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- 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 PETITIONS: Senator Wood presented a petition from 43 citizens of Australia praying that the Government restore the Imperial system of measurement.

Petition received and read.

Senator Ryan presented a petition from 13 citizens of Australia praying that the Australian Heritage Commission be appointed, and that there be a proper balance between the Government's programme of public austerity and the need for action in conservation.

Petition received and read.

Senator Knight presented a petition from 111 citizens of Australia praying that the Senate act to remedy the injustice of compulsory fees for membership of the Students' Association of the Australian National University.

Petition received and read.

Senators Keffe (three) and Georges presented petitions from 85, 81, 87 and 123 citizens of Australia, respectively, praying that the Senate make certain amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Bill 1976.

Petitions received.

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

Senator Keffe presented a petition from 12 citizens of Australia praying that the Government cease mining and prohibit export of uranium until safe methods of disposal of radioactive wastes are guaranteed, and take certain action in relation to other energy sources.

Petition received and read.

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

Senator Scott, from 24 citizens of Australia praying that the Government make child care funds available for long day care centres.

Senator Georges, from 264 citizens of Australia praying that the Senate make certain amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Bill 1976.

Senator Jessop, from 119 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 Colston, from 12 citizens of Australia praying that the Government cease mining and prohibit export of uranium until safe methods of disposal of radioactive wastes are guaranteed, and take certain action in relation to other energy sources.

Senator Jessop, from 2 citizens of Australia praying that the independence of the Australian Broadcasting Commission be preserved.

Petitions received.

4 QUESTIONS.

- 5 COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT 1976—PAPER: The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Grants Commission Act—Third Report (1976) on Financial Assistance for Local Government, dated 22 October 1976.

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

- 6 PETROLEUM SEARCH SUBSIDY—ANNUAL STATEMENT 1975–76—PAPER: The Minister for Administrative Services (Senator Withers), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Petroleum Search Subsidy Act—Seventeenth Annual Statement on the operation of the 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 INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT—RESOLUTION NO. 2—PAPER: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

International Sugar Agreement 1973—Resolution No. 2 concerning the further extension of the Agreement, approved on 18 June 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.

- 8 APPLE AND PEAR CORPORATION—ANNUAL REPORT 1975–76—PAPER: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Australian Apple and Pear Corporation Act—Second Annual Report of the Australian Apple and Pear Corporation, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, 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.

- 9 DAIRY ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMS—SOUTH AUSTRALIAN 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 South Australian Governments, dated 19 October 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.

- 10 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS) ACT—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES 1975—PAPER: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

States Grants (Schools) Act—Schools Commission—Annual Report on financial assistance granted to each State under the Act, for 1975.

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.

- 11 POSTGRADUATE AWARD SCHEME—PAPER: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Postgraduate Award Scheme—Report by the Department of Education Research Branch on the Postgraduate Award Scheme, with particular reference to students commencing in 1965 and 1966.

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.

- 12 NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—MEDICAL RESEARCH PROJECTS 1974—PAPER: The Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Medical Research Endowment Act—Report by the National Health and Medical Research Council on work under the Act during 1974, entitled “Medical Research Projects 1974”.

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 INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION—ANIMAL FOODS, ETC.—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—Report on Animal Foods, etc., dated 2 August 1976.

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.

- 14 PAPERS: The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Proposal No. 4 of 1976 by the Bureau—New topics to be included in the Population Survey: February 1977, dated 12 November 1976.

Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Act—Thirteenth Annual Report of the Australian Capital Territory Electricity Authority, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General’s Report thereon, for year 1975–76.

Customs Act and Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976 Nos 252, 253 and 254.

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976 No. 245.

International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976 No. 251.

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land, etc., acquired for Pipeline Authority, Parishes of Monos, Machado, Tualta, John and Omicron, Queensland.

Statement by the Minister describing land acquired by agreement under subsection 7 (1) of the Act, for specified public purposes.

Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976 No. 250.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances 1976—

No. 49—Fisheries.

No. 50—Fire Brigades.

No. 51—Litter.

No. 52—Local Government (No. 2).

No. 53—Licensing.

No. 54—Registration of Dogs.

No. 55—Mining.

No. 56—Traffic (No. 2).

No. 57—Housing.

No. 58—Trustee.

No. 59—National Trust (Northern Territory).

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976 Nos. 248, 249.

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

No. 570—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.*

No. 614—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.*

No. 618—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.*

No. 619—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.*

No. 620—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.*

Nos 621 and 622—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 623—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association.

No. 624—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 625—Association of Railways Professional Officers of Australia and another.

Nos 626 and 627—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 628—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia, and another.

No. 629—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 630—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 631—Association of Officers of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization and another.

No. 632—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.

Nos 633 to 635—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 636—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemenn.

No. 637—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.

No. 638—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

Nos 639 and 640—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 641—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 642—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.

No. 643—Australian Journalists Association.

No. 644—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.*

No. 645—Australian Workers' Union.*

No. 646—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.*

No. 647—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia.*

No. 648—Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees Union of Australia.*

No. 649—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

Nos 650 and 651—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).*

No. 652—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).

No. 653—Federated Ship Painters and Dockers Union of Australia.

No. 654—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.

No. 655—Federated Furnishing Trade Society of Australasia.

No. 656—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia and another.

No. 658—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.*

No. 659—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 660—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.*

No. 661—Federated Engine Drivers' and Firemen's Association of Australasia.*

No. 662—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.*

No. 663—Australian Workers' Union.*

- No. 664—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.*
- No. 665—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
- No. 667—Hospital Employees Federation of Australia.
- Nos 668 and 669—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.
- No. 670—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- No. 671—Federated Storemen and Packers Union of Australia.
- No. 672—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.*
- No. 673—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.*
- No. 674—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 675—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.*
- No. 676—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.
- Nos 677 and 678—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.*
- No. 679—Civil Air Operations Officers' Association of Australia.
- No. 680—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.*
- No. 681—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 682—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia, and others.
- No. 683—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and others.
- No. 684—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.
- Nos 685 and 686—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia and another.
- No. 687—Australian Public Service Association (Fourth Division Officers).
- No. 688—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 689—Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union of Australia.
- No. 690—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 691—Australian Workers' Union.*
- No. 692—Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners of Australia and others.*
- No. 693—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.*
- No. 694—Australian Workers' Union.
- No. 695—Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization Technical Association.
- No. 696—Customs Officers' Association of Australia, Fourth Division.
- No. 697—Commonwealth Works Supervisors Association.
- No. 698—Professional Radio and Electronics Institute of Australasia.
- No. 699—Electrical Trades Union of Australia.
- No. 700—Association of Professional Engineers, Australia.
- No. 701—Transport Workers' Union of Australia.
- No. 702—Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union and others.*
- No. 703—Telecommunication Technical Officers' Association, Postmaster-General's Department.
- No. 704—Australian Journalists Association.
- No. 705—Australian Public Service Artisans' Association and another.

(* not accompanied by statement)

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—
Ordinances 1976—

- No. 55—Law Reform (Sexual Behaviour).
- No. 56—Nudity.
- No. 57—Legislative Assembly (Amendment).
- No. 58—Annual Holidays (Amendment).
- No. 59—Schools Authority.
- No. 60—Ordinances Revision (Administrative Arrangements).
- No. 61—Ordinances Revision (Remuneration).

No. 62—Remuneration.

No. 63—Liquor (Amendment).

Regulations 1976—

No. 31—(Companies Ordinance).

Telecommunications Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976 No. 247.

Trade Commissioners Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1976 No. 246.

- 15 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION—PAPER: Senator McIntosh, by leave, laid upon the Table the following Paper:

Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report on visit to Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia, led by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, the Hon. Ian Viner, June–July 1976.

Senator McIntosh, by leave, made a statement relating to the Paper.

- 16 AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Minister for Industry and Commerce (Senator Cotton), by leave, made a statement relating to the Australian economy and moved—That the Senate take note of the Statement.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 17 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. 48

Proposed law intituled:—

Christmas Island Agreement 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, 18 November 1976

JOHN R. KERR,

Governor-General

Message No. 49

Proposed law intituled:—

Foreign Proceedings (Prohibition of Certain Evidence) 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, 19 November 1976

JOHN R. KERR,

Governor-General

Message No. 50

Proposed laws intituled:—

States Grants (Universities) Amendment Act (No. 2) 1976

States Grants (Advanced Education) Amendment Act (No. 2) 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, 19 November 1976

JOHN R. KERR,

Governor-General

Message No. 51

Proposed laws intituled:—

*States Grants (Universities Assistance) Act 1976**States Grants (Advanced Education Assistance) Act 1976**States Grants (Technical and Further Education Assistance) Act 1976**States Grants (Technical and Further Education) Amendment Act (No. 2) 1976**States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1976**States Grants (Schools) 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, 24 November 1976

JOHN R. KERR,

Governor-General

Message No. 52

Proposed laws intituled:—

*States (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act 1976**Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act 1976**Air Navigation (Charges) Amendment Act 1976**Airports (Surface Traffic) Amendment Act 1976**Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Amendment Act 1976**Air Accidents (Commonwealth Government Liability) Amendment Act 1976**Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Fund (Distribution of Surplus to Pensioners) 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, 24 November 1976.

- 18 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO DEAL WITH BILLS TOGETHER:** 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 Queensland Grant (Proserpine Flood Mitigation) Bill 1976 and the New South Wales Grant (Namoi River Weirs) Bill 1976 being put in one motion at each stage, and the consideration of such Bills together in Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

- 19 **CIVIL AVIATION (CARRIERS' LIABILITY) 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. 196

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate that it has agreed to the amendments made by the Senate in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Act 1959-1973'*".

House of Representatives,

B. M. SNEDDEN,

Canberra, 18 November 1976

Speaker

- 20 **AIR ACCIDENTS (COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT LIABILITY) 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. 197

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate that it has agreed to the amendments made by the Senate in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Air Accidents (Australian Government Liability) Act 1963-1973'*".

House of Representatives,

B. M. SNEDDEN,

Canberra, 18 November 1976

Speaker

- 21 STATES GRANTS (WATER RESOURCES ASSESSMENT) BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 181

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the Assessment of their Water Resources*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 16 November 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

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

Question—put and passed.

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

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

On the motion of Senator Keffe the debate was adjourned.

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

- 22 ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE VETERANS' RESIDENCES 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. 187

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act 1953'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 16 November 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

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

Question—put and passed.

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

Senator Withers 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 PAY-ROLL TAX (TERRITORIES) ASSESSMENT 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. 182

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Pay-roll Tax (Territories) Assessment Act 1971'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 16 November 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
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 Keffe the debate was adjourned.

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

- 24 INSURANCE (DEPOSITS) 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. 186

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Insurance (Deposits) Act 1932'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 16 November 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
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 Keeffe the debate was adjourned.

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

- 25 QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED (LOAN GUARANTEE) BILL 1976 AND AIRLINE EQUIPMENT (LOAN GUARANTEE) BILL 1976—*Messages from the House of Representatives*: The following Messages from the House of Representatives were received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 183

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Provision of certain Equipment for Qantas Airways Limited*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 16 November 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 184

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the Provision of certain Equipment for a Domestic Airline*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 16 November 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

Suspension of Standing Orders to Deal with Bills Together: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick), by leave, moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Questions with regard to the several stages for the passage through the Senate of the Bills being put in one motion at each stage, and the consideration of such Bills together in Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

Senator Carrick moved—That the Bills may be taken through all their stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator Carrick the Bills were read a first time.

Senator Carrick moved—That these Bills be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Keeffe the debate was adjourned.

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

- 26 ROADS ACTS AMENDMENT 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. 191

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Financial Assistance to the States in relation to Roads*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 18 November 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 Keeffe the debate was adjourned.

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

- 27 ABORIGINAL COUNCILS AND ASSOCIATIONS BILL 1976 (No. 2)—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 189

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Constitution of Aboriginal Councils and the Incorporation of Associations of Aboriginals and for matters connected therewith*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 17 November 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

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

Question—put and passed.

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

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

On the motion of Senator Keeffe the debate was adjourned.

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

- 28 STATES GRANTS (ABORIGINAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 190

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to Provide for Financial Assistance to the States in relation to Aboriginals*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 17 November 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

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

Question—put and passed.

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

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

On the motion of Senator Keeffe the debate was adjourned.

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

- 29 ACTS INTERPRETATION 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. 185

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Acts Interpretation Act 1901'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 16 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.

On the motion of Senator Keeffe the debate was adjourned.

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

- 30 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1976, SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1976 AND NARCOTIC DRUGS AMENDMENT BILL 1976—*Messages from the House of Representatives*: The following Messages from the House of Representatives were received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 192

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Customs Act 1901'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 18 November 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 193

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act 1935'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 18 November 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 194

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Narcotic Drugs Act 1967'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 18 November 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

Suspension of Standing Orders to Deal with Bills Together: The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Durack), by leave, moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Questions with regard to the several stages for the passage through the Senate of the Bills being put in one motion at each stage, and the consideration of such Bills together in Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

Senator Durack moved—That the Bills may be taken through all their stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator Durack the Bills were read a first time.

Senator Durack moved—That these Bills be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Keeffe the debate was adjourned.

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

- 31 DAIRYING INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND PROMOTION LEVY 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. 180

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Dairying Industry Research and Promotion Levy Act 1972-1976'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 16 November 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
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 Keffe the debate was adjourned.

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

- 32 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON AUSTRALIA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN REGION: Pursuant to Order, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence (Senator Sim) brought up the Report of the Committee on Australia and the Indian Ocean Region, together with the Transcript of Evidence.

Ordered—That the Report be printed.

Senator Sim, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the Report.

On the motion of Senator Keffe the debate was adjourned.

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

- 33 CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT: The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs (Senator Missen), by leave, moved—That the time for presentation of the Report of the Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs on:

(1) The alterations of the law made by the *Misrepresentation Ordinance* 1975, as contained in Australian Capital Territory Ordinance No. 40 of 1975, and as amended by the *Misrepresentation Ordinance* 1976 contained in Australian Capital Territory Ordinance No. 17 of 1976; and

(2) The alterations of the law made by the *Manufacturers Warranties Ordinance* 1975, as contained in Australian Capital Territory Ordinance No. 41 of 1975, be extended till 9 December 1976.

Question—put and passed.

- 34 AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1976: The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee

Clause 6 further considered.

Question—That the clause stand as printed—put.

The Committee divided—

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

Clause 6 agreed to accordingly.

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

- 35 QUEENSLAND GRANT (PROSERPINE FLOOD MITIGATION) BILL 1976 AND NEW SOUTH WALES GRANT (NAMOI RIVER WEIRS) 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 and agreed to.

Bills to be reported without amendment.

The Acting Deputy-President (Senator Melzer) resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Davidson) reported accordingly.

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

- 36 AIR FORCE 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 Melzer) resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Davidson) 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.

- 37 STATES GRANTS (HOUSING 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.

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

- 38 APPROPRIATION (URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT) 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.

Senator Keefe addressing the Chair—

And it being eleven p.m.—

- 39 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 thirteen minutes past eleven p.m. till to-morrow at fifteen minutes past two p.m.

- 40 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senator Rae.

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate