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- 1 MEETING OF SENATE: The Senate met at half-past ten a.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 Fraser, Mr Anthony would act as Prime Minister.
- 4 PETITIONS: The Clerk announced that the following Senators had lodged petitions for presentation, viz.:
  - Senator Chaney, from 158 citizens of Australia praying that the Government substantially increase and index grants under the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme and not introduce fees for students.
  - Senator Sheil, from 21 citizens of Australia praying that the Government restore the Petrol Price Equalisation Scheme.
 Petitions received.
- 5 QUESTIONS.
- 6 PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS: Senator Missen, by leave, made a personal explanation relating to reports appearing in *The Age*, *The Australian* and *The Sydney Morning Herald* newspapers on 6 and 7 October 1976.
 

The Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle), by leave, made a personal explanation relating to a report appearing this day in *The Australian* newspaper.
- 7 PAPERS: The following Paper was presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General:
  - Industries Assistance Commission—National Dairy Herd Improvement—Study by the Industries Assistance Commission, entitled “National Dairy Herd Improvement—A Benefit-Cost Study of the Scheme”, dated 25 June 1976.
 The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute:
  - Atomic Energy Act—Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Australian Atomic Energy Commission, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General’s Report thereon, for year 1975–76.
  - Broadcasting and Television Act—Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, together with financial statement and the Auditor-General’s Report thereon, for year 1975–76.
  - Dried Fruits Research Act—Fifth Annual Report of the Dried Fruits Research Committee, together with financial statement, for year 1975–76.
  - Insurance Act—Second Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioner, for year 1975–76.
- 8 INDEPENDENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS—SCIENCE FACILITIES STANDARDS—PAPER: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:
  - Independent Secondary Schools—Science Facilities Standards—Final Report (1976) of the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Standards for Science Facilities in Independent Secondary Schools.

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

9 ADJOURNMENT: The Senate adjourned at fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock midday till Tuesday next at half-past two p.m.

10 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senators Cavanagh, Sir Magnus Cormack (on leave), Devitt, Gietzelt, Greenwood (on leave), McAuliffe (on leave), James McClelland, Martin, Melzer (on leave), Primmer, Rae, Scott (on leave), Wriedt, and Young (on leave).

J. R. ODGERS,  
Clerk of the Senate