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1 MEETING OF SENATE: The Senate met at ten a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The President (Senator the Honourable Condor L. Laucke) took the Chair.

2 PRAYERS.

3 QUESTIONS.

4 COMMUNITY WELL-BEING—DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY—PAPER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Minister for Social Security (Senator Guilfoyle), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:
Community Well-being—Report to the Department of Social Security by Professor T. Vinson and Mr R. Homel, entitled "Indicators of Community Well-being", dated September 1976.

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

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

5 PAPER: The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute:

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement by the Minister describing land acquired by agreement under sub-section 7 (1) of the Act, for specified public purposes.

6 POSTPONEMENT: The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Withers) moved—That Government Business, Order of the Day No. 1 (Dairying Industry Research and Promotion Levy Amendment Bill 1976) be postponed till the next day of sitting.

Question—put and passed.

7 STATES GRANTS (WATER RESOURCES ASSESSMENT) 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 Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) reported accordingly.

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

- 8 PAY-ROLL TAX (TERRITORIES) ASSESSMENT 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 Deputy-President (Senator Drake-Brockman) resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Devitt) reported accordingly.

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

- 9 ROADS ACTS AMENDMENT 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.

Senator Douglas McClelland moved an amendment, viz.: At end of motion, add “, but the Senate is of the opinion that the Bill fails to provide adequate financial assistance to the States for cost escalation in the current year”.

Debate continued.

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

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

Bill read a second time.

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

In the Committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

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

- 10 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1976, SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1976 AND NARCOTIC DRUGS 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 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 Veterans' Affairs (Senator Durack) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bills read a third time.

- 11 STEVEDORING INDUSTRY CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1976, STEVEDORING INDUSTRY (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1976 AND STEVEDORING INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL 1976:

Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That the Stevedoring Industry Charge Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1976 be now read a first time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Durack) moved—That the Stevedoring Industry Charge Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1976 be now read a second time.

Suspension of Standing Orders to Deal with Bills Together: Senator Durack, 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 Stevedoring Industry Charge Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1976, the Stevedoring Industry (Temporary Provisions) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1976 and the Stevedoring Industry Amendment 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.

Debate ensued on the Question—That these Bills be now read a second time.

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 or requests.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Maunsell) reported accordingly.

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

- 12 LONG SERVICE LEAVE (COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYEES) BILL 1976, PUBLIC SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL 1976 AND PUBLIC SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1976—*Messages from the House of Representatives:* The following Messages from the House of Representatives were received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 202

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make Provision for Long Service Leave in respect of Employees of the Commonwealth and certain other Persons, and for other purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 2 December 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 213

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Public Service Act 1922'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 6 December 1976

B. M. SNEDDEN,
Speaker

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 203

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Public Service Act 1922', and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 2 December 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 Georges the debate was adjourned.

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

- 13 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 211

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act providing for the granting of Traditional Aboriginal Land in the Northern Territory for the benefit of Aborigines, and for other purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 3 December 1976

PHILIP E. LUCOCK,
Deputy 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 Georges the debate was adjourned.

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

- 14 NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4) 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 209

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'National Health Act 1953'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 3 December 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 Georges the debate was adjourned.

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

- 15 HOMES SAVINGS GRANT BILL 1976—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 212

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to Assist Persons to Purchase or Build their Own Homes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 3 December 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 Georges the debate was adjourned.

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

- 16 CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORTS ON A.C.T. MANUFACTURERS WARRANTIES ORDINANCE 1975 AND MISREPRESENTATION ORDINANCE 1975: The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs (Senator Missen) brought up the Reports of the Committee on the Australian Capital Territory Manufacturers Warranties Ordinance 1975 and Misrepresentation Ordinance 1975, dated December 1976.

Ordered to be printed.

Senator Missen, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the Reports.

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

- 17 PRICES JUSTIFICATION 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 Deputy-President (Senator Drake-Brockman) resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Maunsell) 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.

- 18 NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 4) 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 Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Devitt) reported accordingly.

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

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

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wriedt) moved an amendment, viz.: At end of motion, add “, but the Senate is of the opinion that this scheme does not recognise that each household in Australia is entitled to adequate and conveniently located accommodation at a price which does not impose too great a strain on household resources; rather, it perpetuates existing inequalities”.

Debate continued.

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

- 20 POSTPONEMENT: The Minister for Education (Senator Carrick) moved—That intervening business be postponed till after the concurrent consideration of General Business, Orders of the Day Nos 104 and 127, relating to the First Report of the Ranger Uranium Environmental Inquiry and a Statement thereon by the Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development.

Question—put and passed.

- 21 RANGER URANIUM ENVIRONMENTAL INQUIRY—PAPERS: Orders of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motions by Senator Mulvihill—That the Senate take note of the First Report of the Ranger Uranium Environmental Inquiry—and Senator Douglas McClelland—That the Senate take note of the Statement by the Minister for Environment, Housing and Community Development, relating to the First Report.

Debate resumed.

And it being eleven p.m.—

- 22 ADJOURNMENT: The President, under Sessional Order, put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned at eleven p.m. till to-morrow at half-past two p.m.

- 23 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senators McAuliffe, James McClelland, Melzer and Rae.

J. R. ODGERS,
 Clerk of the Senate