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

2 PRAYERS.

3 PETITIONS: Senator Gietzelt presented a petition from 84 citizens of Australia praying that the Government act to improve certain social security benefits for pensioners.

Petition received and read.

Senator Collard presented a petition from 27 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 Walters presented a petition from 34 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 Sir Magnus Cormack 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 Melzer presented a petition from 209 citizens of Australia praying that the Senate take steps to continue the Australian Assistance Plan.

Petition received and read.

Senator Melzer presented a petition from 136 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 Melzer presented a petition from 25 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.

Petition received and read.

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

Senators Gietzelt, McIntosh and James McClelland, similar in wording, from 85, 64 and 52 citizens of Australia, respectively, praying that the Government act to improve certain social security benefits for pensioners.

Senator Tehan, 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.

Senator Colston, from 95 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.

Petitions received.

- 4 NOTICE OF MOTION: Senator Sheil gave a Notice of Motion as follows—That, on the next day of sitting, he would move—That the following matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Trade and Commerce for inquiry and report: The effect on the wine making and grape growing industries of variations in the tax structure.
- 5 QUESTIONS.
- 6 MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY—POLICIES FOR DEVELOPMENT—PAPER: The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:
Policies for Development of Manufacturing Industry—Report (Vols. 3 and 4—Commissioned Studies) to the Prime Minister by the Committee to Advise on Policies for Development of Manufacturing Industry, dated April 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.
- 7 KATHERINE RURAL COLLEGE—PAPER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:
Katherine Rural College—Report of the Katherine Rural College Planning Committee, dated 26 April 1976.
Senator Carrick, by leave, made a statement relating to the Paper.
Senator Robertson, 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 Robertson have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.
- 8 EQUALITY IN EMPLOYMENT—NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT AND OCCUPATION—PAPER: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:
Equality in Employment—Second Annual Report of the National Committee on Discrimination in Employment and Occupation, entitled “Equality in Employment”, for year 1974–75.
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.
- 9 NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION SCHEME—COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY—PAPER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:
National Superannuation Scheme—Final Report (Part One) of the National Superannuation Committee of Inquiry, entitled “A National Superannuation Scheme for Australia”, dated April 1976.
Senator Guilfoyle, by leave, made a statement relating to the Paper and moved—That the Senate take note of the Paper.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting, and that Senator Grimes have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.
- 10 PAPERS: The following Papers were presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
Community Health Program—Report from the Hospitals and Health Services Commission, entitled “Review of the Community Health Program”, together with a Summary of the Report, dated March 1976.

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Copper Ore and Concentrates, dated 14 November 1975.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute:

Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act—Annual Report of the Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1974–75.

11 EDUCATION AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—PRESENTATION OF REPORT: The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Education and the Arts (Senator Davidson), by leave, moved—

- (1) That, if the Senate be not sitting when the Standing Committee on Education and the Arts has completed its Report on the education of isolated school children, the Committee may send its Report to the President of the Senate, or if the President is unavailable to the Deputy-President, who is authorised to give directions for its printing and circulation, and in such event the President or Deputy-President shall lay the Report upon the Table at the next sitting of the Senate.
- (2) That the foregoing provision of this Resolution, so far as it is inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in Standing Orders.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

12 SOCIAL WELFARE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF MATTER: Senator Baume, pursuant to Notice of Motion not objected to as a Formal Motion, moved—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.

Question—put and passed.

13 ORDER OF BUSINESS: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers) moved—

- (1) That consideration of Business of the Senate be postponed till the next day of sitting.
- (2) That intervening business be postponed till after the consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day No. 14 (Industrial Research and Development Incentives Bill 1976).

Question—put and passed.

14 CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION 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. 87

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

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 2 June 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

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

Question—put and passed.

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

Senator Carrick 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.

- 15 STATES GRANTS (AIR QUALITY MONITORING) BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 86

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide Financial Assistance to the States for Purposes connected with the Monitoring of the Quality of the Outdoor Atmosphere*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 1 June 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

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

Question—put and passed.

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

Senator Carrick 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.

- 16 INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES 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 Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) 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.

- 17 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wriedt)*, 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 resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be added—put and negatived.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—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

Clauses 1 to 10, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 11 debated and agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole 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 Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

- 18 SUPERANNUATION AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 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 Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) 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.

- 19 INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) 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 Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) 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.

- 20 INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 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 Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) 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.

- 21 INCOME TAX (RATES) 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 President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) 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.

- 22 INCOME TAX (INDIVIDUALS) 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 President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) 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 HEALTH INSURANCE LEVY ASSESSMENT 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.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 32		NOES, 23	
Senator—	Senator—	Senator—	Senator—
Archer	Maunsell	Bishop	McClelland,
Baume	Messner	Button	James
Bonner	Missen	Cameron	McLaren
Carrick	Scott	Cavanagh	Melzer
Collard	Sheil	Coleman	Mulvihill
Cotton	Sim	Colston	Primmer
Davidson	Tehan	Devitt	Robertson
Drake-Brockman	Thomas	Gietzelt	Ryan
Durack	Walters	Grimes	Sibraa
Guilfoyle	Webster	Keeffe	Walsh
Hall	Withers	McAuliffe	Wriedt
Jessop	Wood	McClelland,	<i>Teller:</i>
Kilgariff	Wright	Douglas	Georges
Knight	Young		
Lajovic			
Laucke	<i>Teller:</i>		
Martin	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

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 Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

- 24 HEALTH INSURANCE LEVY 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 President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

- 25 INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 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 Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

- 26 HEALTH INSURANCE 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, 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 Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

- 27 NATIONAL HEALTH 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 Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

- 28 HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION 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 Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

- 29 SOCIAL SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1976: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Senator Walters 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.

Debate ensued.

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate