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MONDAY, 20 MAY 1985

1 MEETING OF SENATE: The Senate met at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. The President (Senator the Honourable Douglas McClelland) took the Chair.

2 PRAYERS.

3 PETITIONS: The following 10 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the Senators indicated, were received:

Senator Macklin, from 489 petitioners praying that a Senate Select Committee on Nuclear Disarmament and Peace be established to investigate the creation of a Ministry of Peace and Nuclear Disarmament.

Senator Mason, from 3476 petitioners praying that Wilton not be considered as a site for Sydney's second airport.

Senator Reid, from 876 petitioners praying that the Senate reject the recommendation of the Vinson inquiry that an abortion clinic be established in Canberra.

Senator Brownhill, from 32 petitioners praying that sales tax on Australian produced wine be removed and other measures taken to assist the grape producing industry.

Senator Zakharov, from 18 petitioners praying that the Senate legislate to close the joint Australian-United States electronic communications facilities at the Watsonia Army Barracks, Victoria.

Senators Scott and Sibraa, from 101 and 124 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Senate pass Senator Harradine's Bill to prohibit experiments involving the use of human embryos created by in vitro fertilization.

Senator Messner, from 81 petitioners praying that the Senate repeal the Labor Government's assets test.

Senator Primmer, from 233 petitioners praying that the Senate reject post-secondary tuition fees and mandatory overseas student charges and that the commitment to free post-school education be reaffirmed.

Senator Zakharov, from 14 petitioners praying that the Senate request the Government not to increase indirect taxation.

4 NOTICES: Notices of Motion were given, as follows—

The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Chipp): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

- (a) commends the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, Senator Chaney, for his action in disassociating the Opposition from the racist views of Mr George Crawford of the Australian Labor Party (ALP), concerning the intake of refugees from Vietnam; and
- (b) applauds the courageous action of the Leader of the Government, Senator John Button, in denouncing Mr Crawford's views on behalf of the ALP.

Senator Boswell: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that the May Economic Statement contained the following decisions adversely affecting the people of Queensland, the Northern Territory and Tasmania:
 - (i) termination of the subsidy of diesel fuel costs to Queensland charter boat operators on the Great Barrier Reef,
 - (ii) termination of the western Queensland air service subsidy,
 - (iii) delaying of work on the Darwin, Townsville and Brisbane Airports,
 - (iv) reduction of the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme, and
 - (v) deferral of the extension of the Special Broadcasting Service to Darwin; and
- (b) condemns the Hawke Labor Government for applying budgeting and economic strategies in a blatantly political manner, which amounts to a declaration of economic warfare against States and Territories who support free-enterprise governments.

5 GOVERNMENT PAPERS: The Manager of Government Business (Senator Grimes) tabled the following Papers:

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Central Land Council—Annual Report (4th) 1983-84, together with audited financial statements.

Australia-Japan Foundation Act—Australia-Japan Foundation—Annual Report 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Australian Capital Territory—

Building and Construction Industry Long Service Leave Board—Annual Report 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Corporate Affairs Commission—Annual Report (4th) 1983-84.

Canberra Theatre Trust—Annual Report (19th) 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Christmas Island—

Annual Report 1982-83.

Annual Report 1983-84.

Egg Export Legislation Repeal Act—Australian Egg Board—Annual Report (38th and final) to 31 December 1984.

Statement by the Minister for Primary Industry.

Life Insurance Act—Life Insurance Commissioner—

Annual Report (39th) 1984.

Half Yearly Financial and Statistical Bulletin, June 1984.

Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Electric Motors and Generating Sets, dated 16 April 1985 (No. 363).

Fertilisers—Assistance for the Consumption of Fertilisers and Short Term Assistance for the Production of Phosphatic Fertilisers (Interim), dated 15 March 1985 (No. 360).

Organic Anionic Surface-Active Agents and Preparations thereof (Developing Country Preferences), dated 24 April 1985 (No. 364).

Political Exchange Program—Australian Political Exchange Committee—Annual Report 1983-84.

6 QUESTIONS: Questions without Notice being proceeded with—

Distinguished Visitors: The President drew attention to the presence in the gallery of a delegation of certain members of the Pacific Island branches of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and, on behalf of honourable Senators, extended a warm welcome to the members of the delegation.

Further Questions without Notice were answered.

Paper: The Minister for Education (Senator Ryan) tabled the following Paper from which she had quoted:

Repatriation—Veterans' entitlements—Background paper.

Further Questions without Notice were answered.

- 7 **REPATRIATION—VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS—PAPER:** Senator Macklin, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the Paper tabled by the Minister for Education (Senator Ryan) during Question Time this day, relating to veterans' entitlements (*see Entry No. 6 above*).

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 **STATEMENTS BY SENATORS:** The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney) and the Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes), by leave, made statements relating to a matter raised during Question Time on 14 May 1985.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, consideration of Government Papers was called on.

- 9 **GOVERNMENT PAPERS—CONSIDERATION:** The following Government Papers, tabled earlier this day (*see Entry No. 5 above*), were considered pursuant to Sessional Order:

Australian Capital Territory Corporate Affairs Commission—Annual Report 1983-84—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Lewis and agreed to.

Life Insurance Commissioner—Annual Report 1983-84 and Half Yearly Financial and Statistical Bulletin—Motion to take note of Papers moved by Senator Peter Rae.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Christmas Island—Annual Reports 1982-83 and 1983-84—Motion to take note of Papers moved by Senator Lewis, debated and agreed to.

Canberra Theatre Trust—Annual Report 1983-84—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Peter Rae and agreed to.

Australian Political Exchange Committee—Annual Report 1983-84—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Sibraa, debated and agreed to.

Central Land Council—Annual Report 1983-84—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Cooney and agreed to.

Australia-Japan Foundation—Annual Report 1983-84—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Harradine.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Industries Assistance Commission—Interim Report on Fertilisers—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Collard.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till Thursday at General Business.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, consideration of Government Papers was interrupted.

- 10 **PUBLIC WORKS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—2ND REPORT OF 1985:** The Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (Senator Foreman) tabled the following Report:

Augmentation of Taxiway System, Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport (2nd Report of 1985).

Ordered to be printed.

- 11 **PAPERS:** The following Papers were tabled:

Defence Act—Determinations 1985—

No. 28—Overseas Living Out Allowance and others.

No. 29—Intermediate Term Duty Living Allowance and others.

No. 32—Sea-going Allowance.

No. 33—Unpredictable Explosives Allowance.

National Health Act—Principles formulated under sub-section 40AA (7), dated 13 May 1985.

- 12 VOLATILE SUBSTANCE FUMES—SELECT COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT:** The Chairman of the Select Committee on Volatile Substance Fumes (Senator Robertson), pursuant to Notice of Motion not objected to as a Formal Motion, moved—That the time for presentation of the Report of the Select Committee on Volatile Substance Fumes be extended to 8 October 1985.

Question—put and passed.

- 13 MINISTERS OF STATE AMENDMENT BILL 1985—***Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 93

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Ministers of State Act 1952'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

JOAN CHILD,

Canberra, 16 May 1985

Acting Speaker

Ordered—That the Bill may be taken through all its stages without delay.

On the motion of the Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes) the Bill was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Senator Kilgarriff the debate was adjourned.

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

- 14 AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING COMMISSION (ADDITIONAL CAPITAL) BILL 1985—***Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 94

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to authorise the payment of additional capital to the Australian Shipping Commission*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

JOAN CHILD,

Canberra, 17 May 1985 a.m.

Acting Speaker

Ordered—That the Bill may be taken through all its stages without delay.

On the motion of the Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes) the Bill was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Senator Kilgarriff the debate was adjourned.

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

- 15 DAIRY PRODUCE MARKET SUPPORT LEVY BILL 1985**

DAIRY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985

DAIRY PRODUCE MARKET SUPPORT BILL 1985

DAIRY INDUSTRY STABILIZATION LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1985—

Messages from the House of Representatives: The following Messages from the House of Representatives were reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 74

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to impose a levy on the milk fat content of certain dairy produce produced*"

in Australia and sold, or otherwise disposed of, by the producer", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 14 May 1985

MR PRESIDENT,

JOAN CHILD,
Acting Speaker
Message No. 75

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

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 15 May 1985 a.m.

MR PRESIDENT,

JOAN CHILD,
Acting Speaker
Message No. 95

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make provision for the collection of levy imposed by the 'Dairy Produce Market Support Levy Act 1985' and the 'Dairy Products Levy Act 1977', to establish trust funds for use in support of the marketing of dairy produce, and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 20 May 1985

MR PRESIDENT,

H. A. JENKINS,
Speaker
Message No. 96

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Dairy Industry Stabilization Levy Act 1977', and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 20 May 1985

H. A. JENKINS,
Speaker

Suspension of Standing Orders to deal with Bills together: The Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes) 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 all or several of the Bills being put in one motion at each stage, and the consideration of all or several of such Bills together in Committee of the Whole, and as would prevent the reading of the short titles only on every order for the reading of the Bills.

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the Bills may be taken through all their stages without delay.

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

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

On the motion of Senator Kilgariff the debate was adjourned.

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

16 SALES TAX LAWS AMENDMENT BILL 1985

SALES TAX (NO. 5) AMENDMENT BILL 1985

SALES TAX ASSESSMENT BILL (NO. 10) 1985

SALES TAX BILL (NO. 10A) 1985

SALES TAX BILL (NO. 10B) 1985

SALES TAX BILL (NO. 10C) 1985—

Messages from the House of Representatives: The following Messages from the House of Representatives were reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 77

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend various laws in relation to sales tax, and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 15 May 1985

JOAN CHILD,
Acting Speaker

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 81

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Sales Tax Act (No. 5) 1930' and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 15 May 1985

JOAN CHILD,
Acting Speaker
Message No. 97

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the imposition, assessment and collection of a tax upon the sale value of certain goods in Australia, and for other purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 20 May 1985

H. A. JENKINS,
Speaker
Message No. 78

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to impose a tax, being a duty of excise, on the sale value of certain goods*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 15 May 1985

JOAN CHILD,
Acting Speaker
Message No. 79

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to impose a tax, being a duty of customs, on the sale value of certain goods*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 15 May 1985

JOAN CHILD,
Acting Speaker
Message No. 80

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to impose a tax, being neither a duty of excise nor a duty of customs, on the sale value of certain goods*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 15 May 1985

JOAN CHILD,
Acting Speaker

Suspension of Standing Orders to deal with Bills together: The Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes) 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 all or several of the Bills being put in one motion at each stage, and the consideration of all or several of such Bills together in Committee of the Whole, and as would prevent the reading of the short titles only on every order for the reading of the Bills.

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the Bills may be taken through all their stages without delay.

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

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

On the motion of Senator Kilgariff the debate was adjourned.

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

**17 STATES GRANTS (SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985
STATES GRANTS (TERTIARY EDUCATION ASSISTANCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1985
STATES GRANTS (EDUCATION ASSISTANCE—PARTICIPATION AND EQUITY)
AMENDMENT BILL 1985—**

Messages from the House of Representatives: The following Messages from the House of Representatives were reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 90

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'States Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1984' and the 'States*

Grants (Schools Assistance) Act 1983', and for related purposes", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 16 May 1985

JOAN CHILD,
Acting Speaker
Message No. 91

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act 1984'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 16 May 1985

JOAN CHILD,
Acting Speaker
Message No. 92

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'States Grants (Education Assistance—Participation and Equity) Act 1983'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 16 May 1985

JOAN CHILD,
Acting Speaker

Suspension of Standing Orders to deal with Bills together: The Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes) 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 all or several of the Bills being put in one motion at each stage, and the consideration of all or several of such Bills together in Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the Bills may be taken through all their stages without delay.

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

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

On the motion of Senator Kilgariff the debate was adjourned.

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

18 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) AMENDMENT BILL 1985

PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (ROYALTY) AMENDMENT BILL 1985

PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (REGISTRATION FEES) AMENDMENT BILL 1985

PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (RETENTION LEASE FEES) BILL 1985—

Messages from the House of Representatives: The following Messages from the House of Representatives were reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 99

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967', and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 20 May 1985

H. A. JENKINS,
Speaker

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 86

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Royalty) Act 1967'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 15 May 1985

JOAN CHILD,
Acting Speaker
Message No. 87

MR PRESIDENT,

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Registration Fees) Act 1967', and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 15 May 1985

JOAN CHILD,
Acting Speaker

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 88

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of fees in respect of retention leases under the 'Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 15 May 1985

JOAN CHILD,
Acting Speaker

Suspension of Standing Orders to deal with Bills together: The Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes) 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 all or several of the Bills being put in one motion at each stage, and the consideration of all or several of such Bills together in Committee of the Whole, and as would prevent the reading of the short titles only on every order for the reading of the Bills.

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the Bills may be taken through all their stages without delay.

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

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

On the motion of Senator Kilgariff the debate was adjourned.

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

- 19 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** The Manager of Government Business (Senator Grimes), by leave, moved—That Senator Coleman be granted leave of absence for 4 months, on account of ill-health.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 20 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1984-85:** Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes)—That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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

Cognate debate: The following Bill was, by leave, considered together with the above-mentioned Bill during the second reading debate: Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 1984-85.

Debate ensued.

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

Senator Grimes moved—

- (1) That clauses 1 to 7 be postponed till after consideration of the Schedule.

- (2) That, unless otherwise ordered, the Votes in the Schedule be considered in the same groupings and order as the departmental estimates referred to Estimates Committees A, B, C, D, E and F, respectively, as follows:

<i>Division Nos</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Amount</i>
		\$
<i>Group A</i>		
400, 404, 540	Industry, Technology and Commerce	3 665 000
500, 506, 508, 512, 513, 515, 516	Prime Minister and Cabinet	1 052 000
640, 642, 644	Trade	1 851 000
540, 543, 544, 548	Science	1 146 000
<i>Group B</i>		
560	Community Services	1 974 000
360, 365	Immigration and Ethnic Affairs	1 050 000
560	Social Security	12 169 000
325, 329	Health	3 438 000
<i>Group C</i>		
304	Finance	232 000
287, 288, 290	Employment and Industrial Relations	11 974 000
670-672, 676	Treasury	1 756 000
490, 497	Primary Industry	2 282 000
220, 222, 224	Communications	12 201 000
<i>Group D</i>		
270-272, 278, 279, 282-284, 360	Education	6 954 000
352-354	Housing and Construction	3 475 000
130, 333, 590, 592	Sport, Recreation and Tourism	11 820 000
330, 336	Arts, Heritage and Environment	1 187 000
120, 125	Aboriginal Affairs	4 282 000
<i>Group E</i>		
520, 521, 523	Resources and Energy	1 171 000
165, 175, 179, 181, 187	Attorney-General's	7 432 000
575, 577, 579, 580, 582	Special Minister of State	11 507 000
315, 316, 318, 319	Foreign Affairs	22 921 000
230, 232-234, 239, 255-257	Defence	248 811 000
<i>Group F</i>		
334, 690-692	Veterans' Affairs	24 664 000
664, 666, 667	Transport	2 427 000
193	Aviation	845 000
620, 622, 624, 626, 628	Territories	5 688 000
130, 132	Local Government and Administrative Services	17 185 000
	Rent (<i>Defence</i>)	859 000

- (3) That leave be given to Senators to move motions expressing opinions or making recommendations based on the Reports of the Estimates Committees; that such motions be moved when the appropriate Vote is under consideration; that where more than one motion is proposed in relation to a particular Vote, the motions may be debated together, but in all cases a motion or motions shall be disposed of before the Question is put on the Vote before the Chair, and that any Resolutions

be reported when the Chairman makes his report to the President at the conclusion of proceedings in Committee of the Whole.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Schedule read—

Group A—

The following Votes were, by leave, taken together and passed without requests:

Divisions—

		\$
400, 404, 540	Industry, Technology and Commerce	3 665 000
500, 506, 508,	Prime Minister and Cabinet	1 052 000
512, 513, 515,		
516		
640, 642, 644	Trade	1 851 000
540, 543, 544,	Science	1 146 000
548		

Group B—

The following Votes were, by leave, taken together and passed without requests:

Divisions—

		\$
560	Community Services	1 974 000
360, 365	Immigration and Ethnic Affairs	1 050 000
560	Social Security	12 169 000
325, 329	Health	3 438 000

Group C—

The following Votes were, by leave, taken together and debated:

Divisions—

		\$
304	Finance	232 000
287, 288, 290	Employment and Industrial Relations	11 974 000
670-672, 676	Treasury	1 756 000
490, 497	Primary Industry	2 282 000
220, 222, 224	Communications	12 201 000

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

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

Ordered—That the Committee have leave to sit again on the next day of sitting.

- 21 **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 1985**—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 98

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1983' to confer additional functions on the Director, and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

H. A. JENKINS,

Canberra, 20 May 1985

Speaker

Ordered—That the Bill may be taken through all its stages without delay.

On the motion of the Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes) the Bill was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Senator Kilgariff the debate was adjourned.

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

22 AUSTRALIAN LAND TRANSPORT (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1985—Message from the House of Representatives: The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 101

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to establish a trust fund for the purposes of the grant of financial assistance for expenditure in relation to land transport, and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 20 May 1985

H. A. JENKINS,
Speaker

Ordered—That the Bill may be taken through all its stages without delay.

On the motion of the Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes) the Bill was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Senator Kilgarriff the debate was adjourned.

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

23 NOTICE: The Manager of Government Business (Senator Grimes), by leave, gave a Notice of Motion, as follows: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate, recognizing the desirability of a thorough review of the Australian Constitution in the light of experience since its establishment and of modern day requirements, agrees that the Commonwealth Parliament continue its participation in the Australian Constitutional Convention established to review the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution and accordingly resolves:

(1) That, for the purposes of the Convention—

- (a) a Delegation from the Commonwealth Parliament take part in the deliberations of the Convention, and comprise 12 members of the Parliament of whom 4 shall be members of the Senate and 8 shall be Members of the House of Representatives;
- (b) the 4 members of the Senate comprise 2 members of the Australian Labor Party, one member of the Opposition and one member of the Australian Democrats.

(2) That—

- (a) 2 Senators being members of the Australian Labor Party, nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
 - (b) one Senator being a member of the Opposition, nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate; and
 - (c) one Senator being a member of the Australian Democrats, nominated by the Leader of that Party in the Senate,
- be members of the Delegation.

(3) That the Prime Minister or his nominee be the Leader of the Delegation, and the Leader of the Opposition or his nominee be the Deputy Leader.

(4) That a member of the Delegation cease to be such a member if—

- (a) he ceases to be a member of the Commonwealth Parliament;
- (b) the House of Parliament of which he is a member terminates his appointment; or
- (c) he resigns as a member of the Delegation by writing addressed to the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as the case requires.

(5) That where, because of illness or any other cause, a member of the Delegation is not available to attend a meeting, or part of a meeting, of the Convention, the Leader or senior available member of that member's Party may nominate an alternative member and the member so nominated shall be a member of the Delegation for that meeting, or that part of that meeting.

- (6) That, in the event of a member of the Delegation ceasing to be such a member, the Leader of that member's Party in the House from which that member was drawn may nominate another member (being a member of the House of which the first-mentioned member is or was a member) to replace the first-mentioned member.
- (7) That the Leader of the Delegation from time to time make a report for presentation to each House of the Parliament on matters arising out of the Convention, and that the Deputy Leader of the Delegation may make an accompanying report.
- (8) That a Message be sent to the House of Representatives acquainting it of the Resolution agreed to by the Senate.

Senator Peter Rae, by leave, made a statement relating thereto.

And it being 10.30 p.m.—

Adjournment Negatived: The President, under Sessional Order, put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn—
Which Question was negatived.

Senator Grimes, by leave, made a statement relating to the Notice of Motion.

24 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 10.34 p.m. till tomorrow at 2 p.m.

25 **ATTENDANCE:** Present, all Senators except Senators Coleman (on leave), Georges, Gietzelt and Knowles.

A. R. CUMMING THOM,
Clerk of the Senate