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THURSDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 1976

1 MEETING OF SENATE: The Senate met at half-past ten a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Deputy-President (Senator Drake-Brockman) took the Chair.

2 PRAYERS.

3 QUESTIONS.

4 PAPERS: The following Papers were presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General:

Australian Population and Immigration Council—Report on the 1973 Immigration Survey, entitled "A Decade of Migrant Settlement", dated 6 February 1976.

Australian Shippers' Council—Fourth Annual Report, for year 1975-76.

Education—Department of Education—Report for year 1975.

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Batteries Part A: Storage Batteries (Accumulators), dated 30 June 1976.

Telecommunications Equipment, dated 9 April 1976.

International Labour Organisation—Report of the Australian Government, Employers' and Workers' Delegates to the 60th Session of the International Labour Conference, held at Geneva, 4-25 June 1975.

5 INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION—DAIRY INDUSTRY MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS—PAPER: The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Durack), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Industries Assistance Commission—Report—Dairy Industry Marketing Arrangements, dated 9 September 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.

6 PRICES JUSTIFICATION TRIBUNAL—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Durack), by leave, made a statement relating to the future of the Prices Justification Tribunal.

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

7 A.C.T. CITY AREA LEASES ORDINANCE—STATEMENT BY SENATOR: The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wood), by leave, made a statement informing the Senate that the objections of the Committee to 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, would be substantially overcome by amendments which the Minister for the Capital Territory had undertaken would be made.

Notice of Motion withdrawn: Senator Wood thereupon withdrew Business of the Senate, Notice of Motion No. 1.

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

MR DEPUTY-PRESIDENT,

Message No. 120

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'National Health Act 1953', and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 15 September 1976

PHILIP E. LUCOCK,
Acting 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.

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

MR DEPUTY-PRESIDENT,

Message No. 121

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

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 15 September 1976

PHILIP E. LUCOCK,
Acting 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.

- 10 HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR DEPUTY-PRESIDENT,

Message No. 122

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

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 15 September 1976

PHILIP E. LUCOCK,
Acting 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.

- 11 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION—CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP OF DELEGATION: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers), by leave, moved—That Senator Greenwood be discharged as a member of the Commonwealth Parliament Delegation to attend the Constitutional Convention established to review the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution, and that Senator Durack be appointed a member in his place.

Question—put and passed.

- 12 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 fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock midday till Tuesday next at half-past two p.m.

- 13 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senators Archer, Coleman, Sir Magnus Cormack (on leave), Davidson (on leave), Georges, Greenwood (on leave), Laucke (on leave), McAuliffe (on leave), James McClelland, Melzer (on leave), Robertson, Scott (on leave), Sibraa, Wheeldon, and Young (on leave).

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate