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TUESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 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 FORMER MEMBER MR F. MCL. KIRWAN: The President informed the Senate of the death, on 28 October 1976, of Frank McLeod Kirwan, a Member of the House of Representatives for the Division of Forrest (W.A.) from 1969 to 1972.

All Senators present rose and stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the former Member.

- 4 PETITIONS: Senator Kilgarriff presented a petition from 33 citizens of Australia praying that the Senate show respect for the laws of Aboriginal people and enact land rights legislation which will allow traditional land laws to operate unhindered.

Petition received and read.

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

Senators Webster and Missen, each from 22 citizens of Australia praying that the Government restore the Imperial system of measurement.

Senator Guilfoyle, from 44 citizens of Australia praying that the Government increase funds for child-care services throughout Australia and ensure the wider utilisation of Government buildings for child-care facilities.

Senator Sheil, from 23 citizens of Australia praying that the Government restore the Petrol Price Equalisation Scheme.

Petitions received.

5 QUESTIONS.

- 6 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. 42

Proposed laws intituled:—

Advisory Council for Inter-government Relations Act 1976

Australian Film Commission 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, 26 October 1976

JOHN R. KERR,

Governor-General

Message No. 43

Proposed laws intituled:—

National Health Amendment Act (No. 3) 1976

Health Insurance Amendment Act (No. 3) 1976

Australian Film and Television School 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, 29 October 1976

JOHN R. KERR,
Governor-General

Message No. 44

Proposed laws intituled:—

Social Services Amendment Act (No. 3) 1976

Repatriation Acts Amendment Act (No. 2) 1976

Australia Council 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, 29 October 1976

- 7 HANSARD—INCORPORATION OF MATTER—STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT: The President made a statement relating to the incorporation in *Hansard* of certain documents on 21 October 1976. He informed the Senate that matter for incorporation should, as far as possible, be in printed or typewritten form and should conform with the Standing Orders.

The President further informed the Senate that the question of the incorporation of unread matter in *Hansard* would be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration at its next meeting.

- 8 COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION—FORTY-THIRD REPORT—SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STATES—PAPER: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Grants Commission Act—Forty-third Report of the Commonwealth Grants Commission (1976) on Special Assistance for States (Queensland), dated 22 October 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.

- 9 AUSTRALIAN MEAT RESEARCH COMMITTEE—ANNUAL REPORT 1975-76—PAPER: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Meat Research Act—Tenth Annual Report of the Australian Meat Research Committee, for year 1975-76.

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

- 10 AUSTRALIAN CHICKEN MEAT RESEARCH COMMITTEE—INTERIM ANNUAL REPORT 1975-76—PAPER: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Chicken Meat Research Act—Annual Report (Interim) of the Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee, for year 1975-76.

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

- 11 MARITIME INDUSTRY—COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—PAPERS: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Papers:

Maritime Industry—Commission of Inquiry—Reports, dated June 1976—

No. 4—Australian Maritime Legislation.

No. 5—Maritime Standards and Controls.

No. 6—International Maritime Conventions.

No. 7—Future of the Australian Maritime Industry.

Senator Keefe, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the Papers.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting, and that Senator Keefe have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

- 12 FRASER ISLAND ENVIRONMENTAL INQUIRY—FINAL REPORT—PAPER: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Fraser Island Environmental Inquiry—Final Report of the Commissioners.

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

- 13 RANGER URANIUM ENVIRONMENTAL INQUIRY—FIRST REPORT—PAPER: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Ranger Uranium Environmental Inquiry—First Report of the Commissioners, dated 28 October 1976.

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

- 14 HOUSING LOANS INSURANCE CORPORATION—ANNUAL REPORT 1975-76—PAPER: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Housing Loans Insurance Act—Twelfth Annual Report of the Housing Loans Insurance Corporation, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1975-76.

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

- 15 AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP—ANNUAL RETURN 1975-76—PAPER: The Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Australian Citizenship Act—Annual Return, for year 1975-76.

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

- 16 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL STUDIES—ANNUAL REPORT 1975-76—PAPER: The Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act—Annual Report of the Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1975-76.

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

- 17 CUSTOMS BUREAU 1976—REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES—PAPER: The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Durack), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Bureau of Customs—A Review of Activities, 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.

18 PAPERS: The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute:

Bankruptcy Act—Ninth Annual Report on the operation of the Act, for year 1975-76.

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Report of the Council of the Canberra College of Advanced Education, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1975.

Christmas Island Act—Regulations 1976—No. 1—(Associations Incorporation Ordinance).

Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976 No. 232.

Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976 No. 233.

Defence Act, Naval Defence Act, Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976 No. 230.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land, etc., acquired for television translator services, Young, New South Wales. Statements (2) by the Minister describing land acquired by agreement under sub-section 7 (1) of the Act, for specified public purposes.

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinances 1976—No. 9—Court of Petty Sessions (Amendment).

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Crown Lands Ordinance—Statement by the Minister of reasons for the revocation of part of land reserved for recreation or amusement of the public at Nightcliff, Northern Territory.

Ordinances 1976—

No. 46—Unit Titles.

No. 47—Real Property (Unit Titles).

No. 48—Freehold Titles.

Postal Services Act—

First Annual Report of the Australian Postal Commission, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for 1975-76.

By-laws 1976—Postal Amendment No. 5.

Public Service Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1976 No. 231.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator, accompanied by statements regarding possible inconsistency with the law—1976—

Nos 393 and 394—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.

Nos 478 to 480—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 481—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 482—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia, and another.

No. 483—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 484—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 485—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization and another.

Nos 486 and 487—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 488—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.

No. 489—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemmen.

Nos 490 and 491—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.*

No. 492—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 493—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.

No. 494—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 495—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 496—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.

No. 497—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and another.

No. 498—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

- No. 499—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 500—Australian Broadcasting Commission Senior Officers' Association and another.
- No. 501—Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia.
- No. 502—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.
- No. 503—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
- No. 504—Vehicle Builders Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 505—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
- No. 506—Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers and others.
- No. 507—Australian Licensed Aircraft Engineers Association.
- No. 508—Federal Firefighters' Union.
- No. 509—Australian Journalists Association.
- No. 510—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 511—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 512—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 513—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and another.
- No. 514—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- No. 515—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 516—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.
- No. 517—Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division.
- No. 518—Commonwealth Works Supervisors Association.
- No. 519—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.
- No. 520—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
- No. 521—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.
- No. 522—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
- No. 523—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
- Nos 524 and 525—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 526—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 527—Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees Union of Australia.
- No. 528—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service, and others.
- No. 529—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
- No. 530—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- No. 531—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 532—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service, and another.
- No. 533—Telecommunication Technical Officers' Association, Postmaster-General's Department.
- No. 534—Australian Journalists Association.
- No. 535—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association and another.
- No. 536—Federated Clerks Union of Australia.
- No. 537—Industrial Arbitration Registrars' Association.
- No. 538—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.
- No. 539—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 540—Commonwealth Police Officers' Association.
- Nos 541 to 543—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 544—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association.
- No. 545—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- No. 546—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

- No. 547—Arbitration Inspectors' Association.
- No. 548—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 549—Royal Australian Nursing Federation.
- No. 550—Commonwealth Police Officers' Association.
- No. 551—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
- No. 552—Printing and Kindred Industries Union.
- No. 553—Australian Workers' Union.
- No. 554—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 555—Australian Journalists Association.
- No. 556—Professional Musicians Union of Australia.
- No. 557—Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Association.
- No. 558—Merchant Service Guild of Australia.
- No. 559—Australian Journalists Association.
- No. 560—Actors' and Announcers' Equity Association of Australia.
- No. 561—Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association.
- No. 562—Postal Telecommunication Technicians Association (Australia).
- Nos 563 to 565—Commonwealth Foremen's Association of Australia, Commonwealth Public Service.
- Nos 566 and 567—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
- No. 568—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 569—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.*
- No. 571—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.
- No. 572—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
- No. 573—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 574—Line Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth of Australia, and others.*
- No. 575—Australian Journalists Association.
- Nos 576 to 578—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 579—Australian Government Lawyers Association.
- No. 580—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.
- Nos 581 to 583—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service, and another.
- Nos 584 and 585—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 586—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 587—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
- No. 588—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 589—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.
- No. 590—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.*
- No. 591—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.*
- No. 592—Australian Workers' Union.*
- No. 593—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.*
- No. 594—Federated Ship Painters and Dockers Union of Australia.*
- No. 595—Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia.*
- No. 596—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.*
- No. 597—Federated Engine Drivers' and Firemen's Association of Australasia.*
- No. 598—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.*
- No. 599—Australian Workers' Union.*
- Nos 600 and 601—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.*
- No. 602—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization and another.
- No. 603—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia, and another.

No. 604—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization.

No. 605—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.

No. 606—C.S.I.R.O. Laboratory Craftsmen Association.

No. 607—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 608—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

Nos 609 and 610—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 611—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.*

No. 612—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia and another.

No. 613—Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division, and another.

No. 615—Merchant Service Guild of Australia.

No. 616—Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers.

No. 617—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.*

(* Not accompanied by statement)

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances 1976—No. 49—Consumer Affairs (Amendment).

States Grants (Schools) Act—Statements (2) by the Minister of a direction under sub-section 33 (4) of the Act.

Telecommunications Act—By-laws 1976—Telecommunications (General) Amendment No. 8.

19 REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON RETROSPECTIVE REGULATIONS: The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wood) brought up the following Report from the Committee:

Fifty-sixth Report—Retrospective Regulations.

Ordered to be printed.

20 ESTIMATES COMMITTEES D AND E—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Senators Baume and Wright presented written answers received by Estimates Committees D and E, respectively, since the presentation of the Reports of those Committees on 21 October 1976.

Ordered—That the answers be printed as part of the Reports of Estimates Committees D and E, respectively.

21 DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETING OF SENATE AND PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), at the request of the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers) and pursuant to Notice of Motion not objected to as a Formal Motion, moved—

(1) That, unless otherwise ordered, the times of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of this period of sittings be as follows:

Tuesday	2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
			8.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
Wednesday	2.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
			8.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.
Thursday	10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
			2.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
			8.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.

(2) That the Sessional Order relating to the adjournment of the Senate have effect at the terminating time each day.

(3) That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business take precedence of General Business after three p.m. on Thursdays.

Question—put and passed.

Senators Douglas McClelland, McLaren and Cotton, by leave, made statements.

- 22 STATES GRANTS (HOUSING ASSISTANCE) BILL (No. 2) 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 140

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to Authorize Advances to the States of Financial Assistance in connexion with Housing and to Authorize the Borrowing of Certain Moneys by the Commonwealth*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 21 October 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick) moved—That the Bill may be taken through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator Carrick the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Carrick moved—That this Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Douglas McClelland the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

- 23 APPROPRIATION (URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT) BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 141

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to appropriate Moneys out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purpose of Urban Public Transport*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 21 October 1976

PHILIP E. LUCOCK,
Deputy Speaker

The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick) moved—That the Bill may be taken through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator Carrick the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Carrick moved—That this Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Douglas McClelland the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

- 24 INCOME TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (ROYALTIES) BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 142

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Taxation of Royalties*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 21 October 1976

PHILIP E. LUCOCK,
Deputy Speaker

The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton) moved—That the Bill may be taken through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator Cotton the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Cotton moved—That this Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Douglas McClelland the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

- 25 CUSTOMS TARIFF (COAL EXPORT DUTY) AMENDMENT BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 143

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Customs Tariff (Coal Export Duty) Act 1975'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 21 October 1976

PHILIP E. LUCOCK,
Deputy Speaker

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (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 Douglas McClelland the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

- 26 COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION—ANNUAL REPORT 1975-76—PAPER: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Taxation Acts—

Fifty-fifth Report of the Commissioner of Taxation, dated 1 October 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.

- 27 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1976-77: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That this Bill be now read a first time.

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton) moved—That this Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Douglas McClelland the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

- 28 POSTPONEMENT: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton) moved—That Government Business, Order of the Day No. 2 (Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1976-77), be postponed till after the consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day No. 3 (Homes Savings Grant Amendment Bill 1976).

Question—put and passed.

- 29 HOMES SAVINGS GRANT AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question—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 Acting Deputy-President (Senator Wood) resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Education (Senator Carrick) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

- 30 APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1976-77: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Senator McLaren addressing the Chair—

And it being half-past ten p.m.—

- 31 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 seventeen minutes to eleven p.m. till to-morrow at fifteen minutes past two p.m.

- 32 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senators James McClelland (on leave) and Young (on leave).

J. R. ODGERS,

Clerk of the Senate