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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 PETITIONS: Senator Wood presented a petition from 23 citizens of Australia praying that the Government restore the Imperial system of measurement.
Petition received.

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

Senator Sheil, from 21 citizens of Australia praying that the Government restore the Petrol Price Equalisation Scheme.

Senator Ryan (two), from 92 and 207 citizens of Australia praying that the Government substantially increase and index grants under the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme and not introduce fees for students.

Petitions received.

4 QUESTIONS.

- 5 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—REPORT: Senator Baume, on behalf of the Joint Statutory Committee of Public Accounts, brought up the following Report from the Committee:

One hundred and sixty-first Report—Treasury Minutes on the 152nd and 154th Reports, together with Summaries of those Reports.

Ordered to be printed.

Senator Baume, by leave, made a statement relating to the Report.

- 6 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON DUAL NATIONALITY: The Chairman of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence (Senator Sir Magnus Cormack) brought up the Report of the Committee on Dual Nationality, dated October 1976.

Ordered to be printed.

Senator Sir Magnus Cormack, by leave, made a statement relating to the Report.

- 7 POSTPONEMENT: Senator Wood moved—That Business of the Senate, Notice of Motion No. 1, relating to the disallowance of Amendment No. 6 of the Telecommunications (General) By-laws, made on 20 May 1976 under the *Telecommunications Act 1975*, be postponed till nine sitting days after today.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wriedt), 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 resumed.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be added—put and negatived.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—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.

- 9 ADJOURNMENT: The Senate adjourned at twelve minutes to twelve o'clock midday till Tuesday next at half-past two p.m.
- 10 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senators Button, Collard, Gietzelt, Grimes, McAuliffe, James McClelland, McIntosh, Primmer, Walters, and Young (on leave).

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate