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

2 PRAYERS.

3 PETITIONS: Senators Coleman (four) and Primmer presented petitions from 137, 256, 19, 213 and 13 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 one petition read.

Senator Kilgariff presented a petition from 21 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 Jessop presented a petition from 25 citizens of Australia objecting to the metric system of measurement.

Petition received and read.

Senator Brown presented a petition from 19 citizens of Australia praying that payments under the Commonwealth Government Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme be raised from \$30 per week to \$48 per week.

Petition received and read.

Senator Primmer presented a petition from 19 citizens of Australia praying that teachers recruited outside Australia by the Victorian Education Department have their income taxation exemption cancelled for the period of their stay in Australia.

Petition received and read.

The Clerk announced that the following Senators had lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:

Senator Sim, 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.

Senator Button, from 21 citizens of Australia praying that payments under the Commonwealth Government Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme be raised from \$30 per week to \$40 per week.

Petitions received.

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

Senator Missen: That, on the next day of sitting, he would move—That—

(1) The following matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs for inquiry and report: Whether the Constitution should be amended to provide that judges of Commonwealth Courts should be required to vacate their office upon the attainment of a fixed age.

(2) The Committee report to the Senate as soon as possible but not later than the first sitting day in November 1976.

Senator Harradine: That, on the next day of sitting, he would move—That the following matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Education and the Arts for inquiry and report: The maintenance of levels of employment for musicians by the Australian Broadcasting Commission, with particular reference to:

- (a) the continuance and growth of symphony and other orchestras;
- (b) the extension of training facilities for musicians; and
- (c) the need for the creation of employment opportunities for music graduates of Conservatoria and Colleges of Advanced Education.

5 QUESTIONS.

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

Wheat Research Act—Eighteenth Annual Report by the Minister on the operation of the Act, for 1975.

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 LITERACY AND NUMERACY IN AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS—PAPER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Literacy and Numeracy in Australian Schools—Report to Schools by the Australian Council for Educational Research, entitled “Literacy and Numeracy in Australian Schools”.

Senator Carrick, by leave, made a statement relating to the Paper.

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 INFORMATION AND LIBRARY NEEDS—WESTUDY REPORT—PAPER: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Westudy Report—Urban Paper prepared for the Department of Environment, Housing and Community Development by the Library Council of Victoria and the Victorian Council of Social Service, entitled “The Westudy Report”.

Senator Melzer, 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 Melzer have leave to continue her speech on the resumption of the debate.

- 9 EMPLOYEES’ COMPENSATION—PAPER: The Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Compensation (Australian Government Employees) Act—Annual Report of the Commissioner for Employees’ Compensation, 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.

- 10 ABORIGINES AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS—SELECT COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT: The Chairman of the Select Committee on Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (Senator Bonner), by leave, moved—That the time for presentation of the Report of the Select Committee on Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders be extended till 31 August 1976.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON A.C.T. ORDINANCES CONTAINING SUBSTANTIVE LEGISLATION: The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wood) brought up the following Report from the Committee:

Fifty-fifth Report—Australian Capital Territory Ordinances containing Substantive Legislation.

Ordered to be printed.

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

Lands Acquisition Act—Land etc. acquired for—Telecommunications Services, Muswellbrook, New South Wales.

Overseas Telecommunications Act—Annual Report of the Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia), together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year ended 31 March 1975.

13 SERVICES CADET SCHEMES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers), by leave, made a statement relating to new cadet schemes for the Navy, Army and Air Force.

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

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

14 INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES BILL 1976: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), 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 and in relation to Industrial Research and Development, including the payment by the Commonwealth of Incentive Grants.

Question—put and passed.

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

Suspension of Standing Orders: Senator Cotton, 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 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.

15 POSTPONEMENT: 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, 3 June 1976.

Question—put and passed.

16 ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND) BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 67

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Agreement establishing a Financial Support Fund of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 25 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.

- 17 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 68

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Income Tax*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

B. M. SNEDDEN,

Canberra, 26 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.

- 18 INCOME TAX (RATES) BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 69

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax payable upon Incomes, other than Incomes of Companies and of Superannuation Funds*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

B. M. SNEDDEN,

Canberra, 26 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill 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 INCOME TAX (INDIVIDUALS) BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 70

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to impose a tax upon Incomes, other than Incomes of Companies and of Superannuation Funds*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

B. M. SNEDDEN,

Canberra, 26 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 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 3) 1975-76: The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee

Schedule further considered.

Votes in Group A further debated—

Ordered—That the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Davidson) report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The President resumed the Chair; and Senator Davidson reported that the Committee had considered the Bill and had made progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered—That the Committee have leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

- 21 GRANTS COMMISSION—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT—PAPER: The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Grants Commission Act—Special Report (1976) on Financial Assistance for Local Government, dated 26 May 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.

- 22 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 3) 1975-76: The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee

Schedule further considered.

Votes in Group A further debated and passed.

Votes in Group B debated and passed.

Votes in Group C debated and passed.

Votes in Group D debated and passed.

Votes in Group E debated and passed.

Votes in Group F debated and passed.

Postponed clauses 1 to 7, by leave, taken together and passed.

Title passed.

Bill to be reported without requests.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Davidson) reported accordingly.

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

- 23 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 4) 1975-76: 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, debated and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The Acting Deputy-President (Senator Davidson) resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Coleman) reported accordingly.

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

- 24 CUSTOMS TARIFF 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.

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 requests.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Davidson) reported accordingly.

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

- 25 PERSONAL EXPLANATION: Senator McLaren, by leave, made a personal explanation relating to a matter raised in the Senate this day during the debate on Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 1975–76.
- 26 NOTICE OF MOTION: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers), by leave, gave a Notice of Motion as follows—That, on the next day of sitting, he would move—That the Senate agrees that the Commonwealth Parliament participate with the Parliaments of the States in the continuing work of the Constitutional Convention established to review the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution and accordingly resolves:
- (1) That, for the purposes of the Convention—
 - (a) a Delegation from the Commonwealth Parliament consisting of sixteen members of the Parliament take part in the deliberations of the Convention, of whom six shall be members of the Senate and ten shall be members of the House of Representatives;
 - (b) the six members of the Senate comprise two members of the Liberal Party of Australia, one member of the National Country Party of Australia and three members of the Australian Labor Party;
 - (2) That—
 - (a) three Senators, two being members of the Liberal Party of Australia and one being a member of the National Country Party of Australia, nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate; and
 - (b) three Senators, being members of the Australian Labor Party, nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate,
 be members of the Delegation:
 - (3) That the Prime Minister be the Leader of the Delegation, and the Leader of the Opposition be the Deputy Leader:
 - (4) That a member of the Delegation cease to be such a member if—
 - (a) he ceases to be a member of the Commonwealth Parliament;
 - (b) the House of the Parliament of which he is a member terminates his appointment; or
 - (c) he resigns as a member of the Delegation by writing addressed to the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as the case requires:

- (5) That where, because of illness or any other cause, a member of the Delegation is not available to attend a meeting, or part of a meeting, of the Convention, the Leader or senior available member of the Party in the House from which the member was drawn may nominate an alternate member (being a member of the House of which the first-mentioned member is a member) and the member so nominated shall be a member of the Delegation for that meeting, or that part of that meeting:
- (6) That, in the event of a member of the Delegation ceasing to be such a member, the Leader of the Party in the House from which the member was drawn may nominate another member (being a member of the House of which the first-mentioned member is or was a member) to replace the first-mentioned member:
- (7) That the Leader of the Delegation from time to time make a report for presentation to each House of the Parliament on matters arising out of the Convention, and that the Deputy Leader of the Delegation may make an accompanying report.

27 CUSTOMS 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 Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Davidson) reported accordingly.

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

28 LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY 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.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton) moved—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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 requests.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Davidson) reported accordingly.

On the motion of Senator Cotton the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

29 LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER LEVY COLLECTION 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 Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Davidson) reported accordingly.

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

- 30 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE 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.

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 Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Coleman) 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.

- 31 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION 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.

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 Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Coleman) reported accordingly.

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

- 32 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION EXPORT DUTY 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 requests.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Coleman) reported accordingly.

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

- 33 APPLE AND PEAR STABILIZATION EXPORT DUTY COLLECTION 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 Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Coleman) reported accordingly.

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

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

JOHN R. KERR,

Governor-General

Message No. 19

Proposed laws intituled:—

Roads Acts Amendment Act 1976

Acts Citation 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, 26 May 1976

- 35 SOCIAL SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 71

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Child Endowment*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 27 May 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

The Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle) moved—That the Bill may be taken through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

Senator Guilfoyle 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.

- 36 HEALTH INSURANCE LEVY ASSESSMENT BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 72

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the Law relating to Income Tax in relation to the Imposition, Assessment and Collection of a Health Insurance Levy*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

B. M. SNEDDEN,

Canberra, 27 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 Grimes the debate was adjourned.

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

- 37 HEALTH INSURANCE LEVY BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 73

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to impose a Health Insurance Levy upon certain Incomes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

B. M. SNEDDEN,

Canberra, 27 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 Grimes the debate was adjourned.

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

- 38 INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 74

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Income Tax (International Agreements) Act 1953-1976'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

B. M. SNEDDEN,

Canberra, 27 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 Grimes the debate was adjourned.

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

- 39 ADJOURNMENT: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at two minutes to eleven p.m. till Tuesday next at half-past two p.m.

40 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senators Sir Magnus Cormack, Drake-Brockman, Greenwood, Rae, Robertson and Tehan.

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate