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TUESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 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 Street, Mr Howard would act as Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and, during the absence overseas of Mr Peacock, Mr Sinclair would act as Minister for Foreign Affairs.

4 PETITIONS: Senator Gietzelt presented a petition from 11 citizens of Australia praying that the independence of the Australian Broadcasting Commission be preserved.

Petition received and read.

Senator Brown presented a petition from 10 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.

The Clerk announced that Senator Baume had lodged a petition for presentation, viz.: From 132 citizens of Australia praying that the Government act to improve certain social security benefits for pensioners.

Petition received.

5 QUESTIONS.

6 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. 34

Proposed laws intituled:—

*Loan Act (No. 3) 1976*

*Administrative Changes (Consequential Provisions) Act 1976*

*Aged Persons Hostels Amendment Act 1976*

*Foreign Takeovers Amendment Act 1976*

*Telecommunications Amendment Act 1976*

as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said laws.

Government House,

Canberra, 20 September 1976

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 15 July to 31 August 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 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY—ANNUAL REPORT—PAPER: The Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:  
 Social Services Act—Department of Social Security—Annual Report of the Director-General, for year 1975–76.  
 Senator Grimes, 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 Grimes have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.
- 9 INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION—SHIPBUILDING—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—Shipbuilding, dated 20 September 1976.  
 Senator Bishop, 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 Bishop have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.  
 Senator Durack, by leave, made a statement.
- 10 PAPERS: The following Paper was presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General:  
 Estimates of Proposed Expenditure for year 1976–77—Explanatory notes of departments and authorities—Australian Institute of Marine Science.  
 The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute:  
 Australian National University Act—Report of the Council of the Australian National University, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1975.
- 11 SUSPENSION OF SITTING TO ENABLE ESTIMATES COMMITTEES TO MEET: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers) moved—That the sitting of the Senate be suspended till fifteen minutes past ten p.m., or such time as the President may take the Chair, to enable Estimates Committee D, E and F to meet.  
 Question—put and passed.

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*Suspension of Sitting:* At sixteen minutes to four p.m., the sitting of the Senate was suspended till fifteen minutes past ten p.m.

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*The Senate having resumed—*

- 12 FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:
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| MR PRESIDENT,   | Message No. 125           |
| The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled " <i>A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Family Law Act 1975'</i> ", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate. |                           |
| House of Representatives,<br>Canberra, 21 September 1976  | B. M. SNEDDEN,<br>Speaker |
- The Minister for Repatriation (Senator Durack) moved—That the Bill may be taken through all its stages without delay.  
 Question—put and passed.  
 On the motion of Senator Durack the Bill was read a first time.  
 Senator Durack 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

- 13 HEALTH INSURANCE LEVY ASSESSMENT 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. 123

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

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 16 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.

- 14 HEALTH INSURANCE LEVY 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. 124

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

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 16 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.

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

Debate ensued.

Senator McLaren addressing the Chair—

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*And it being half-past ten p.m.—*

- 15 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 twenty-eight minutes to eleven p.m. till to-morrow at half-past two p.m.

- 16 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senators Coleman, Sir Magnus Cormack (on leave), Davidson (on leave), Greenwood (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