

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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FRIDAY, 4 JUNE 1976

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

2 PRAYERS.

3 PETITIONS: Senator Lajovic presented a petition from 79 citizens of Australia praying that the Government send a joint parliamentary team to assess the situation in Cambodia and support the sending of news teams and Red Cross teams to that country.

Petition received and read.

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

Senator Webster, from 23 citizens of Australia objecting to the metric system of measurement.

Senator Martin, from 45 citizens of Australia praying that the Senate take steps to continue the Australian Assistance Plan.

Senator Colston, from 20 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.

Petitions received.

4 NOTICE OF MOTION: Senator Bonner gave a Notice of Motion as follows—That, on the next day of sitting, he would move—That leave be given to bring in a Bill for an Act relating to the Admissibility as Evidence of Confessions by Aborigines and Islanders, and for purposes connected therewith.

5 QUESTIONS.

6 PAPERS: The following Paper was presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Law of the Sea—Report of the Australian Delegation to the Fourth Session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, held in New York from 15 March to 7 May 1976.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute:

Australia Council Act—Financial Statements of the Council for period 13 March to 30 June 1975, and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

National Fitness Act—Report of activities under the Act, for year 1974-75.

Telecommunications Act—By-laws—

Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts) Amendment No. 1.

Telecommunications (General) Amendment No. 6.

Telecommunications (Staff) Amendment No. 7.

7 ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE—SPECIAL FLIGHTS—PAPER: The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Royal Australian Air Force—Special Flights—Schedules, No. 34 Squadron, for period 9 February to 31 May 1976.

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.

- 8 INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT 1973—PAPER: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:
International Sugar Agreement 1973—Resolution Number One, approved on 30 September 1975—Extension of International Sugar Agreement, 1973.
 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.
- 9 INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT 1971—PROTOCOLS FOR THIRD EXTENSION—PAPER: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:
International Wheat Agreement 1971—Protocols for the Third Extension of the Wheat Trade Convention and Food Aid Convention constituting the International Wheat Agreement, 1971.
 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.
- 10 AUSTRALIAN TOBACCO BOARD—PAPER: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:
Tobacco Marketing Act—Tenth Annual Report of the Australian Tobacco Board, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 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.
- 11 SUGAR AGREEMENT 1975—PAPER: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:
Sugar Agreement 1975—Exchange of letters, dated 1 March and 9 April 1976, between the Prime Minister and the Premier of Queensland concerning variations to the Sugar Agreement 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.
- 12 NATIONAL HIGHWAY (NEWCASTLE AREA)—COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF ROADS—PAPER: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:
National Highway (Newcastle Area)—Report by the Commonwealth Bureau of Roads on the National Highway linking Sydney and Brisbane (Newcastle Area), dated 11 March 1976.
 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.
- 13 PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE SYSTEM—JOINT COMMITTEE—TRANSCRIPT OF EVIDENCE: The Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Parliamentary Committee System (Senator Sir Magnus Cormack), by leave, laid upon the Table a copy of the Transcript of Evidence taken before the Committee.
 Senator Sir Magnus Cormack, by leave, made a statement relating thereto.
- 14 CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES INDUSTRY BILL 1975—SELECT COMMITTEE—TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC EVIDENCE: Senator Georges, by leave, moved—That there be laid upon the Table of the Senate the Transcript of Public Evidence taken before the Senate Select Committee on the Corporations and Securities Industry Bill 1975, appointed during the previous Session.
 Question—put and passed.

15 PUBLICATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—FOURTH REPORT: The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Publications (Senator Missen) brought up the following Report of the Committee:

FOURTH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the House of Representatives.

The Joint Committee, having considered Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other papers previously presented, recommends that the following be printed:

Alleged Payments to Maritime Unions—Royal Commission—Final Report, dated April 1976.

Aboriginal Loans Funds—Joint Report—

Aboriginal Enterprises (Assistance) Act—Commonwealth Capital Fund for Aboriginal Enterprises—Seventh Annual Report, for period 1 July to 27 November 1974.

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

Australian Council for the Arts—Second Annual Report, for 1974.

Australian Advisory Committee on Research and Development in Education—Annual Report 1973–74.
Annual Report 1974–75.

Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report of Visit to Europe by delegation led by the Hon. G. M. Bryant, E.D., M.P., Minister for the Capital Territory—9–28 June 1975.

Committee of Inquiry into Poverty: Third Main Report of the Committee, entitled "Social/Medical Aspects of Poverty in Australia".

Compensation (Australian Government Employees) Act—Commissioner for Employees' Compensation—Report for year 1974–75.

Dairy Produce Act—Australian Dairy Corporation—Fifteenth Annual Report on operations of Australian Dairy Produce Board, for year 1974–75.

Darwin—Provision of general cargo facilities at the Port of Darwin—Report by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated October 1975.

Department of Environment—Report for year 1974–75.

Department of Foreign Affairs—Annual Report 1975.

Education Research Act—Report on the National Committee on Social Science Teaching Research and Development Grants 1973–74 and 1974–75 administered under the Act.

Egg Export Control Act—Australian Egg Board—Twenty-eighth Annual Report, for year 1974–75.

Grants Commission—Special report on financial assistance for local government, dated 26 May 1976.

Hospitals and Health Services Commission—Review of the Community Health Program—

Report, dated March 1976.

Summary report, dated March 1976.

Industries Assistance Commission—

Reports—

Copper ore and concentrates, dated 14 November 1975.

Other electronic equipment, dated 1 April 1976.

Temporary Assistance Authority—Report—Files and rasps, dated 31 March 1976.

Land tenures—Final Report of Commission of Inquiry, dated February 1976.

Manufacturing Industry—Policies for development—Report by the Committee to Advise on Policies for Manufacturing Industry—Volumes III and IV, dated April 1976—Commissioned studies.

- Meat Export Charge Collection Act—Report by Minister on operation of Act for period 26 November 1973 to 30 June 1975.
- National Superannuation Scheme—Final Report (Part One) of the National Superannuation Committee of Inquiry, entitled “A National Superannuation Scheme for Australia”, dated April 1976.
- Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General’s Report, for year ended 31 March 1975.
- Petroleum—Royal Commission—Fourth Report—Marketing and pricing of petroleum products in Australia, dated 15 April 1976.
- Royal Australian Air Force Veterans’ Residences Act—Royal Australian Air Force Veterans’ Residences Trust—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General’s Report, for year 1974–75.
- States Grants (Schools) Act—Grants for capital expenditure in respect of government and non-government schools—Statement of payments for year 1974–75.
- States Grants (Technical and Further Education) Act—Statement relating to the operation of the Act 1974–75.
- Student Assistance Act—Report by Minister on operation of Act for period 15 October to 31 December 1974.
- Territory of Norfolk Island—Annual Report 1974–75.
- Wheat Research Act—Eighteenth Annual Report, for 1975.
- Wool Industry Act—Australian Wool Corporation—Report and financial statements, together with Auditor-General’s Report, for year 1974–75.

A. J. MISSEN,
Chairman

3 June 1976

Senator Missen, by leave, moved—That the Report be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

- 16 SOCIAL WELFARE COMMISSION (REPEAL) BILL 1976: The Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle), 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 repeal the *Social Welfare Commission Act 1973*, and for related purposes.

Question—put and passed.

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

Suspension of Standing Orders: Senator Guilfoyle, 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 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.

- 17 RETURN TO ORDER—CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES INDUSTRY BILL 1975—SELECT COMMITTEE—TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC EVIDENCE: The Clerk, pursuant to Order of the Senate this day, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Transcript of Public Evidence (14 vols) taken before the Senate Select Committee on the Corporations and Securities Industry Bill 1975, appointed during the previous Session.

- 18 FAMILY LAW 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. 99

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Family Law Act 1975’*”, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 3 June 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 a later hour of the day.

- 19 CUSTOMS TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 96,

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Validation of certain Collections of Duties of Customs*" in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 3 June 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.

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

- 20 NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION) 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. 97

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1974'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 3 June 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

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

Question—put and passed.

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

Senator Webster 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 amendment.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) reported accordingly.

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

- 21 INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 98

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*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*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 3 June 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

- 22 SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1976-77: 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 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 SUPPLY BILL (NO. 2) 1976-77: 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.

- 24 WOOL INDUSTRY 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 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.

- 25 WOOL TAX AMENDMENT BILLS (NOS. 1 TO 5) 1976: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That these Bills be now read a second time.
 Question—put and passed.
 Bills read a second time.
 The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bills.

In the Committee

Bills, by leave, taken as a whole and passed.
 Bills 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 Bills read a third time.

- 26 PAPUA NEW GUINEA (STAFFING ASSISTANCE) TERMINATION 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.

- 27 POSTPONEMENT: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers) moved—That intervening business be postponed till after the consideration of Government Business, Orders of the Day No. 7 (Dairy Adjustment Amendment Bill 1976), No. 8 (Dairying Industry Research and Promotion Levy Bill 1976) and No. 9 (Dairying Industry Research and Promotion (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 1976).
 Question—put and passed.

- 28 DAIRY ADJUSTMENT 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.

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- 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.
- 29 DAIRYING INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND PROMOTION 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.

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- 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 DAIRYING INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND PROMOTION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) 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.

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- 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.
- 31 POSTPONEMENT: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton) moved—That Government Business, Order of the Day No. 6 (Remuneration and Allowances Amendment Bill 1976), be postponed till after the consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day No. 12 (States Grants (Air Quality Monitoring) Bill 1976).
Question—put and passed.

32 HANSARD—STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT: The President, in reply to a Question asked this day by Senator Harradine, made a statement concerning the retention of the words “Commonwealth of Australia” on the cover of the Senate *Hansard*.

33 STATES GRANTS (HOSPITAL OPERATING COSTS) 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, 29		NOES, 22	
Senator—	Senator—	Senator—	Senator—
Archer	Laucke	Bishop	McClelland,
Bonner	Maunsell	Button	James
Carrick	Messner	Cameron	McLaren
Collard	Missen	Cavanagh	Melzer
Cormack,	Scott	Coleman	Mulvihill
Sir Magnus	Sheil	Colston	Primmer
Cotton	Sim	Gietzelt	Robertson
Davidson	Tehan	Grimes	Sibraa
Drake-Brockman	Walters	Harradine	Walsh
Durack	Webster	Keeffe	Wheeldon
Guilfoyle	Wood	McAuliffe	
Hall	Wright	McClelland,	<i>Teller:</i>
Jessop	Young	Douglas	Georges
Kilgariff			
Knight	<i>Teller:</i>		
Lajovic	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 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.

34 ROAD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY (REPEAL) 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 Education (Senator Carrick) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

- 35 STATES GRANTS (AIR QUALITY MONITORING) 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 Education (Senator Carrick) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

- 36 REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES 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 Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) 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.

- 37 FAMILY LAW 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 Administrative Services (Senator Withers) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

- 38 LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL SENATORS DURING ADJOURNMENT: The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers), by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to every member of the Senate from the termination of the sitting this day to the day on which the Senate next meets.
 Question—put and passed.

39 NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE: The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till a day and hour to be fixed by the President, or, in the event of the President being unavailable owing to illness or other cause, by the Chairman of Committees, and that the hour and day of meeting so determined shall be notified to each Senator by telegram or letter.

Question—put and passed.

40 ADJOURNMENT: The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at twelve minutes to six p.m. till a day and hour to be fixed in accordance with the Resolution agreed to this day, which time of meeting shall be notified to each Senator by telegram or letter.

41 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senators Brown, Devitt, Greenwood, Martin, Rae, Ryan and Townley.

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate