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WEDNESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 1976

- 1 MEETING OF SENATE: The Senate met at fifteen minutes past two p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The President (Senator the Honourable Condor L. Laucke) took the Chair.

## 2 PRAYERS.

- 3 PETITIONS: Senator Grimes, on behalf of Senator Keeffe, and Senator Davidson presented petitions, similar in wording, from 16 and 96 citizens of Australia, respectively, praying that the Senate make certain amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Bill 1976.

Petitions received and one petition read.

Senator Ryan presented a petition from 232 citizens of Australia praying that Mr Ignazio Salemi be permitted to remain in Australia as a resident.

Petition received and read.

Senator Brown presented a petition from 20 citizens of Australia praying that the Senate provide an allocation in the next Budget for all forms of Aboriginal legal aid.

Petition received and read.

Senator Georges presented two petitions, similar in wording, from 5 and 59 citizens of Australia praying that the independence of the Australian Broadcasting Commission be preserved.

Petitions received and one petition read.

Senator Ryan presented a petition from 51 citizens of Australia praying that the Government substantially increase and index grants under the Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme and not introduce fees for students.

Petition received and read.

Senator Grimes, on behalf of Senator Button, presented a petition from 125 citizens of Australia praying that the Government use its power to protect the natural environment of Fraser Island for the long-term benefit of the people of Australia.

Petition received and read.

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

Senator Wriedt, from 88 citizens of Australia praying that the immigration of teachers recruited outside Australia be prevented while students with similar university qualifications are refused entry into Diploma of Education courses and school leavers are refused entry into the State Colleges of Victoria.

Senator Wriedt, from 89 citizens of Australia praying that payments under the Commonwealth Government Tertiary Education Assistance Scheme be raised from \$30 per week to \$48 per week.

Senator Wriedt, from 131 citizens of Australia praying that teachers recruited outside Australia by the Victorian Education Department have their income taxation exemption cancelled for the period of their stay in Australia.

Senator Sheil, from 75 citizens of Australia praying that the Government restore the Petrol Price Equalisation Scheme.

Senator Townley, from 23 citizens of Australia praying that the Government restore the Imperial system of measurement.

Petitions received.

## 4 QUESTIONS.

- 5 URGENCY MOTION: The President informed the Senate that he had received a letter from the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wriedt) advising that this day he intended to move—"That in the opinion of the Senate the following is a matter of urgency: That the Neilson plan form the basis for a Commonwealth initiative with all the States to reduce unemployment."

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

Senator Wriedt thereupon moved the motion.

Debate ensued.

*Closure:* The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Durack) moved—That the Question be now put.

Question—That the Question be now put—put.

The Senate divided—

## AYES, 34

Senator—	Senator—
Archer	Laucke
Baume	Maunsell
Bonner	Messner
Carrick	Missen
Chaney	Rae
Collard	Scott
Cormack,	Sheil
Sir Magnus	Sim
Cotton	Tehan
Davidson	Thomas
Drake-Brockman	Townley
Durack	Walters
Guilfoyle	Webster
Hall	Withers
Jessop	Wood
Kilgariff	Wright
Knight	<i>Teller:</i>
Lajovic	Martin

## NOES, 26

Senator—	Senator—
Bishop	McIntosh
Brown	McLaren
Button	Melzer
Cameron	Mulvihill
Cavanagh	O'Byrne
Coleman	Primmer
Colston	Robertson
Devitt	Ryan
Gietzelt	Sibraa
Grimes	Walsh
Harradine	Wheeldon
Keeffe	Wriedt
McClelland,	<i>Teller:</i>
Douglas	Georges

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put accordingly.

The Senate divided—

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And so it was negatived.

- 6 RIVER MURRAY COMMISSION—ANNUAL REPORT 1974-75—PAPER: The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

River Murray Waters Act—Annual Report of the River Murray Commission, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1974-75.

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.

- 7 SNOWY MOUNTAINS COUNCIL—ANNUAL REPORT 1975-76—PAPER: The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Snowy Mountains Council—Eighteenth Annual Report, 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.

- 8 AUSTRALIA COUNCIL—ANNUAL REPORT 1974-75—PAPER: The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Australia Council Act—Annual Report of the Australia Council for year 1974-75, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon for period 13 March to 30 June 1975.

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.

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

Australian Tourist Commission Act—Ninth Annual Report of the Australian Tourist Commission, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1975-76.

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.

- 10 DAIRY ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMS—AGREEMENT—PAPER: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Dairy Adjustment Act—Dairy Adjustment Programs—Further Agreement between the Australian and Queensland Governments, dated 22 September 1976.

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 TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY—SECOND ANNUAL REPORT—PAPER: The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Durack), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Industries Assistance Commission—Temporary Assistance Authority—SECOND Annual Report, for period 23 October 1975 to 5 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.

- 12 PAPER: The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute:  
Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment—A. J. Abbott.

- 13 PUBLICATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—SEVENTH REPORT: The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Publications (Senator Missen) brought up the following Report of the Committee:

#### SEVENTH REPORT

The Publications Committee has the honour to report that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the House of Representatives.

The Joint Committee, having considered Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, recommends that the following be printed:

Australian Council on Awards in Advanced Education—Fourth Annual Report, for 1975.

Australian Research Grants Committee—Report for Triennium 1973–75.

Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Twenty-fourth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.

Broadcasting and Television Act—

Australian Broadcasting Commission—Forty-fourth Annual Report and financial statement, for year 1975–76.

Australian Broadcasting Control Board—Twenty-eighth Annual Report and financial statement, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.

Christmas Island—Report for period 1 July 1972 to 31 December 1975.

Clinical services in Canberra hospitals—Report to the Minister for Health by the Chairman of the Working Party on the Organisation of Clinical Services in Canberra Hospitals, dated 1 September 1976.

Darwin Cyclone Damage Compensation Act—Report by Minister for year 1975–76.

Department of Health—Report of Director-General of Health for year 1975–76.

Department of Overseas Trade—Report, for year 1975–76.

Dried Fruits Export Control Act—Australian Dried Fruits Control Board—Fifty-second Annual Report, for year 1975–76.

Dried Fruits Research Act—Dried Fruits Research Committee—Fifth Annual Report, for the year 1975–76.

Election Statistics—Senate Election and General Election of Members of the House of Representatives, 13 December 1975—

Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

New South Wales.

Queensland.

South Australia.

Tasmania.

Victoria.

Western Australia.

Health transport policies for Australia—Report by Hospitals and Health Services Commission, dated April 1976.

Homes Savings Grant Act—Twelfth Annual Report on the administration and operation of the Act, for year 1975–76.

Industries Assistance Commission—

Reports—

Benefit-cost study—National Dairy Herd Improvement Scheme, dated 25 June 1976.

Crude oil pricing, dated 30 September 1976.

High alloy steels—Interim Report, dated 10 June 1976.

Temporary Assistance Authority—Report—Paper, dated 25 August 1976.

Industries Assistance Commission Act—Industries Assistance Commission—Report for year 1975–76, accompanied by a statement by the Minister pursuant to sub-section 45 (5) of the Act.

- Insurance Act—Insurance Commissioner—Second Annual Report, for year 1975–76.
- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report No. 4—Alcohol, drugs and driving, dated 30 June 1976.
- Life Insurance Act—Life Insurance Commissioner—Thirtieth Annual Report, for year 1975.
- National Capital Development Commission Act—National Capital Development Commission—Nineteenth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.
- National Highway linking Adelaide and Darwin (Port Augusta to Northern Territory Border)—Report by a Steering Committee, dated 24 September 1976.
- National Highways—Standards for construction and maintenance—Report by Commonwealth Bureau of Roads, dated 1975.
- Overseas Telecommunications Act—Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia)—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1976.
- Prices Justification Act—Prices Justification Tribunal—Third Annual Report, for year 1975–76.
- Qantas Airways Limited—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year ended 31 March 1976.
- River Murray Working Party—Report to Steering Committee of Ministers, dated October 1975.
- Science and Industry Research Act—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation—Twenty-eighth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.
- Science facilities in independent secondary schools—Final report of the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Standards for Science Facilities in Independent Secondary Schools, dated 1976.
- Services Trust Fund Act—Services Canteens Trust Fund—Twenty-eighth Annual Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1975.
- Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation Act—Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation—Sixth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.
- Superannuation Amendment Act—Superannuation Board—Fifty-fourth Annual Report, for year 1975–76.
- Superannuation Scheme for Commonwealth Government Employees—Transfer of Contributors and Pensioners—Report of the Committee of 5, dated October 1976.
- Tobacco Industry Act—Twenty-first Annual Report, for year 1975–76.
- Townsville airport: Economic evaluation of proposed international facilities—Report by Bureau of Transport Economics, Department of Transport, dated June 1976.

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A. J. MISSEN,  
Chairman

Senator Missen, by leave, moved—That the Report be adopted.  
Question—put and passed.

- 14 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE C—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Senator Martin, presented the following Paper:

Estimates Committee C—Additional information—Department of Transport.

- 15 POSTPONEMENT: Senator Wood moved—That Business of the Senate, Notice of Motion No. 1, relating to the disallowance of the Christmas Island *Industrial Relations Ordinance* 1976, be postponed till four sitting days after today.

Question—put and passed.

16 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.

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*

Ordered, on the motion of the Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton)—

- (1) That clauses 1 to 9 and Schedule 1 be postponed till after the consideration of Schedule 2.
- (2) That, unless otherwise ordered, the Votes in Schedule 2 be considered in the same groupings as in Estimates Committees A, B, C, D, E, and F, respectively, as follows:

Page in Bill	Division No.	Department	Amount
			\$
<b>GROUP A</b>			
<b>MINISTER-IN-CHARGE—SENATOR WITHERS</b>			
13-28	130-161	Administrative Services .. ..	239,997,000
54	250	Rent ( <i>Defence</i> ) .. ..	29,300,000
54	252	Acquisition of Sites and Buildings ( <i>Defence</i> ) .. ..	4,966,000
6-9	101-109	Parliament .. ..	13,229,000
108-112	500-520	Prime Minister and Cabinet .. ..	83,429,000
90-93	430-436	National Resources .. ..	47,647,000
72-78	305-308	Foreign Affairs .. ..	432,127,000
49-53	230-242	Defence .. ..	1,838,405,000
<b>GROUP B</b>			
<b>MINISTER-IN-CHARGE—SENATOR COTTON</b>			
87-89	380-387	Industry and Commerce .. ..	164,833,000
99-101	470-474	Overseas Trade .. ..	65,299,000
129-133	670-678	Treasury .. ..	251,644,000
134	680	Advance to the Treasurer .. ..	110,000,000
104-107	490-497	Primary Industry .. ..	52,827,000
<b>GROUP C</b>			
<b>MINISTER-IN-CHARGE—SENATOR CARRICK</b>			
55-62	270-281	Education .. ..	380,005,000
126-128	655-662	Transport .. ..	254,721,000
102-103	480-483	Postal and Telecommunications .. ..	151,294,000
67-71	296-303	Environment, Housing and Community Development .. ..	61,769,000
54	248	Housing for Servicemen—Advances to States ( <i>Defence</i> ) .. ..	36,200,000
<b>GROUP D</b>			
<b>MINISTER-IN-CHARGE—SENATOR GUILFOYLE</b>			
122-125	590-592	Social Security .. ..	215,404,000
79-83	325-335	Health .. ..	1,803,485,000
84-86	340-344	Immigration and Ethnic Affairs .. ..	32,975,000
10-12	120-125	Aboriginal Affairs .. ..	81,529,000

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<b>GROUP E</b>			
MINISTER-IN-CHARGE—SENATOR WEBSTER			
116–121	540–554	Science .. .. .	167,694,000
94–98	455–460	Northern Territory .. .. .	59,599,000
54	255	Darwin Reconstruction Commission (Defence) .. .. .	3,470,000
44–48	220–224	Construction .. .. .	188,273,000
54	245	Buildings, Works, Furniture and Fittings (Defence) .. .. .	74,800,000
54	246	Repairs and Maintenance (Defence) ..	49,500,000
40–43	210–214	Capital Territory .. .. .	64,304,000
<b>GROUP F</b>			
MINISTER-IN-CHARGE—SENATOR DURACK			
113–115	525–527	Repatriation .. .. .	249,437,000
63–66	290–294	Employment and Industrial Relations ..	144,832,000
29–33	165–190	Attorney-General's .. .. .	54,617,000
34–39	191–202	Business and Consumer Affairs ..	94,519,000

Schedule 2 read—

Group A—

Divisions 130–161, Department of Administrative Services, \$239,997,000, debated—

*And it being eleven p.m.:* The Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman), under Sessional Order, put the Question—That he do leave the Chair and report to the Senate.

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The President resumed the Chair; and Senator Drake-Brockman reported accordingly.

17 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 sixteen minutes past eleven p.m. till to-morrow at half-past ten a.m.

18 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senator Young (on leave).

J. R. ODGERS,  
Clerk of the Senate