

## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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TUESDAY, 28 MAY 1985

1 **MEETING OF SENATE:** The Senate met at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The President (Senator the Honourable Douglas McClelland) took the Chair.

2 **PRAYERS.**

3 **PETITIONS:** The following 22 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the Senators indicated, were received:

Senators Archer, Button, Chipp, Coates, Cooney, Dame Margaret Guilfoyle, Hamer, Lajovic, Mason, Missen, Primmer, Robert Ray, Scott, Townley and Watson, from 92, 904, 857, 147, 956, 956, 935, 474, 167, 836, 995, 961, 127, 112 and 187 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 Missen, from 6 corporations praying that the Senate request the Government to initiate policies to encourage the growth of a research-based pharmaceutical manufacturing industry in Australia.

Senator Robert Ray, from 16 petitioners praying that the Costigan Royal Commission be reactivated and provided with sufficient resources to conclude its investigations into organised crime in Australia.

Senator Georges, from 231 petitioners praying that the Senate request the Government to reaffirm a commitment to provide students from developing countries with access to Australia's education and training resources and to formulate a consistent and considerate overseas students policy.

Senator Reid, from 138 petitioners praying that the Senate reject the Australian Capital Territory Smoking and Tobacco Products Advertisements Prohibition Bill 1983 [1985].

Senator Reid, from 73 petitioners praying that the Senate reject the recommendation of the Vinson inquiry that an abortion clinic be established in Canberra.

Senators Cooney and Zakharov, 2 petitions similar in wording, from 11 and 38 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Senate request the Government not to increase indirect taxation.

4 **NOTICES:**

*Notice of Motion withdrawn:* The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Coates), in accordance with notice of intention given on 27 May 1985, withdrew Business of the Senate, Notice of Motion No. 1 standing in his name, for the disallowance of certain words in the *Australian Capital Territory Crimes (Amendment) Ordinance 1985*.

*Notice of Motion:* Senator Lewis gave a Notice of Motion, as follows: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate notes the Government's commitment to impose self-government on the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) in 1986 without referendum and condemns the Government for allowing a number of Ministers to

“lock-in” a future self-government to their particular philosophies, by restructuring of authorities and making long-term appointments, and in particular condemns—

- (a) the Minister for Health in relation to the Capital Territory Health Commission;
- (b) the Minister for Education in relation to the ACT Schools Authority;
- (c) the Minister for Territories in relation to the National Capital Development Commission; and
- (d) the Government for its failure to consolidate all administrative functions under one Minister as a first step towards self-government.

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

Australian Ionising Radiation Advisory Council—Annual Report 1983-84.

Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act—Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Annual Report 1983-84.

Commonwealth Schools Commission Act—Commonwealth Schools Commission—Annual Report 1984.

Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission Act—Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission—Report for 1985-87 Triennium—Supplementary Report for 1986 and 1987, dated 20 March 1985.

Education and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report on a National Language Policy—Interim Government Response—Statement by the Minister for Education.

Radioactive Waste Management: 1983-84 Review—Report by the Australian Ionising Radiation Advisory Council, dated 26 October 1984.

**6 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE D—2ND REPORT:** Pursuant to Order, the Chairman of Estimates Committee D (Senator Reynolds) tabled the Report from Estimates Committee D on the processes involved in the appearance of witnesses before, and presentation of information to, Estimates Committee D by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and the National Aboriginal Conference during its consideration of the Proposed Additional Expenditure for 1984-85, together with the *Hansard* record of the Committee's proceedings.

Ordered—That the Report be printed.

*Additional Information:* Senator Reynolds, by leave, tabled additional information received by the Committee.

Ordered—That the additional information be incorporated in the Estimates Committees' *Hansard*.

**7 SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

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*In the Committee*

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clauses 5 and 6, by leave, taken together, debated and agreed to, Senator Harradine having, by leave, recorded his vote against the clauses.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The Acting Deputy-President (Senator Jones) resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Hamer) reported accordingly.

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

**8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PERSONAL INCOME TAX SHARING) AMENDMENT BILL 1985:**

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 second time.

Debate resumed.

Senator Jessop moved an amendment, viz: At end of motion, add “, but the Senate is of the opinion that this legislation represents a further breach of the Government’s election commitments”.

Debate continued.

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

Main Question, as amended—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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*In the Committee*

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The Deputy-President (Senator Hamer) resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Scott) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Education (Senator Ryan) the Report from the Committee was adopted.

Senator Ryan moved—That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 58

Senators—

Archer

Aulich

Baume

Bjelke-Petersen

Black

Bolkus

Brownhill

Childs

Coates

Collard

Colston

Cooney

Crichton-Browne

Crowley

Devlin

Durack

Elstob

Evans, Gareth

Foreman

Georges

Giles

Guilfoyle,

Dame Margaret

Hamer

Hearn

Hill

Jessop

Jones

Kilgariff

Knowles

Lajovic

Lewis

McClelland

McIntosh

McKiernan

Maguire

Messner

Missen

Parer

Primmer

Rae, Peter

Ray, Robert

Reid

Reynolds

Richardson

Robertson (Teller)

Ryan

Scott

Sheil

Short

Sibraa

Tate

Teague

Townley

Vanstone

Walsh

Walters

Watson

Zakharov

NOES, 5

Senators—

Evans, Jack

Haines

Macklin (Teller)

Mason

Vigor

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

**9 DEFENCE (RE-ESTABLISHMENT) AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** 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 second time.

Senator Durack moved an amendment, viz: At end of motion, add “, but the Senate condemns the further erosion in terms of service for servicemen and women that the Bill represents, and calls on the Government to act urgently to restore equity in those conditions of service and adequately reward servicemen and women for the service they render to Australia”.

Debate ensued.

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

The Senate divided—

AYES, 35

Senators—

Archer	Evans, Jack	Knowles	Reid (Teller)
Baume	Guilfoyle,	Lajovic	Sheil
Bjelke-Petersen	Dame Margaret	Lewis	Short
Boswell	Haines	Macklin	Teague
Brownhill	Hamer	Mason	Townley
Chaney	Harradine	Messner	Vanstone
Collard	Hill	Missen	Vigor
Crichton-Browne	Jessop	Parer	Walters
Durack	Kilgariff	Rae, Peter	Watson

NOES, 28

Senators—

Aulich	Crowley	Hearn	Ray, Robert
Black	Devlin	Jones	Reynolds
Bolkus	Elstob	McClelland	Richardson
Childs	Evans, Gareth	McIntosh	Robertson (Teller)
Coates	Foreman	McKiernan	Tate
Colston	Georges	Maguire	Walsh
Cooney	Giles	Primmer	Zakharov

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question, as amended—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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*In the Committee*

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

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

- 10 **ORDER OF BUSINESS—RE-ARRANGEMENT:** The Minister for Finance (Senator Walsh) moved—That, after consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day No. 4 (Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (No. 1) 1985), Government Business, Orders of the Day for the remainder of this day be considered in the following order—
- (a) No. 6 (Ministers of State Amendment Bill 1985);
  - (b) No. 29 (Representation Amendment Bill 1985);
  - (c) No. 10 (Australian Shipping Commission (Additional Capital) Bill 1985);
  - (d) No. 11 (Australian Land Transport (Financial Assistance) Bill 1985); and
  - (e) No. 23 (States Grants (Schools Assistance) Legislation Amendment Bill 1985, States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill 1985 and States Grants (Education Assistance—Participation and Equity) Amendment Bill 1985).

Question—put and passed.

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*And it being 2 p.m.—*

- 11 **QUESTIONS:** Questions without Notice being proceeded with—

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

Chinese Entombed Warriors Exhibition—Background paper relating to compensation for damage.

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Further Questions without Notice were answered.

- 12 **PERSONAL EXPLANATION:** Senator Harradine, by leave, made a personal explanation relating to media reports this day concerning debate on the Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 1985, and was granted leave to record his vote against clauses 5 and 6 of that Bill (*see Entry No. 7 above*).

- 13 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE:** The President informed the Senate that Senator Messner had proposed that a matter of public importance be submitted to the Senate for discussion, viz: "The failure of the Government to make other than cosmetic changes to its harsh and inequitable pensions assets test".

And at least 4 Senators having risen in support of the proposed discussion—

The President called upon Senator Messner to speak.

Discussion ensued.

And the discussion having reached the limit of 2 hours allowed by Standing Order 64, the business of the day was called on.

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

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

Australian Ionising Radiation Advisory Council—Report on Radioactive Waste Management: 1983-84 Review, and Annual Report 1983-84—Motion to take note of Papers moved by Senator Jessop, debated and agreed to.

Commonwealth Schools Commission—Annual Report 1984—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Teague and debated.

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

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

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- 15 **COMMONWEALTH TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION—1985-87 TRIENNium—SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT—PAPER:** Senator Teague, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the following Paper:

Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission—1985-87 Triennium—Supplementary Report for 1986 and 1987.

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

- 16 **EDUCATION AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON A NATIONAL LANGUAGE POLICY—INTERIM GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—PAPER:** Senator Teague, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the following Paper:

Education and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report on a National Language Policy—Interim Government Response—Ministerial Statement.

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

- 17 **AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION—ANNUAL REPORT 1983-84—PAPER:** Senator Durack, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the following Paper:

Australian Security Intelligence Organization—Annual Report 1983-84.

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

- 18 **CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION TO CONSCRIPTED MILITARY SERVICE:** The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs (Senator Tate) tabled the following Report:

Conscientious Objection to Conscripted Military Service, dated May 1985, together with transcript of evidence (6 vols).

Ordered—That the Report be printed.

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

Question—put and passed.

- 19 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—232ND REPORT:** Senator Dame Margaret Guilfoyle, on behalf of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, tabled the following Report:

232nd Report—Report of the Auditor-General—May 1983.

Ordered to be printed.

Senator Dame Margaret Guilfoyle, by leave, made a statement relating to the Report.

- 20 **ESTIMATES COMMITTEE C—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The Chairman of Estimates Committee C (Senator Primmer) tabled additional information received by Estimates Committee C.

Ordered—That the additional information be incorporated in the Estimates Committees' *Hansard*.

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

Lands Acquisition Act—Statements (3) by the Minister describing land acquired by agreement under sub-section 7 (1) of the Act, for specified public purposes.

- 22 **GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S PROCLAMATION—COMMENCEMENT OF ACT:** A Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General was tabled, notifying that His Excellency had proclaimed the following section of an Act to come into operation on the date specified:

*Judiciary Act 1903*—Section 88—31 May 1985 (*Gazette* No. S 177, 27 May 1985).

- 23 **POSTPONEMENT:** The Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Gareth Evans) moved—That Government Business, Order of the Day No. 4 (Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (No. 1) 1985), be postponed till the next day of sitting. Question—put and passed.

- 24 **MINISTERS OF STATE AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** 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 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.

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*In the Committee*

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The Deputy-President (Senator Hamer) resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Jones) reported accordingly.

On the motion of Senator Grimes the report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

- 25 **REPRESENTATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce (Senator Button)—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of Senator Button the debate was adjourned.

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

- 26 **AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING COMMISSION (ADDITIONAL CAPITAL) BILL 1985:** 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 second time.

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 33

Senators—

Aulich  
Black  
Bolkus  
Button  
Childs  
Chipp  
Coates  
Colston  
Cooney

Crowley  
Devlin  
Elstob  
Evans, Jack  
Foreman  
Georges  
Giles  
Hearn  
Jones

McClelland  
McIntosh  
McKiernan  
Macklin  
Maguire  
Mason  
Primmer  
Ray, Robert  
Reynolds

Robertson (Teller)  
Ryan  
Sibraa  
Tate  
Vigor  
Zakharov

NOES, 29

Senators—

Archer  
Baume  
Bjelke-Petersen  
Boswell  
Brownhill  
Collard  
Crichton-Browne  
Guilfoyle,  
Dame Margaret

Hamer  
Hill  
Jessop  
Kilgariff (Teller)  
Knowles  
Lajovic  
Lewis  
MacGibbon

Messner  
Missen  
Parer  
Rae, Peter  
Scott  
Sheil  
Short  
Teague

Townley  
Vanstone  
Walters  
Watson  
Withers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 Hamer) reported accordingly.

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

- 27 **REPRESENTATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985:** Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce (Senator Button)—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.

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*In the Committee*

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

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

- 28 **AUSTRALIAN LAND TRANSPORT (FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1985:** 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 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.

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*In the Committee*

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

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

29 **BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION AMENDMENT BILL 1985**

**BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1985**

**BROADCASTING STATIONS LICENCE FEES AMENDMENT BILL 1985**

**TELEVISION STATIONS LICENCE FEES AMENDMENT BILL 1985—**

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

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 140

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Broadcasting and Television Act 1942' and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 28 May 1985

H. A. JENKINS,  
Speaker

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 141

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make certain amendments in consequence of the enactment of the 'Broadcasting and Television Amendment Act 1985'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 28 May 1985

H. A. JENKINS,  
Speaker

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 131



The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Broadcasting Stations Licence Fees Act 1964'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 23 May 1985  
MR PRESIDENT,

H. A. JENKINS,  
Speaker

Message No. 132

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Television Stations Licence Fees Act 1964'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 23 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.

**30 HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985—***Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 142

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

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 28 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 Kilgariff the debate was adjourned.

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

**31 COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985—***Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 143

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

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 28 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 Kilgariff the debate was adjourned.

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

- 32 **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:**

Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes)—That these Bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

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

- 33 **NOTICE:** The Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Gareth Evans), by leave, gave a Notice of Motion, as follows: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate resolves that counsel be briefed to seek leave to appear on behalf of the President of the Senate at the commencement of the forthcoming trials of His Honour Mr Justice Murphy and His Honour Judge Foord to make submissions as to the law of parliamentary privilege as it may become applicable to those proceedings, such counsel to seek leave to withdraw thereafter and to take no further part in the trial proceedings.

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*And it being 10.30 p.m.—*

- 34 **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 10.44 p.m. till tomorrow at 10 a.m.

- 35 **ATTENDANCE:** Present, all Senators except Senators Sir John Carrick, Coleman (on leave), Cook, Gietzelt and Puplick.

**A. R. CUMMING THOM,**  
Clerk of the Senate