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TUESDAY, 1 JUNE 1976

- 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 MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers), by leave, informed the Senate that, during the absence overseas of Mr MacKellar, Mr Ellicott would act as Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs. He further stated that Mr Newman would act as Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development.

- 4 PETITIONS: Senator Coleman presented two petitions, similar in wording, from 603 and 180 citizens of Australia praying that the Senate give urgent consideration to the continuation of federal finance for family planning and similar organisations.
Petitions received.

Senators Baume and Missen presented petitions from 48 and 220 citizens of Australia, respectively, praying that the Senate take steps to continue the Australian Assistance Plan.

Petitions received and one petition read.

Senator Robertson presented a petition from 557 citizens of Australia praying that the Government reconsider its decision to withdraw all services on the Darwin-Larrimah rail link and that it allow the North Australian Railways to continue to operate at its present level.

Petition received and read.

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

Senator Guilfoyle, from 37 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.

Senator Wood (two), from 45 and 22 citizens of Australia objecting to the metric system of measurement.

Senator Jessop, from 31 citizens of Australia praying that the Senate give urgent consideration to the continuation of federal finance for family planning and similar organisations.

Senator Carrick, 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.

Senator Webster, from 19 citizens of Australia praying that the immigration of teachers recruited outside Australia be prevented while students with similar university qualifications are refused entry into Diploma of Education courses, and school leavers are refused entry into the State Colleges of Victoria.

Senator Douglas McClelland, from 62 citizens of Australia praying that the Government act to improve certain social security benefits for pensioners.

Petitions received.

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

Senator Baume: That, on the next day of sitting, he would move—That the following matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Social Welfare for inquiry and report: Evaluation of the adequacy of Australian health and welfare services with particular reference to:

- (a) standards of performance and provision of health and welfare services;
- (b) the pattern of current practice in the provision of such services in terms of need and demand;
- (c) mechanisms for evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiency of health and welfare services; and
- (d) requirements for on-going evaluation as an integral part of the development of health and welfare programmes.

Senator Wood:

No. 1—That, on the next day of sitting, he would move—That the Fifty-fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, relating to Australian Capital Territory Ordinances containing Substantive Legislation and presented to the Senate on 27 May 1976, be adopted.

No. 2—That, six sitting days after today, he would move—That the *City Area Leases Ordinance* 1976, as contained in Australian Capital Territory Ordinance No. 12 of 1976, and made under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act* 1910–1973, be disallowed.

6 QUESTIONS.

7 ABORIGINAL ENTERPRISES AND LOANS—PAPER: The Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Aboriginal Enterprises Fund and Aboriginal Loans Commission—Joint Report—Aboriginal Enterprises (Assistance) Act—Seventh Report on the administration of the Commonwealth Capital Fund for Aboriginal Enterprises, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for period 1 July 1974 to 27 November 1974.

Aboriginal Loans Commission Act—First Report on the activities of the Aboriginal Loans Commission, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for period 28 November 1974 to 30 June 1975.

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

8 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. 20

Proposed laws intituled:—

Appropriation Act (No. 3) 1975–76

Appropriation Act (No. 4) 1975–76

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, 28 May 1976.

9 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—REPORT: Senator Baume, on behalf of the Joint Statutory Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee:

One hundred and sixtieth Report—Expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund (*Appropriation Acts* 1974–75).

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

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

Financial Corporations Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976, No. 101.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1976—

No. 30—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.*

No. 37—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers) and another.*

No. 48—Meat Inspectors Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 49—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.

Nos 50 and 51—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 52—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 53—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 54—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.

No. 55—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.

No. 56—Australian Journalists Association.

No. 57—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 60—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.

No. 61—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 62—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 63—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 64—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.

No. 65—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia.

Nos 66 and 67—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.*

No. 68—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.*

No. 69—Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia.*

No. 70—Federated Ship Painters and Dockers Union of Australia.*

No. 71—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.*

No. 72—Federated Engine Drivers' and Firemen's Association of Australasia.*

No. 73—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.*

No. 74—Australian Workers' Union.*

No. 75—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.*

No. 76—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 77—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.*

No. 78—Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees Union of Australia.*

No. 79—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.*

No. 80—Actors' and Announcers' Equity Association of Australia.

No. 81—Australian Workers' Union.*

No. 82—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

Nos 83 and 84—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.*

No. 85—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.

Nos 86 and 87—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 88—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.

No. 89—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 90—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 91—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 92—Association of Railway Professional Officers of Australia and another.

Nos 93 and 94—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 95—Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division, and another.

