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WEDNESDAY, 26 MAY 1976

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

## 2 PRAYERS.

- 3 PETITIONS: Senators Walters, Coleman (two) and Melzer presented petitions from 498, 418, 348 and 62 citizens of Australia, respectively, praying that the Senate give urgent consideration to the continuation of federal finance for family planning and similar organisations.

Petitions received and read.

Senator Colston presented a petition from 136 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 Davidson 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 Gietzelt presented a petition from 366 citizens of Australia expressing concern at the Industries Assistance Commission's recommendations on the spectacle frame industry.

Petition received.

## 4 QUESTIONS.

- 5 LAND TENURES—COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—PAPER: The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Land Tenures—Final Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Land Tenures, dated February 1976.

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.

- 6 AUSTRALIAN EGG BOARD—PAPER: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Egg Export Control Act—Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Australian Egg Board, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1974–75.

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

- 7 DARWIN PORT CARGO FACILITIES—BUREAU OF TRANSPORT ECONOMICS—PAPER: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Darwin Port Cargo Facilities—Report by the Bureau of Transport Economics, entitled "Provision of General Cargo Facilities at the Port of Darwin", dated October 1975.

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

- 8 PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE SYSTEM—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT: The Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Parliamentary Committee System (Senator Sir Magnus Cormack) brought up the Report of the Committee entitled "A New Parliamentary Committee System", dated 26 May 1976.

Ordered to be printed.

Senator Sir Magnus Cormack, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the Report.

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

Senators Mulvihill and McAuliffe, by leave, made statements relating to the Report.

- 9 SOCIAL WELFARE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON OUTSTANDING REFERENCES: The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Social Welfare (Senator Baume) brought up the Report on Outstanding References from the former Standing Committee on Health and Welfare, dated May 1976.

Ordered to be printed.

Senator Baume, by leave, made a statement relating to the Report.

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

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

- 11 COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 66

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Grants Commission Act 1973-1975'*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 25 May 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,  
Speaker

- 12 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 3) 1975-76; 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.

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*In the Committee*

Ordered, on the motion of the Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton)—

- (1) That clauses 1 to 7 be postponed till after the consideration of the Schedule; and
- (2) That, unless otherwise ordered, the Votes in the Schedule be considered in the same groupings as in Estimates Committees A, B, C, D, E and F, respectively, and that each group be taken as a whole, as follows:

Page in Bill	Division No.	Department	Amount
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GROUP A			
MINISTER-IN-CHARGE—SENATOR WITHERS			
8-13	410-685	Administrative Services .. ..	26,223,000
24	250	Rent ( <i>Defence</i> ) .. ..	3,485,000
6	101-108	Parliament .. ..	819,000
46-48	500-520	Prime Minister and Cabinet .. ..	6,921,000
38-39	430-436	National Resources .. ..	2,513,000
32-33	305-308	Foreign Affairs .. ..	14,342,000
22-24	230-241	Defence .. ..	81,614,000
GROUP B			
MINISTERS-IN-CHARGE—SENATORS WITHERS, COTTON AND CARRICK			
31	295-685	Environment, Housing and Community Development .. ..	1,747,000
29-30	365-368	Employment and Industrial Relations ..	7,589,000
14-15	165-175	Attorney-General's .. ..	799,000
16-17	171-629	Business and Consumer Affairs ..	6,813,000
GROUP C			
MINISTER-IN-CHARGE—SENATOR COTTON			
37	380-655	Industry and Commerce .. ..	39,774,000
42	470-474	Overseas Trade .. ..	1,710,000
55-57	614-676	Treasury .. ..	9,617,000
44-45	145-152	Primary Industry .. ..	2,360,000
GROUP D			
MINISTER-IN-CHARGE—SENATOR CARRICK			
25-28	270-280	Education .. ..	15,328,000
54	655-662	Transport .. ..	28,157,000
43	412-496	Postal and Telecommunications ..	6,112,000
GROUP E			
MINISTER-IN-CHARGE—SENATOR GUILFOYLE			
53	590	Social Security .. ..	20,861,000
34-35	325-596	Health .. ..	7,021,000
36	183-365	Immigration and Ethnic Affairs ..	7,692,000
7	120	Aboriginal Affairs .. ..	999,000
49-50	525-527	Repatriation .. ..	17,142,000
GROUP F			
MINISTER-IN-CHARGE—SENATOR WEBSTER			
51-52	437-554	Science .. ..	5,648,000
40-41	455-459	Northern Territory .. ..	8,858,000
20-21	345-352	Construction .. ..	14,372,000
18-19	210-688	Capital Territory .. ..	5,914,000

Schedule read—

Votes in Group A debated—

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*And it being eleven p.m.:* The Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Young), under Sessional Order, put the Question—That he do leave the Chair and report to the Senate.

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

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The President resumed the Chair; and Senator Young reported accordingly.

- 13 ADJOURNMENT: The President, under Sessional Order, put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
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*Notice of Motion:* The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), by leave, gave a Notice of Motion as follows—That, on the next day of sitting, he would move—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to make provision for and in relation to Industrial Research and Development, including the payment by the Commonwealth of Incentive Grants.

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Debate ensued.

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned at six minutes past eleven p.m. till to-morrow at half-past ten a.m.

- 14 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senators Greenwood, Rae and Robertson.

J. R. ODGERS,  
Clerk of the Senate