus Cormack presented a petition from 22 citizens of Australia similar in wording to the petition presented by Senator Baume relating to the Australian Heritage Commission.

Petition received.

The Clerk announced that Senator Button had lodged a petition for presentation, viz.: From 18 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.

4 NOTICES OF MOTION: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers) gave Notices of Motion as follows—

No. 1—That, on the next day of sitting, he would move—That, unless otherwise ordered, on Thursday, 20 May 1976:

(1) The times of meeting of the Senate be as follows:

11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

2.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

8.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

(2) The Sessional Order relating to the adjournment of the Senate have effect at half-past ten p.m.

(3) Government Business take precedence of General Business after three p.m.

No. 2—That, on the next day of sitting, he would move—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton) making a Ministerial Statement at eight p.m. on Thursday, 20 May 1976, and, when making the Statement, speaking without limitation of time.

5 QUESTIONS.

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

JOHN R. KERR,

Governor-General

Message No. 18

Proposed law intituled:—

States Grants (Schools) 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, 7 May 1976

7 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS) ACT—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES 1974-75—PAPER: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

States Grants (Schools) Act—Statement of financial assistance granted to each State through Schools Commission programmes, for year 1974-75.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wriedt), 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 Wriedt have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

- 8 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT—PAPER: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Department of Environment—Annual Report for year 1974–75.

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

- 9 “LIVING AT WORK”—URBAN WORK-FORCE—PAPER: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Living at Work—Urban Work-force—A study entitled “Living at Work”, for the Minister for Labor and Immigration, by Fred E. Emery and Chris Phillips, relating to the Australian urban work-force, its attitudes to work and matters influencing those attitudes.

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

- 10 PAPERS: The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute:

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement by Minister of reasons for the revocation and partial re-reservation of land reserved for Commonwealth Railways purposes, Darwin, Northern Territory.

Urban and Regional Development (Financial Assistance) Act—Agreement between the Commonwealth and Western Australian Governments in relation to the provision of financial assistance in 1975–76 for Urban and Regional Development, dated 26 March 1976.

- 11 POSTPONEMENTS: Senator Douglas McClelland moved—That Business of the Senate, Notice of Motion No. 1, relating to the disallowance of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands *Lands Acquisition (Repeal) Ordinance* 1976, be postponed till Thursday, 27 May 1976.

Question—put and passed.

The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton) moved—That Government Business, Notice of Motion No. 1, relating to the days and times of meeting of the Senate and precedence to Government Business, be postponed till the next day of sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 PERSONAL EXPLANATION: Senator Bonner, by leave, made a personal explanation relating to a report appearing this day in the Sydney newspaper *The Daily Telegraph*.

- 13 LIBRARY—STANDING COMMITTEE—CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP: The President informed the Senate that he had received a letter from Senator Gietzelt requesting that he be discharged from service on the Library Committee.

The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), by leave, moved—That Senator Gietzelt be discharged from service on the Library Committee and that Senator Colston be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION 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—That this Bill be now read a second time—put.

The Senate divided—

| AYES, 32 | | NOES, 23 | |
|----------------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Senator— | Senator— | Senator— | Senator— |
| Archer | Messner | Bishop | McIntosh |
| Baume | Rae | Brown | McLaren |
| Bonner | Scott | Button | Melzer |
| Carrick | Sheil | Cameron | Mulvihill |
| Collard | Sim | Cavanagh | Primmer |
| Cotton | Tehan | Colston | Robertson |
| Drake-Brockman | Thomas | Gietzelt | Ryan |
| Durack | Townley | Grimes | Sibraa |
| Guilfoyle | Walters | Keeffe | Walsh |
| Hall | Webster | McClelland, | Wheeldon |
| Jessop | Withers | Douglas | Wriedt |
| Kilgariff | Wood | McClelland, | Teller: |
| Knight | Wright | James | Georges |
| Lajovic | Young | | |
| Laucke | | | |
| Martin | Teller: | | |
| Maunsell | Chaney | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together, debated and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated and agreed to.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7, by leave, taken together, debated and agreed to.

Clause 8 debated and agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 12, by leave, taken together, debated and agreed to.

Clauses 13 and 14, by leave, taken together, debated and agreed to.

Clause 15 debated and agreed to.

Clause 16 debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Question—That this Bill be reported—put.

The Committee divided—

| AYES, 31 | | NOES, 23 | |
|----------------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Senator— | Senator— | Senator— | Senator— |
| Archer | Maunsell | Bishop | McIntosh |
| Baume | Messner | Brown | McLaren |
| Bonner | Rae | Button | Melzer |
| Carrick | Scott | Cameron | Mulvihill |
| Collard | Sheil | Cavanagh | Primmer |
| Cotton | Sim | Colston | Robertson |
| Drake-Brockman | Tehan | Gietzelt | Ryan |
| Durack | Thomas | Grimes | Sibraa |
| Guilfoyle | Townley | Harradine | Walsh |
| Hall | Walters | Keeffe | Wheeldon |
| Jessop | Webster | McClelland, | |
| Kilgariff | Wood | Douglas | |
| Knight | Wright | McClelland, | Teller: |
| Lajovic | Young | James | Georges |
| Laucke | Teller: | | |
| Martin | Chaney | | |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

Senator Carrick moved—That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 31

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|----------------|----------------|
| Senator— | Senator— |
| Archer | Maunsell |
| Baume | Messner |
| Bonner | Rae |
| Carrick | Scott |
| Collard | Sheil |
| Cotton | Sim |
| Drake-Brockman | Tehan |
| Durack | Thomas |
| Guilfoyle | Townley |
| Hall | Walters |
| Jessop | Webster |
| Kilgariff | Wood |
| Knight | Wright |
| Lajovic | Young |
| Laucke | <i>Teller:</i> |
| Martin | Chaney |

NOES, 23

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|-------------|----------------|
| Senator— | Senator— |
| Bishop | McIntosh |
| Brown | McLaren |
| Button | Melzer |
| Cameron | Mulvihill |
| Cavanagh | Primmer |
| Colston | Robertson |
| Gietzelt | Ryan |
| Grimes | Sibraa |
| Harradine | Walsh |
| Keeffe | Wheeldon |
| McClelland, | |
| Douglas | |
| McClelland, | <i>Teller:</i> |
| James | Georges |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

- 15 MARITIME COLLEGE 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 Education (Senator Carrick) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

- 16 ROADS ACTS 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.

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

- 17 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION EXPORT DUTY COLLECTION 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. 53

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Apple and Pear Stabilization Export Duty Collection Act 1971-1973'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 4 May 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 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.

18 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 4) 1975–76—*Message from the House of Representatives:*

The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 56

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sum appropriated by the 'Appropriation Act (No. 2) 1975–76', for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1976*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

B. M. SNEDDEN,

Canberra, 18 May 1976

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 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.

19 CUSTOMS 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. 57

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Customs Act 1901–1975' in relation to the Value of Goods for Duty*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

B. M. SNEDDEN,

Canberra, 18 May 1976

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 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.

20 FOREIGN TAKEOVERS 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. 58

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Foreign Takeovers Act 1975'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

B. M. SNEDDEN,

Canberra, 18 May 1976

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 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.

- 21 PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 59

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to Approve Ratification of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances and to give effect to that Convention with respect to certain Psychotropic Substances and Psychotropic Preparations that enter Australia in the course of Consignment from one place outside Australia to another place outside Australia*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 18 May 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 Senator Button the debate was adjourned.

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

- 22 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION EXPORT DUTY 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. 52

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Apple and Pear Stabilization Export Duty Act 1971'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 4 May 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 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.

- 23 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 3) 1975-76—*Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 55

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, additional to the sums appropriated by the 'Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1975-76', for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1976*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 18 May 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—

And it being eleven p.m.—

- 24 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 three minutes past eleven p.m. till to-morrow at eleven a.m.
- 25 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senators Coleman, Davidson, Devitt, Greenwood, McAuliffe and O'Byrne.

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate