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WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 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 DEATH OF SENATOR THE HONOURABLE I. J. GREENWOOD, Q.C.: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers) referred to the death this day of Senator the Honourable Ivor John Greenwood, Q.C., a Senator for the State of Victoria, and, by leave, moved—That the Senate expresses its deep regret at the death this day of Senator the Honourable Ivor John Greenwood, Q.C., a Senator for the State of Victoria from 1968, a Minister of the Crown from 1971 to 1972 and from 1975 to 1976, Deputy-Leader of the Opposition in the Senate from 1972 to 1975, and Deputy-Leader of the Government in the Senate from 1975 to 1976, places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious public service and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and the members of his family in their bereavement.
And the motion having been seconded by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wriedt), and supported by the Leader of the National Country Party of Australia in the Senate (Senator Webster), Senators Wheeldon and Sir Magnus Cormack, the Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle), Senators Bonner and Missen, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Durack), and Senators Wright, Wood, Tehan and Harradine—
And all Senators present having risen, in silence—
Question—passed.
- 4 SUSPENSION OF SITTING AS MARK OF RESPECT: As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator the Honourable I. J. Greenwood, Q.C., the sitting of the Senate was suspended at twenty-four minutes to four p.m. till eight p.m.

The Senate having resumed—

- 5 PETITIONS: Senator Baume presented a petition from 17 citizens of Australia praying that the Senate make certain amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Bill 1976.
Petition received.
Senator Douglas McClelland presented a petition from 238 citizens of Australia praying that the Senate insist that the Budget provide for specific measures to increase building activity.
Petition received and read.
Senator Gietzelt presented a petition from 18 citizens of Australia praying that the independence of the Australian Broadcasting Commission be preserved.
Petition received and read.
Senator Keeffe presented a petition from 16 citizens of Australia praying that the Government reconsider its decision to cut the budgets of St Luke's Hospital, Garden Settlement and other institutions providing care for the aged within Queensland.
Petition received and read.

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

Senator Wriedt, from 152 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 Townley, from 22 citizens of Australia praying that the Government restore the Imperial system of measurement.

Petitions received.

6 QUESTIONS.

7 NEXT MEETING OF SENATE: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till tomorrow at half-past ten a.m.
Question—put and passed.

8 URGENCY MOTION: The President informed the Senate that he had received a letter from Senator Gietzelt advising that this day he intended to move—"That in the opinion of the Senate the following is a matter of urgency: The Government's failure to establish a definite trade relationship with the Government of the United States and the limiting effect of this failure upon access to the United States domestic market for Australian beef."

And at least four Senators having risen in support of the motion—

Senator Gietzelt thereupon moved the motion.

Debate ensued.

Closure: Senator Scott moved—That the Question be now put.

Question—That the Question be now put—put and passed.

Main Question—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 22		NOES, 30	
Senator—	Senator—	Senator—	Senator—
Bishop	McLaren	Archer	Martin
Brown	Melzer	Baume	Messner
Cameron	Mulvihill	Bonner	Missen
Cavanagh	O'Byrne	Carrick	Scott
Coleman	Robertson	Collard	Sheil
Colston	Ryan	Cotton	Sim
Devitt	Sibraa	Davidson	Tehan
Gietzelt	Walsh	Drake-Brockman	Thomas
Harradine	Wheeldon	Durack	Townley
Keeffe	Wriedt	Guilfoyle	Walters
McClelland,	<i>Teller:</i>	Hall	Webster
Douglas	Georges	Jessop	Withers
		Kilgariff	Wood
		Knight	
		Lajovic	<i>Teller:</i>
		Laucke	Chaney

And so it was negatived.

9 GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGES—ASSENT TO BILLS: The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented by the President:

JOHN R. KERR,
Governor-General

Message No. 38

Proposed law intituled:—

Television Stations Licence Fees 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 law.

Government House,
Canberra, 12 October 1976

JOHN R. KERR,
Governor-General
Proposed law intituled:—

Message No. 39

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation 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 law.

Government House,
Canberra, 12 October 1976

10 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP: The President informed the Senate that he had received a letter from the Prime Minister nominating Mr Baume to be a member of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory in place of Mr Bungey, resigned.

11 DRIED FRUITS CONTROL BOARD—ANNUAL REPORT 1975–76—PAPER: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Fifty-second Annual Report of the Australian Dried Fruits Control Board, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1975–76.

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.

12 NATIONAL HIGHWAY—ADELAIDE TO DARWIN—PAPER: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

National Highway—Report from Steering Committee representing the Commonwealth Department of Transport, South Australian Highways Department and Commonwealth Bureau of Roads on the National Highway linking Adelaide and Darwin—Port Augusta to Northern Territory Border, dated 24 September 1976.

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

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

Industries Assistance Commission—Interim Report—High Alloy Steels, dated 10 June 1976.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute:

Agricultural Tractors Bounty Act—Return for year 1975–76.

Book Bounty Act—Return for year 1975–76.

Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Returns for period 1 January 1975 to 30 June 1976.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement by the Minister describing land acquired by agreement under sub-section 7 (1) of the Act, for specified public purposes.

Metal Working Machine Tools Bounty Act—Return for year 1975–76.

Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act—Return for year 1975–76.

Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Return for year 1975–76.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Aboriginal Affairs—N. C. Harris.

Refrigeration Compressors Bounty Act—Return for period 4 February 1975 to 3 February 1976.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—

Report—1976/3—Remuneration payable to the President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, dated 13 August 1976.

Determination—1976/10—Remuneration payable to certain holders of public offices, together with an explanatory statement, dated 6 September 1976.

- 14 POSTPONEMENT: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton) moved—That Government Business, Order of the Day No. 1 (Christmas Island Agreement Bill 1976), be postponed till after the consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day No. 2 (States Grants (Capital Assistance) Bill (No. 2) 1976).

Question—put and passed.

- 15 STATES GRANTS (CAPITAL ASSISTANCE) 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.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wriedt) moved an amendment, viz.: At end of motion, add “, but the Senate is of the opinion that:

- (a) it reduces in real terms the funds available to the States;
- (b) it forces the States to reduce the services they provide and/or to impose additional taxes;
- (c) it results in an increase in the number of people out of work;
- (d) it fails to stimulate the non-residential sector of the building and construction industry; and
- (e) it fails to provide sufficient funds for selective stimulatory expenditure to revive the Australian economy”.

Debate continued.

The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton) addressing the Chair—

And it being 11 p.m.—

- 16 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 six minutes past eleven p.m. till to-morrow at half-past ten a.m.

- 17 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senators Button, Grimes, McAuliffe (on leave), James McClelland, McIntosh, Primmer, and Young (on leave).

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate