

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1976

- 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 Keeffe presented a petition from 177 citizens of Australia praying that the Senate make certain amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Bill 1976.

Petition received.

On the motion of Senator Keeffe, the petition, exceeding 250 words, was read.

Senator Keeffe, on behalf of Senator Ryan, presented a petition from 30 citizens of Australia praying that the Government pass the States Grants (Schools) legislation for the year 1977 and take certain other action in relation to the Australian Schools Commission.

Petition received and read.

Senator Keeffe, on behalf of Senator Ryan, presented a petition from 5 citizens of Australia praying that the Senate make certain amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Bill 1976.

Petition received and read.

Senator Ryan presented a petition from 41 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.

Petition received and read.

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

Senator Young, from 11 citizens of Australia praying that the Senate make certain amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Bill 1976.

Senator Sheil, from 27 citizens of Australia praying that the Government restore the Petrol Price Equalisation Scheme.

Senator Drake-Brockman, from 71 citizens of Australia praying that the Government ensure continuity of programs and allow effective forward planning in its child care policy.

Petitions received.

4 QUESTIONS: Questions without Notice being proceeded with—

Document tabled: The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Durack) laid upon the Table the following document quoted from in answering a Question:

Strikes—Notes on the economic cost of, and methods of deciding to take, strike action.

Further Questions without Notice were answered.

- 5 AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING COMMISSION—ANNUAL REPORT 1975–76—PAPER: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:
 Australian Shipping Commission Act—Annual Report of the Australian Shipping Commission, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1975–76.
 Senator Keffe, 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 Keffe have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.
- 6 AUSTRALIAN TRANSPORT 1975–76—PAPER: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:
 Australian Transport 1975–76—Third Annual Report of the Department of Transport, including those matters on which the Minister is required to report pursuant to section 29 of the Air Navigation Act, for year 1975–76.
 Senator Keffe, 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 Keffe have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.
- 7 IMMIGRATION AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS—REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES—PAPER: The Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:
 Immigration and Ethnic Affairs—Review of Activities of the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for period ending 30 June 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.
- 8 OFF-SHORE ANIMAL QUARANTINE STATION—PAPER: The Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:
 Off-Shore Animal Quarantine Station—Statement by the Minister for Health, the Hon. Ralph J. Hunt, on a High Security Off-Shore Animal Quarantine Station.
 Senators Douglas McClelland and Georges, by leave, made statements relating thereto.
- 9 PAPERS: The President presented the following Paper, pursuant to Statute:
 Audit Act—Finance—Supplementary Report of the Auditor-General upon Other Accounts, for year 1975–76.
 The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute:
 Postal Services Act—By-laws 1976—Postal Amendment No. 6.
- 10 PUBLICATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—EIGHTH REPORT: The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Publications (Senator Missen) brought up the following Report of the Committee:

EIGHTH 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, and other papers previously presented, recommends that the following be printed:

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

Australian broadcasting—Report on the structure of the Australian broadcasting system and associated matters by Mr F. J. Green, dated 10 September 1976.

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

Australian Citizenship Act—Return for year 1975–76.

Australian defence—Paper, dated November 1976.

- Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Australian Industry Development Corporation—Sixth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the auditors' report, for year 1975–76.
- Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act—Council of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.
- Australian Tourist Commission Act—Australian Tourist Commission—Ninth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.
- Bankruptcy Act—Ninth Annual Report, for year 1975–76.
- Book Bounty Act—Return for year 1975–76.
- Bureau of Customs—Review of activities for year 1975–76.
- Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Council of the Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for 1975.
- Cellulose Acetate Flake Bounty Act—Returns for 1975 and period 1 January to 30 June 1976.
- Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Report for year 1975.
- Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—Forty-third Report (1976) on special assistance for States.
- Department of the Capital Territory—Report for year 1975–76.
- Estimates Committee C—Additional information—Department of Transport.
- Fraser Island Environmental Inquiry—Final report of Commission of Inquiry, dated 21 October 1976.
- Housing Loans Insurance Act—Housing Loans Insurance Corporation—Twelfth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.
- Industries Assistance Commission—
Report—ADP equipment and parts, dated 18 August 1976.
Temporary Assistance Authority—Second Annual Report, for period 23 October 1975 to 5 October 1976.
- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Second Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.
- Maritime Industry—Commission of Inquiry—Reports, dated June 1976—
Australian maritime legislation.
Future of the Australian maritime industry.
International Maritime Conventions.
Maritime standards and controls.
- Meat Research Act—Australian Meat Research Committee—Tenth Annual Report, for year 1975–76.
- Metal Working Machine Tools Bounty Act—Return for year 1975–76.
- National Aboriginal Consultative Committee—Report of Committee of Inquiry, dated 4 November 1976.
- Nitrogenous Fertilizers Subsidy Act—Return for year 1975–76.
- Norfolk Island—Royal Commission—Report, dated October 1976.
- Petroleum—Royal Commission—Fifth Report—Towards a national refining policy, dated 7 October 1976.
- Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act—Return for year 1975–76.
- Postal Services Act—Australian Postal Commission—First Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.

Ranger Uranium Environmental Inquiry—First report of Commission of Inquiry, dated 28 October 1976.

Refrigeration Compressors Bounty Act—Return for year 1975–76.

Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunals Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5—Reports for year 1975–76.

River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Report for year 1974–75.

Snowy Mountains Council—Eighteenth Annual Report, for year 1975–76.

Telecommunications Act—Australian Telecommunications Commission—Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1975–76.

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A. J. MISSEN,
Chairman

Senator Missen, by leave, moved—That the Report be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

- 11 NEXT MEETING OF SENATE: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till Tuesday, 30 November 1976, at half-past two p.m., unless sooner called together by the President, or, in the event of the President being unavailable owing to illness or other cause, by the Chairman of Committees.

Question—put and passed.

12 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO DEAL WITH BILLS TOGETHER:

No. 1—The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers), by leave, moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Questions with regard to the remaining stages for the passage through the Senate of the Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Amendment Bill 1976 and the Air Accidents (Commonwealth Government Liability) Amendment Bill 1976 being put in one motion at each stage, and the consideration of such Bills together in Committee of the Whole.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

No. 2—Senator Withers, by leave, moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Questions with regard to the remaining stages for the passage through the Senate of the Seamen's Compensation Amendment Bill 1976, the Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Amendment Bill 1976 and the United States Naval Communication Station (Civilian Employees) Amendment Bill 1976 being put in one motion at each stage, and the consideration of such Bills together in Committee of the Whole.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PERSONAL INCOME TAX SHARING) BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 188

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate that it has agreed to the amendment made by the Senate in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to Entitle Local Governing Bodies in the States to Share in the Personal Income Tax Collections of the Commonwealth*".

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 17 November 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

14 DAYS AND TIMES OF MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT OF SENATE: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers), pursuant to notice, moved—That the Sessional Orders relating to the days and times of meeting and adjournment of the Senate be varied as follows:

(1) That, unless otherwise ordered, on and from Tuesday, 30 November 1976, the days and times of meeting of the Senate be as follows:

Tuesday, 30 November 1976	..	2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.
Wednesday, 1 December 1976	..	2.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.
Thursday, 2 December 1976	..	10.00 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.
Friday, 3 December 1976	..	10.00 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.
Monday, 6 December 1976	..	10.00 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.
Tuesday, 7 December 1976	..	2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.
Wednesday, 8 December 1976	..	2.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.
Thursday, 9 December 1976	..	10.00 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.
Friday, 10 December 1976	..	10.00 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.
Monday, 13 December 1976	..	10.00 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.
Tuesday, 14 December 1976	..	2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.
Wednesday, 15 December 1976	..	2.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. 8.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.
Thursday, 16 December 1976	..	10.00 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.
Friday, 17 December 1976	..	10.00 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, unless otherwise ordered, the Sessional Order relating to the adjournment of the Senate have effect at eleven p.m. each day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

15 AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) AMENDMENT BILL 1976 AND AIRPORTS (SURFACE TRAFFIC) AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That these Bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question, by leave, divided.

Question—That the Air Navigation (Charges) Amendment Bill 1976 be now read a second time—put and passed.

Question—That the Airports (Surface Traffic) Amendment Bill 1976 be now read a second time—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 30		NOES, 21	
Senator—	Senator—	Senator—	Senator—
Archer	Lajovic	Bishop	McLaren
Baume	Laucke	Button	Melzer
Bonner	Martin	Cameron	Mulvihill
Carrick	Maunsell	Cavanagh	O'Byrne
Collard	Messner	Colston	Primmer
Cormack,	Missen	Devitt	Robertson
Sir Magnus	Scott	Grimes	Ryan
Cotton	Sheil	Keefe	Sibraa
Davidson	Sim	McAuliffe	Walsh
Drake-Brockman	Tehan	McClelland,	
Durack	Thomas	Douglas	
Guilfoyle	Townley	McClelland,	<i>Teller:</i>
Hall	Walters	James	McIntosh
Jessop	Young		
Kilgariff	<i>Teller:</i>		
Knight	Chaney		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bills read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bills.

In the Committee

Bills, by leave, taken as a whole, debated and agreed to.

Bills 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 Education (Senator Carrick) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bills read a third time.

16 CIVIL AVIATION (CARRIERS' LIABILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 1976 AND AIR ACCIDENTS (COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT LIABILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That these Bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Bills read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bills.

In the Committee

Bills, by leave, taken as a whole.

On the motion of the Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle) the following amendments were, by leave, taken together and agreed to, viz.:

CIVIL AVIATION (CARRIERS' LIABILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 1976—

Page 1, clause 2, lines 9 to 12, leave out the clause, insert the following clause:

“2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.”

Commence-
ment.

Page 2, clause 3, sub-clause (2), line 2, leave out “1 July 1976”, insert “the commencement of this Act”.

AIR ACCIDENTS (COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT LIABILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 1976—

Page 1, clause 2, lines 9 to 12, leave out the clause, insert the following clause:

“2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.” Commence-
ment.

Page 2, clause 5, line 8, leave out “1 July 1976”, insert “the commencement of this Act”.

Senator Keffe, by leave, moved the following amendments together, viz.:

CIVIL AVIATION (CARRIERS' LIABILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 1976—

Page 1, clause 3, sub-clause (1), line 15, leave out “\$45,000”, insert “\$67,000”.

Page 2, after clause 3, insert the following new clause:

“3A. Section 31 of the Principal Act is amended by adding the following new sub-section:

‘(4) The amount stipulated in sub-section (1) shall be adjusted on 1 July 1978 and on 1 July every two years thereafter, and such adjustments shall have regard to the average weekly adult male earnings at the relevant time.’”

AIR ACCIDENTS (COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT LIABILITY) AMENDMENT BILL 1976—

Page 2, clause 3, line 3, leave out “\$45,000”, insert “\$67,000”.

Page 2, clause 4, line 6, leave out “\$45,000”, insert “\$67,000”.

Page 2, after clause 3, insert the following new clause:

“3A. Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended by adding the following new sub-section:

‘(3) The amount stipulated in sub-section (1) shall be adjusted on 1 July 1978 and on 1 July every two years thereafter, and such adjustments shall have regard to the average weekly adult male earnings at the relevant time.’”

Page 2, after clause 4, insert the following new clause:

“4A. Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended by adding the following new sub-section:

‘(3) The amount stipulated in sub-section (1) shall be adjusted on 1 July 1978 and on 1 July every two years thereafter, and such adjustments shall have regard to the average weekly adult male earnings at the relevant time.’”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The Committee divided—

AYES, 21	
Senator—	Senator—
Bishop	McLaren
Button	Melzer
Cameron	Mulvihill
Cavanagh	O'Byrne
Colston	Primmer
Devitt	Robertson
Grimes	Ryan
Keffe	Sibraa
McAuliffe	Walsh
McClelland,	
Douglas	
McClelland,	Teller:
James	McIntosh

NOES, 29	
Senator—	Senator—
Archer	Laucke
Baume	Martin
Bonner	Maunsell
Carrick	Messner
Collard	Missen
Cotton	Scott
Davidson	Sheil
Drake-Brockman	Sim
Durack	Tehan
Guilfoyle	Thomas
Hall	Townley
Jessop	Walters
Kilgariff	Young
Knight	Teller:
Lajovic	Chaney

And so it was negatived.

Amendments negatived accordingly.

Bills, as amended, agreed to.

Bills to be reported with amendments.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) reported accordingly.

On the motion of Senator Guilfoyle the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bills read a third time.

17 SEAMEN'S COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 1976, COMPENSATION (COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES) AMENDMENT BILL 1976 AND UNITED STATES NAVAL COMMUNICATION STATION (CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES) AMENDMENT BILL 1976: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That these Bills be now read a second time.

Senator Grimes moved an amendment, viz.: At end of motion, add “, but the Senate is of the opinion that the Government should proceed forthwith with the introduction of a National Compensation Scheme incorporating all Australian workers and providing for quarterly cost of living increases to benefits”.

Debate continued.

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

The Senate divided—

AYES, 20		NOES, 30	
Senator—	Senator—	Senator—	Senator—
Bishop	McLaren	Archer	Lajovic
Button	Melzer	Baume	Laucke
Cameron	Mulvihill	Bonner	Martin
Cavanagh	Primmer	Carrick	Maunsell
Colston	Robertson	Collard	Messner
Devitt	Ryan	Cormack,	Missen
Grimes	Sibraa	Sir Magnus	Scott
Keeffe	Walsh	Cotton	Sheil
McAuliffe		Davidson	Sim
McClelland,		Drake-Brockman	Tehan
Douglas		Durack	Thomas
McClelland,		Guilfoyle	Townley
James		Hall	Walters
	Teller:	Jessop	Young
	McIntosh	Kilgariff	Teller:
		Knight	Chaney

Amendment negated accordingly.

Question—That these Bills be now read a second time—put and passed.

Bills read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bills.

In the Committee

Bills, by leave, taken as a whole.

Senator Grimes moved an amendment to the Seamen's Compensation Amendment Bill 1976, viz.: Page 1, clause 2, line 8, leave out “1 September 1976”, insert “1 June 1976”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be left out be left out—put and negated.

Amendment negated accordingly.

Senator Grimes, by leave, moved the following further amendments to the Seamen's Compensation Amendment Bill 1976 together, viz.:

Page 2, clause 4, sub-clause (1), line 15, leave out “\$25,000”, insert “\$28,000”.

Page 2, clause 5, line 22, leave out “\$25,000”, insert “\$28,000”.

Page 2, clause 7, paragraph (a), proposed new clause (i), line 33, leave out “\$25,000”, insert “\$28,000”.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put and negated.

Senator Grimes, by leave, moved the following amendments to the Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Amendment Bill 1976 together, viz.:

Page 1, clause 2, line 8, leave out "1 September 1976", insert "1 June 1976".

Page 3, Schedule 1, leave out the Schedule, insert the following Schedule:

"SCHEDULE 1

Section 7 (1)

AMENDMENTS RELATING TO AMOUNTS OF COMPENSATION

Provision	Amendment
Section 37 (3)	Omit '\$500', substitute '\$700'.
Section 39 (1)	Omit '\$20,000', substitute '\$28,000'.
Section 39 (3)	Omit '\$20,000', substitute '\$28,000'.
Section 39 (7)	Omit '\$10,000', substitute '\$14,000'.
Section 40 (1)	Omit '\$10,000', substitute '\$14,000'.
Section 41 (1)	Omit '\$10,000', substitute '\$14,000'.
Section 41 (6) (b) ..	Omit '\$10,000', substitute '\$14,000'.
Section 42 (1)	Omit '\$2,000', substitute '\$2,800'.
Section 42 (2)	Omit '\$2,000', substitute '\$2,800'.
Section 43 (3) (a) ..	Omit '\$20,000', substitute '\$28,000'.
Section 43 (4) (a) ..	Omit '\$20,000', substitute '\$28,000'.
Section 43 (5)	Omit '\$7', substitute '\$10'.
Section 43 (7)	Omit '\$700', (wherever occurring), substitute '\$1,000'.
Section 44 (1)	Omit '\$450', substitute '\$650'.
Section 45 (2) (a) ..	Omit '\$57', substitute '\$80'.
Section 45 (3)	Omit '\$15', substitute '\$21'.
Section 45 (4)	Omit '\$7', substitute '\$10'.
Section 46 (2) (a) (i) ..	Omit '\$57', substitute '\$80'.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put and negatived.

Bills further debated and agreed to.

Bills 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 Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bills read a third time.

- 18 POSTPONEMENT: The Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle) moved—That Government Business, Order of the Day No. 7 (Australian Heritage Commission Amendment Bill 1976) be postponed till after the consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day No. 8 (Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Fund (Distribution of Surplus to Pensioners) Bill 1976).

Question—put and passed.

- 19 DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS FUND (DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS TO PENSIONERS) 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 President resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Mulvihill) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Durack) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

- 20 AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COMMISSION 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.

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

- 21 ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers), by leave, made a statement relating to administrative arrangements to result from a re-shaping of elements of the central Commonwealth departmental machinery.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wriedt), by leave, made a statement relating thereto.

- 22 AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COMMISSION 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

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 4 debated.

Question—That the clause stand as printed—put.

The Committee divided—

AYES, 30		NOES, 21	
Senator—	Senator—	Senator—	Senator—
Archer	Lajovic	Bishop	Melzer
Baume	Laucke	Button	Mulvihill
Bonner	Martin	Cameron	O'Byrne
Carrick	Maunsell	Cavanagh	Primmer
Collard	Messner	Colston	Robertson
Cormack,	Missen	Devitt	Ryan
Sir Magnus	Scott	Grimes	Sibraa
Cotton	Sheil	Keefe	Walsh
Davidson	Sim	McAuliffe	Wheeldon
Drake-Brockman	Tehan	McClelland,	
Durack	Thomas	James	Teller:
Guilfoyle	Townley	McLaren	McIntosh
Hall	Walters		
Jessop	Young		
Kilgariff	Teller:		
Knight	Chaney		

Clause 4 agreed to accordingly.

Clause 5 debated and agreed to.

Clause 6 debated.

Ordered—That the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Bonner) report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The President resumed the Chair; and Senator Bonner reported that the Committee had considered the Bill and had made progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered—That the Committee have leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

- 23 FOREIGN PROCEEDINGS (PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN EVIDENCE) BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 195

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make provision for Preventing the Production of Certain Documents, and the giving of Certain Evidence, for the purposes of Proceedings in Foreign Courts*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 18 November 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
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.

Debate ensued.

And it being eleven p.m.—

Adjournment Negated: The President, under Sessional Order, put the Question—

That the Senate do now adjourn—

Which Question was negated.

Debate continued.

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, debated 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 Senator Durack the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

- 24 SENATE PAMPHLET—STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT: The President made a statement replying to the Question asked on 17 November 1976 by Senator Cavanagh relating to the pamphlet "*The Australian Senate—An Introduction*".

- 25 ADJOURNMENT: The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Durack) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at nine minutes to twelve o'clock midnight till Tuesday, 30 November 1976, at half-past two p.m., unless sooner called together in accordance with the Resolution agreed to this day.

- 26 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senators Coleman, Harradine, Rae, Wood and Wright.

J. R. ODGERS,

Clerk of the Senate