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WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 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 67 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the Senators indicated, were received:

Senator Zakharov, from 22 petitioners praying that legislation for any plant variety rights system which gives exclusive ownership rights over seeds to individuals, organisations or enterprises be not passed.

Senator Boswell, from 22 petitioners praying that the existing Australian National Flag be not changed.

Senators Archer, Boswell, Elstob, Foreman, Haines, Hill, Reid, Robertson, Sibraa, Sanders, Tate, Walters and Watson, from 314, 15, 101, 96, 133, 30, 45, 845, 576, 276, 255, 218 and 273 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.

Senators Chipp, Evans, Hamer, Missen and Zakharov, from 456, 451, 611, 453 and 426 petitioners, respectively, praying that the freeze imposed on nursing home benefits be lifted.

Senator Robertson, from 286 petitioners praying that the Senate not legalise the possession, sale, hire or supply of any pornographic material.

Senator Robertson, from 675 petitioners praying that the Australian flag be not changed without the consent of the people in a referendum.

Senators Robertson and Ryan, from 248 and 10 petitioners, respectively, praying that staffing cuts in Australian Capital Territory government schools and TAFE colleges be not implemented.

Senator Robertson, from 101 petitioners praying that laboratory experimentation upon Australian protected wildlife be prohibited.

Senator Sibraa, from 53 petitioners praying that the Senate request the Government to delay the implementation of cuts to veterans' entitlements until the 1985 Budget session.

Senators Reid and Robertson, from 10 and 48 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Senate support full military co-operation between Australia and the United States for the defence security of the Australian Commonwealth.

Senator Robertson, from 24 petitioners praying that the Senate request the Government to remain consistent in its obligations to uphold the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and take action to prevent the operation of legalised brothels in Victoria.

Senator Missen, from 111 petitioners praying that the Senate request the Government to redirect foreign aid away from the Ethiopian Government towards the peoples of Tigre and Eritrea.

Senator McKiernan, from 22 petitioners praying that the Senate support the New Zealand Government in its stand for a nuclear-free South Pacific.

- Senator Reid, from 48 petitioners praying that the Senate reject the recommendation of the Vinson inquiry that an abortion clinic be established in Canberra.
- Senators Chipp and Zakharov, each from 90 petitioners praying that the Senate legislate to close the joint Australian-United States electronic communications facilities at the Watsonia Army Barracks, Victoria.
- Senator Brownhill, from 38 petitioners praying that measures be taken to develop a fair and equitable taxation system.
- Senator Brownhill, from 96 petitioners praying that the Senate protect the rights of private enterprise and reject the introduction of any inequitable additional taxes such as capital gains taxes.
- Senator Brownhill, from 22 petitioners praying that the Senate act to protect society from moral pollution and its harmful effects.
- Senators Boswell and Sanders, from 817 and 142 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Senate oppose any sections of the proposed Veterans' Entitlements Bill which would have the effect of reducing veterans' benefits, including that which seeks to change the onus of proof.
- Senator Boswell, from 5 petitioners praying that the Senate ensure that the concessional rate of duty on old cars and car parts be maintained.
- Senators Boswell, Collard and Reynolds, from 2300, 667 and 1917 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Senate take action to provide financial assistance to cane growers of certain Queensland shires and to take steps to ensure that exports by the Australian sugar industry are able to remain competitive on world markets.
- Senators Chaney and Robertson, from 12 539 and 30 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Senate take steps to ensure continuance of favourable import concessions for parts for vehicles which are more than 30 years old.
- Senators Robertson and Short, from 24 and 19 313 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Senate not support the passage of the Human Embryo Experimentation Bill 1985.
- Senators Bolkus, Elstob, Foreman, Haines, Robertson, Sibraa and Vanstone, from 75, 164, 99, 201, 743, 164 and 137 petitioners, respectively, praying that the proposed cut-back of funding for pre-school and child care services be reversed.
- Senator Boswell, from 96 petitioners praying that the Senate reject any attack on veterans' entitlements.
- Senator Robertson, from 485 petitioners praying that the Senate reverse the decision not to provide child care facilities at the National Library of Australia.
- Senators Chaney and Durack, from 165 and 12 petitioners, respectively, praying that the assets test be repealed.
- Senators Bolkus, Elstob, Foreman, Haines, Hill, Maguire, Teague, Vanstone and Vigor, from 222, 260, 262, 312, 316, 266, 247, 264 and 115 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Senate request the Government to restore the review of the nursing home benefit rates in November 1985, provide nursing home care concessions for pensioner patients and to resolve its concerns over health care costs with the South Australian Government.

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

Senator Messner:

- No. 1—To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate expresses concern that 3 months after the announcement of cuts in the child care budget, the Hawke Government is causing prolonged concern and anxiety to families using child care services in Australia and calls upon it to announce immediately the exact details of the cuts and their impact upon individual child care centres and child care users.
- No. 2—To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate expresses its concern at the failure of the Hawke Labor Government to announce a detailed plan of action to deal with the recommendations of the Handicapped Programs Review.
- Senator Haines, at the request of the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Chipp): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate condemns the

Government for allowing Qantas to award its order for the design of a new Qantas uniform, not only to a foreign company, but a French company, while France is at present defying the expressed wishes of the Australian Government by continuing to test nuclear bombs in the Pacific.

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

- (a) calls upon the Government to seriously and openly, with public consultation, address the questions raised by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference to be held in Geneva beginning at the end of August, with a view to:
  - (i) submitting to the Review Conference a practical multilateral disarmament program,
  - (ii) supporting all moves to impose a timetable for superpower disarmament, and
  - (iii) to either propose or support other nations' proposals that the Review Conference resolve to urge immediate conclusion by the superpowers of a comprehensive test ban treaty; and
- (b) calls upon the Government to:
  - (i) recognise the concern and interest of the Australian community in the NPT Review Conference by publicising the positions taken by the Government at the Review,
  - (ii) sponsor a non-Government organisation representative to attend the conference, and
  - (iii) finance meetings of non-Government organisations involved in peace and disarmament, to brief them on the Review and discuss the future of the NPT.

Senator Reid: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate notes with concern the neglect by the Hawke Government of the Australian Capital Territory's frail aged, and the inadequate recognition in the Budget for the need for nursing home beds in the Australian Capital Territory.

Senator Siddons: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate condemns the Government—

- (a) for not acting on the 1984 Green Paper which recommended that the Trade Practices Act be altered so that the Trade Practices Commission could reject any mergers which substantially lessen competition;
- (b) for permitting the Coles/Myer merger to threaten the livelihood of small business, which will find it difficult to compete with the new retailing giant; and
- (c) for not acting to prevent a merger which will increase the prices paid by consumers of all retail goods imported by or manufactured exclusively for the Coles/Myer group,

and urges the Government to quickly implement the recommendations of the 1984 Green Paper so as to protect Australian small business and consumers against future mergers.

Senator Macklin: To move on the next day of sitting—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to declare the powers, privileges and immunities of each House of the Parliament, its members and committees.

Senator Messner: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate notes with concern—

- (a) that the discredited Tax Summit failed to address the issue of integration of the tax and social security systems;
- (b) that the same matter was ignored in the Budget;
- (c) that the lack of integration forces many social security recipients to suffer the highest effective personal tax rates in Australia; and
- (d) that this situation penalises moves towards independence by social security recipients and promotes prolonged dependence upon Commonwealth income support,

and condemns the Hawke Labor Government for its lack of action in this area.

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

- (a) recognising that this country is already one of the most indebted in the world, with liabilities per head far in excess of Argentina, Mexico, Chile, Poland or Brazil;
  - (b) conscious of the fact that this financial year we will be spending more on public debt interest than we do on education, health or defence, and almost 5 times as much as we do on housing;
  - (c) being aware of the manner in which our public debt interest has grown from \$887m or 4.9 per cent of budget outlays in 1974-75 to a staggering \$6724m or almost 10 per cent of budget outlays in 1985-86; and
  - (d) taking into account the fact that if our major exports collapse the Australian economy will be liable to a most serious economic collapse,
- calls on the Hawke Socialist Government to recognise the extreme danger of the situation into which it is leading Australia and to take immediate action to reduce Government borrowings.

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

- (a) notes that the Australian Labor Party has promised in previous election campaigns not to sell the Belconnen Mall, and to provide adequate community facilities in North Canberra for all age groups;
- (b) notes that the sale of Belconnen Mall would break a fundamental election promise of the Government;
- (c) notes that the Belconnen Mall currently provides subsidised child care facilities for parents in North Canberra;
- (d) calls on the Government to reconsider its proposal to sell the Belconnen Mall;
- (e) calls on the Government to allocate the \$7m to \$10m held in reserves by the Canberra Commercial Development Authority to community development activities and facilities in North Canberra; and
- (f) requests that if the Belconnen Mall is sold that child care facilities continue to be provided in the Mall, with a continuation of the current level of subsidisation indefinitely, and that this be included as a clause in any Belconnen Mall lease.

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

- (a) notes that the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty signed in Rarotonga at the 1985 South Pacific Forum is the first step in making the South Pacific a truly nuclear-free zone; and
- (b) calls upon the Government:
  - (i) to take the initiative in moving at the next South Pacific Forum that additional items be added to the nuclear prohibitions under the Treaty, and
  - (ii) to take immediate steps to bring Australia's internal policies in relation to nuclear matters into line with both the letter and the spirit of the Treaty.

Senator Macklin: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate considers that—

- (a) the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme, by focusing narrowly on specialist medical services for the isolated patient, fails to appreciate the special developmental needs of the isolated child and therefore denies access to the full range of paediatric health services which are available to the urban child;
- (b) the development of children of families who choose to live in isolated regions should not be placed at risk because of the difficulty in gaining access to paediatric health services; and
- (c) quality can only be applied to paediatric health services when they are based on a clear understanding of the total development of the child, covering psychological, emotional, social and physical needs.

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

- (a) deplores the inaction of the Federal Government to exert pressure on the Australian Council of Trade Unions and its affiliated unions to obey the rulings of the Northern Territory Industrial Commission in the Mudginberri dispute;
- (b) deplores the Government's lack of action in not demanding that its Commonwealth meat inspectors inspect meat destined for export and earn their pay;
- (c) condemns the Government for not governing for all Australians by its support for the union movement and lack of support for the pastoral and meat processing industries; and
- (d) calls on the Labor Socialist Government to explain why it expects employers to abide by the awards of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission when the Federal Government and the union movement will not similarly obey the orders of the arbitration system.

Senator Sanders, at the request of the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Chipp): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

- (a) calls upon the Government to:
  - (i) actively seek the successful conclusion of a Final Declaration at the Review Conference Nuclear Non-Proliferation Review beginning at the end of August,
  - (ii) promote the recessing of the Review Conference, and support in every way possible the issuing of an interim report calling upon the nuclear weapon states to take specific disarmament measures, prior to a reconvening of the Conference in 1986,
  - (iii) initiate and support moves for an Amendment Conference to be called to consider amendments to Articles IV and VI in line with the above,
  - (iv) support the proposal to establish the Energy for Development Fund to research and promote alternative energy sources, especially related to the needs of Third World Nations,
  - (v) propose and support any moves at the Review to amend Article IV of the Treaty to end its commitment to the promotion of the use of nuclear energy for civilian uses, and
  - (vi) promote and support any moves to separate the promotion and safeguarding functions of the International Atomic Energy Agency; and
- (b) condemns the Government for its failure to inform and consult with the community on the importance of the Review and the position that the Government will be taking.

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

Australia-New Zealand Foundation—Annual Report (5th) 1983-84.

Australian Apple and Pear Corporation Act—Australian Apple and Pear Corporation—Annual Report (10th) 1984, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

British Atomic Tests in Australia—Report on the history by Dr J. L. Symonds, dated April 1985.

Canberra College of Advanced Education Act—Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report of Council 1984, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Canned Fruits Marketing Act—Australian Canned Fruits Corporation—Annual Report (5th) 1984, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Grape and Wine Industries—Report of Inquiry (Chairman: D. H. McKay), dated 15 April 1985.

Industrial Research and Development Incentives Act—Australian Industrial Research and Development Incentives Board—Annual Report 1983-84.

## Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—

Castors (Developing Country Preferences), dated 4 July 1985 (No. 367).

Ceramic Electric Jug Bodies—Developing Country Preferences, dated 4 March 1985 (No. 359).

Electric Lamps—Filament Lamps (Interim Report), dated 29 May 1985 (No. 365).

Vinyl Planar Forms (Developing Country Preferences), dated 5 July 1985 (No. 368).

Institute of Freshwater Studies—Government Response to Report of Interim Council on proposal to establish an Institute of Freshwater Studies.

Maritime College Act—Australian Maritime College—Annual Report of Council (6th) 1984, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Repetition Strain Injury in the Australian Public Service—Report of Task Force (Chairman: D. L. Linehan), dated July 1985.

## Services Trust Funds Act—

Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report (38th) 1984 by Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Annual Report (37th) 1984 by Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Annual Report 1984 by Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Services Canteens Trust Fund—Annual Report (37th) 1984 by Trustees, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

- 6 PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES—SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON PRIVATE NURSING HOMES IN AUSTRALIA—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** The Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes), by leave, made a statement responding to the Report of the Select Committee on Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes on Private Nursing Homes in Australia, tabled on 21 February 1985, and moved—That the Senate take note of the Statement.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 7 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—WORKS PROPOSAL—CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOMMODATION AT THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GALLERY:** The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Gietzelt), pursuant to Notice of Motion not objected to as a Formal Motion, moved—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the Senate approves the following proposal contained in the report of the Joint Standing Committee on the New Parliament House presented to the Senate on 20 August 1985, namely: The construction of additional administrative accommodation at the Australian National Gallery.

Question—put and passed.

- 8 INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY BILL 1985:** Senator Siddons, pursuant to Notice of Motion not objected to as a Formal Motion, moved—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to encourage the introduction of industrial democracy in Australian enterprises through reductions in company tax for enterprises classified as industrial democracy enterprises.

Question—put and passed.

Bill presented, and on the motion of Senator Siddons read a first time.

Senator Siddons, by leave, moved—That this Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of the Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Gietzelt) the debate was adjourned.

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

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

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 145

The House of Representatives acquaints the Senate that it has agreed to the amendment made by the Senate in the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to repatriation and related matters*".

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 31 May 1985

H. A. JENKINS,  
Speaker

**10 PROPOSED SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:** Senator Peter Baume, at the request of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney) and pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney) moving a motion relating to the order of business on the Notice Paper.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

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Senators—

Archer	Collard	MacGibbon	Sheil
Baume, Michael	Crichton-Browne	Messner	Short
Baume, Peter	Durack	Missen	Teague
Bjelke-Petersen	Hamer	Parer	Townley
Boswell	Hill	Puplick	Vanstone
Brownhill	Kilgariff	Rae, Peter	Walters
Carrick, Sir John	Knowles	Reid (Teller)	Watson

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Senators—

Aulich	Devlin	McClelland	Robertson (Teller)
Bolkus	Elstob	McIntosh	Ryan
Childs	Foreman	McKiernan	Sanders
Chipp	Georges	Macklin	Sibraa
Coates	Gietzelt	Maguire	Siddons
Colston	Giles	Mason	Tate
Cook	Grimes	Morris	Vigor
Cooney	Haines	Ray, Robert	Walsh
Crowley	Jones	Reynolds	Zakharov

And so it was negatived.

**11 ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 1985**  
**NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION 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.

Senator Peter Baume moved an amendment, viz: Leave out all words after "That", insert "the Bills be withdrawn and redrafted to provide for—

- (a) ownership of the Uluru National Park to be vested in the Northern Territory, subject to:
  - (i) an agreement ensuring effective Aboriginal involvement in management of the Park, and
  - (ii) adequate and appropriate portions of the Park being vested by freehold title in Aborigines for the purposes of living areas;
- (b) a right of entry to all persons subject to protection of sacred sites and the Park; and

- (c) the Agreement to be entered into between the Director of National Parks and Wildlife and the Land Council not to come into effect until approved by the Parliament”.

Debate continued.

Senator Cooney addressing the Chair—

*And it being 2 p.m.—*

## 12 QUESTIONS.

- 13 **NOTICE:** The Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce (Senator Button), by leave, gave a Notice of Motion, as follows: To move on the next day of sitting—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to end financial assistance under the *Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Grants) Act 1980*, and for related purposes.
- 14 **PERSONAL EXPLANATION:** Senator Siddons, by leave, made a personal explanation relating to media reports concerning business interests of a public company in South Africa of which he is Chairman.
- 15 **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE:** The President informed the Senate that the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney) had proposed that a matter of public importance be submitted to the Senate for discussion, viz: “The serious consequences for Australia of the Government’s failure to deal adequately with the issues raised by trade union action against the Mudginberri meat works”.

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

The President called upon Senator Chaney to speak.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

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

- 16 **GOVERNMENT PAPERS—CONSIDERATION:** The following Government Papers, tabled earlier this day (*see Entry No. 5 above*), were considered pursuant to Sessional Order:
- Australian Industrial Research and Development Incentives Board—Annual Report 1983-84—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Puplick.
  - Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting.
  - Inquiry into the Grape and Wine Industries—Report—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Messner and agreed to.
  - Australian Canned Fruits Corporation—Annual Report 1984—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Archer and agreed to.
  - Australian Apple and Pear Corporation—Annual Report 1984—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Archer and agreed to.
  - Industries Assistance Commission—Reports—
    - Ceramic Electric Jug Bodies—Developing Country Preferences.
    - Castors (Developing Country Preferences).
    - Vinyl Planar Forms (Developing Country Preferences).
  - Motion to take note of Papers moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney).
  - Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting.
  - History of British Atomic Tests in Australia—Report—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Crowley.
  - Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting.
  - Institute of Freshwater Studies—Report of Interim Council on proposal for an Institute of Freshwater Studies—Government Response—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Vigor.
  - Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting.



Repetition Strain Injury in the Australian Public Service—Task Force Report—  
Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Crowley.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting.

*Pursuant to Sessional Order, consideration of Committee Reports was called on.*

- 17 **EDUCATION AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—2ND REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS:** Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Colston—That the Senate take note of the Report.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of Senator McIntosh the debate was adjourned.

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

- 18 **INDUSTRY AND TRADE—STANDING COMMITTEE—2ND REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSER ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND:** Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Archer—That the Senate take note of the Report.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of Senator McIntosh the debate was adjourned.

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

- 19 **ANIMAL WELFARE—SELECT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON EXPORT OF LIVE SHEEP FROM AUSTRALIA:** Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Georges—That the Senate take note of the Report.

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

- 20 **EDUCATION AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—2ND REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS:** Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Colston—That the Senate take note of the Report.

Question—put and passed.

- 21 **INDUSTRY AND TRADE—STANDING COMMITTEE—2ND REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSER ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND:** Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Archer—That the Senate take note of the Report.

Question—put and passed.

- 22 **ORDER OF BUSINESS—RE-ARRANGEMENT:** The Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Evans) moved—That consideration of Committee Reports pursuant to Sessional Order be not further proceeded with this day.

Question—put and passed.

- 23 **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Senator Reid, on behalf of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory, tabled the following Report:

Proposals for Variations of the Plan of Layout of the City of Canberra and its Environs (85th Series), together with minutes of proceedings and transcript of evidence (1 vol.).

Senator Reid, by leave, made a statement relating to the Report.

- 24 **EDUCATION AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—3RD REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS:** The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Education and the Arts (Senator Colston) tabled the following Report:

Examination of Annual Reports—3rd Report—Children's Television Standards, dated August 1985, together with transcript of evidence (2 vols).

Ordered—That the Report be printed.

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

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

**25 FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE SUPERANNUATION FUND INVESTMENT TRUST:** The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance and Government Operations (Senator Coates) tabled the following Report:

The Superannuation Fund Investment Trust, dated June 1985, together with transcript of evidence (6 vols).

Ordered—That the Report be printed.

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

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

**26 SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS:** The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Science, Technology and the Environment (Senator Jones) tabled the following Report:

Examination of Annual Reports—Royal Australian Institute of Public Administration, dated 21 August 1985, together with transcript of evidence (1 vol.).

Ordered—That the Report be printed.

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

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

**27 SCRUTINY OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—9TH REPORT AND 8TH ALERT DIGEST:** The Chairman of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Tate) tabled the following Report and Paper:

9th Report, dated 21 August 1985.

Alert Digest No. 8, dated 21 August 1985.

Ordered—That the Report be printed.

**28 PARLIAMENTARY AMNESTY GROUP—REPORT ON WINTER ADJOURNMENT ACTIVITIES—PAPER:** Senator Missen, by leave, tabled the following Paper:

Parliamentary Amnesty Group—Report on Winter Adjournment Activities, dated August 1985.

Senator Missen, by leave, made a statement relating thereto.

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

**29 PAPERS:** The following Papers were tabled:

Christmas Island Act—Ordinance 1985—No. 5—Endangered Species (Repeal).

Cocos (Keeling) Islands Act—Ordinance 1985—No. 1—Endangered Species (Repeal).

Coral Sea Islands Act—Ordinance 1985—No. 1—Endangered Species (Repeal).

Defence Act—

Declaration under Regulation 49 of certain defence practice areas, dated 5 July 1985 (*Gazette* No. S 289, 25 July 1985).

Determination 1985—No. 51—Intermediate Term Duty Living Allowance and others.

Fisheries Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 194.

Nursing Homes Assistance Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 192.

Overseas Telecommunications Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 193.  
Public Service Act—

Determinations 1985—Nos 60, 62, 64.

Presiding Officers' Determination 1985—No. 4.

Radiocommunications Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 195.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinances 1985—

No. 33—House of Assembly (Amendment) (No. 2).

No. 36—Business Franchise (Tobacco and Petroleum Products) (Amendment).

Telecommunications Act—By-laws—

Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts) Amendment No. 58.

Telecommunications (Community Calls) Amendment No. 40.

- 30 **GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S PROCLAMATIONS—COMMENCEMENT OF ACTS:**  
Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General were tabled, notifying that His Excellency had proclaimed the following Acts and sections of Acts to come into operation on the dates specified:

*Radiocommunications Act 1983*—20 August 1985. Paragraphs 11 (1) (a) and (c), sections 23 and 37 and sub-sections 65 (15), (16), (17) and (18)—27 August 1985 (*Gazette* No. S 322, 19 August 1985).

*Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 1) 1985*—Amendments of the *Trade Union Training Authority Act 1975*, made by the Act—19 August 1985 (*Gazette* No. S 320, 16 August 1985).

- 31 **WHEAT MARKETING AMENDMENT BILL 1985**—*Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 146

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to the marketing of wheat*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has made new amendments, as an alternative to the amendment to which the Senate has disagreed as indicated by the annexed Schedule.

The House of Representatives desires the reconsideration by the Senate of the Bill in respect of the amendments.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 21 August 1985

H. A. JENKINS,  
Speaker

Ordered—That consideration of the Message in Committee of the Whole be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

- 32 **ANIMAL WELFARE—SELECT COMMITTEE—CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP:** The President informed the Senate that he had received a letter from the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Chipp) requesting a change in the membership of the Select Committee on Animal Welfare.

The Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Evans), by leave, moved—That Senator Siddons be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Animal Welfare and that Senator Sanders, having been duly nominated in accordance with the Resolution appointing the Select Committee, be appointed a member of the Committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 33 **TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:** The President tabled his Warrant nominating a panel of Temporary Chairmen of Committees, as follows:

Pursuant to Standing Order 28A, I hereby nominate:

Senator Bjelke-Petersen

Senator Coleman

Senator Colston

Senator Elstob

Senator Haines

Senator Jessop  
Senator Jones  
Senator MacGibbon  
Senator Tate  
Senator Townley

a panel to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees or when the Chairman of Committees is absent.

Given under my hand this twenty-first day of August 1985.

**DOUGLAS MCCLELLAND**  
President

34 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 6.47 p.m. till tomorrow at 10 a.m.

35 **ATTENDANCE:** Present, all Senators except Senators Black and Coleman (on leave).

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