No. 96—Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers.

- No. 97—Merchant Service Guild of Australia.
- No. 98—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.
- No. 99—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia, and others.
- No. 100—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.
- No. 101—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 102—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 103—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and another.
- No. 104—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 105—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- No. 106—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service, and another.
- No. 107—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 108—Telecommunication Technical Officers' Association, Postmaster-General's Department.
- No. 109—Australian Journalists Association.
- No. 110—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association and another.
- No. 111—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- No. 112—Industrial Arbitration Registrars' Association.
- No. 113—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.
- No. 114—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 115—Commonwealth Police Officers' Association.
- Nos 116–118—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service and another.
- No. 119—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 121—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 122—Arbitration Inspectors' Association.
- No. 123—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 124—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.
- No. 125—Commonwealth Police Officers' Association.
- No. 126—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
- No. 127—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.
- No. 128—Australian Workers' Union.
- No. 129—Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia.
- No. 130—Meat Inspectors Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 131—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.
- No. 132—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
- No. 133—Vehicle Builders Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 134—Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers and others.
- No. 135—Federal Firefighters' Union.
- No. 136—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 137—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association.
- No. 138—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.*
- No. 139—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association.
- No. 140—Australian Licensed Aircraft Engineers Association.
- No. 141—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.*
- Nos 142 and 143—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
- No. 144—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.
- No. 145—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- No. 146—Australian Journalists Association.
- Nos 147 and 148—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 149—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

- No. 150—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and another.
- No. 151—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.
- No. 152—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 153—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 154—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.
- No. 155—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 156—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.
- No. 157—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia, and others.
- No. 158—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia and another.
- Nos 159 and 160—Professional Musicians Union of Australia.
- No. 161—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 162—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 163—Clothing and Allied Trades Union of Australia.*
- No. 164—Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association.
- No. 165—Australian Journalists Association.
- No. 166—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 167—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemn.
- No. 168—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 169—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and another.
- No. 170—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service, and another.
- No. 171—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 172—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 173—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.
- No. 174—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 175—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 176—Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division.
- No. 177—Commonwealth Works Supervisors Association.
- No. 178—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.
- No. 179—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
- No. 180—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.
- No. 181—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
- No. 182—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 183—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 184—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 185—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.*
- No. 186—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 187—Australian Journalists Association.
- No. 188—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.
- No. 189—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- No. 190—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service, and others.*
- No. 191—Commonwealth Medical Officers Association.
- No. 192—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 193—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.
- No. 194—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 195—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.
- No. 196—Commonwealth Medical Officers Association.

- No. 197—Repatriation Department Medical Officers Association.
- No. 198—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 199—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.
- No. 200—Repatriation Department Medical Officers Association.
- No. 201—Professional Para-Medical Officers Association (Commonwealth Public Service).
- No. 202—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 203—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.
- No. 204—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 205—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association.
- No. 206—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 207—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 208—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
- No. 209—Meat Inspectors Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 210—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.
- No. 211—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 212—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization and another.
- No. 213—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization Technical Association.
- No. 214—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization and another.
- No. 215—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.
- No. 216—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization and another.
- No. 217—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.
- No. 218—C.S.I.R.O. Laboratory Craftsmen Association.
- No. 219—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 220—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.*
- No. 221—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 224—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

(* Not accompanied by statement)

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations 1976—

No. 8—(Roads and Public Places).

No. 9—(Building and Services).

- 11 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers), pursuant to Notice of Motion not objected to as a Formal Motion, moved—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.

Question—put and passed.

12. DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT OF SENATE—VARIATION OF SESSIONAL ORDERS: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers), by leave, moved—

- (1) That, unless otherwise ordered, the Sessional Order relating to the days and times of meeting of the Senate be varied for the remainder of this week to be as follows:

Wednesday	11.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.
Thursday	10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.
Friday	10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

- (2) That, unless otherwise ordered, on Friday, the Sessional Order relating to the adjournment of the Senate have effect at ten p.m.

Question—put and passed.

13. POSTPONEMENT: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers) moved—That Business of the Senate, Notices of Motion No. 1, relating to the reference of a

matter to the Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs, and No. 2, relating to the reference of a matter to the Standing Committee on Education and the Arts, be postponed till the next day of sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 14 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE 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. 76

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Public Accounts Committee Act 1951-1973'*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 27 May 1976

PHILLIP E. LUCOCK,
Deputy Speaker

- 15 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 82

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate of the following Resolution which this day was agreed to by the House of Representatives:

That the House of Representatives 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:

(a) That, for the purposes of the Convention—

(i) a delegation from the Commonwealth Parliament consisting of 16 members of the Parliament take part in the deliberations of the Convention, of whom 6 shall be members of the Senate and 10 shall be members of the House of Representatives;

(ii) the 10 members of the House of Representatives comprise 3 members of the Liberal Party of Australia, 2 members of the National Country Party of Australia and 5 members of the Australian Labor Party:

(b) That—

(i) the Prime Minister and 4 other members of the House of Representatives, 2 being members of the Liberal Party of Australia and 2 being members of the National Country Party of Australia, nominated by him; and

(ii) the Leader of the Opposition and 4 other members of that House, being members of the Australian Labor Party, nominated by him,

be members of the Delegation:

(c) That the Prime Minister be the Leader of the Delegation, and the Leader of the Opposition be the Deputy Leader:

(d) That a member of the Delegation cease to be such a member if—

(i) he ceases to be a member of the Commonwealth Parliament;

(ii) the House of the Parliament of which he is a member terminates his appointment; or

(iii) 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:

(e) 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:

- (f) 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:
- (g) 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.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 28 May 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

- 16 REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES 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. 75

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Remuneration and Allowances payable to the Judges of the Family Court of Australia*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 27 May 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers) moved—That the Bill may be taken through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

Senator Withers 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 PAPUA NEW GUINEA (STAFFING ASSISTANCE) TERMINATION BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 81

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Termination of the Staffing Assistance provided by Australia for Papua New Guinea*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 28 May 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers) moved—That the Bill may be taken through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

Senator Withers 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.

- 18 SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1976-77—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 77

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June 1977*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 28 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.

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 SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1976–77—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 78

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1977*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 28 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.

- 20 WOOL INDUSTRY 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. 79

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Wool Industry Act 1972–1974'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 28 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.

- 21 WOOL TAX AMENDMENT BILLS (Nos 1 to 5) 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 80

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate Bills intituled:

"*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Wool Tax Act (No. 1) 1964–1975'*";

"*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Wool Tax Act (No. 2) 1964–1975'*";

"*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Wool Tax Act (No. 3) 1964–1975'*";

"A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Wool Tax Act (No. 4) 1964-1975'";

"A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Wool Tax Act (No. 5) 1964-1975'";

in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 28 May 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,

Speaker

Suspension of Standing Orders to deal with Bills together: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), by leave, moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Questions with regard to the several stages for the passage through the Senate of all or several of the Wool Tax Amendment Bills (Nos 1 to 5) being put in one motion at each stage, and the consideration of all or several of such Bills together in Committee of the Whole, and as would prevent the reading of the Short Titles only on every Order for the reading of the Bills.

Question—put and passed.

Senator Cotton moved—That the Bills may be taken through all their stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator Cotton the Bills were read a first time.

Senator Cotton moved—That these Bills 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.

22 HEALTH INSURANCE 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. 83

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Health Insurance Act 1973-1975'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 1 June 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 a later hour of the day.

23 NATIONAL HEALTH 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. 84

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'National Health Act 1953-1975', as amended by the 'National Health Act 1976', and for purposes connected therewith*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 1 June 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 a later hour of the day.

- 24 HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION 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. 85

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Health Insurance Commission Act 1973' to make provision for Medibank Contributors*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 1 June 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 a later hour of the day.

- 25 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) 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 Deputy-President (Senator Drake-Brockman) resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Devitt) 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.

- 26 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE 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 passed.

Bill to be reported without requests.

The Deputy-President (Senator Drake-Brockman) resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Devitt) 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.

- 27 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT 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 a later hour of the day, and that the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wriedt) have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

- 28 FOREIGN POLICY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers), by leave, made a statement relating to Australia's foreign policy and moved—That the Senate take note of the Statement.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting, and that the Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton) have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

- 29 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wriedt) moved an amendment, viz.: At end of motion, add “, but the Senate notes that:

- (a) the legislation involves the breaking of election promises with the removal, for many, of home mortgage interest deductions and the inadequate alterations to winemakers' tax liability; and
- (b) the promises for the introduction of the investment allowance have created a chaotic situation in the economy”.

Debate continued.

The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton) addressing the Chair—

And it being eleven p.m.—

- 30 ADJOURNMENT: The President, under Sessional Order, put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned at eleven p.m. till to-morrow at a quarter-past eleven a.m.

- 31 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senators Brown, Greenwood, Rae and Townley.

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate