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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 26 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the Senators indicated, were received:

Senator Chipp, 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 Robert Ray, from 20 petitioners praying that the Senate support the introduction of a broad-based consumption tax with no exemptions to replace current sales tax legislation.

Senator Walters, from 272 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 Maguire, from 76 petitioners praying that the proposed cut-back of funding for pre-school and child care services be reversed.

Senators Durack, Knowles and Townley, from 290, 300 and 74 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 Robert Ray and Short, from 561 and 415 petitioners, respectively, praying that the freeze imposed on nursing home benefits be lifted.

Senator Macklin, from 76 petitioners 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 Sheil, from 23 petitioners praying that the imperial system of measurement be restored.

Senator Knowles, from 41 petitioners praying that the Senate reject the Industries Assistance Commission recommendation that no assistance be provided to the frozen pea industry and support measures which assist the industry.

Senators Jessop and Messner, from 264 and 342 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.

Senators Chipp and Short, from 101 and 123 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Senate request the Government to redirect foreign aid away from the Ethiopian Government towards the peoples of Tigre and Eritrea.

Senator Chaney, from 33 petitioners praying that the assets test be repealed.

Senator Kilgariff, from 556 petitioners praying that the Senate request the Government to give further consideration to the adverse effects of petrol price increases on the people of the Northern Territory and other isolated regions.

Senator Robertson, from 1488 petitioners praying that a fuel price reduction policy be introduced.

Senators Haines and Messner, 2 petitions similar in wording, from 33 and 443 petitioners, respectively, praying that the level of funding to the pre-school sector of education be restored.

Senator Evans, from 36 petitioners praying that the Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Amendment Bill 1985 be passed.

Senator Brownhill, from 101 petitioners praying that the Senate reject certain tax proposals which are outlined in the Government's White Paper of May 1985.

Senator Missen, from 135 petitioners praying that the Senate request the Government to include communication aids on the equipment list funded through the Provision of Aids for Disabled People program.

Senator Knowles, from 173 petitioners praying that the Senate request the Government to repeal the assets test, inquire into Australia's retirement income and taxation systems and institute an equitable retirement income policy.

Senator Parer, from 745 petitioners praying that the Senate request the government to formulate an International Sugar Agreement and legislate to provide assistance to cane growers.

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

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

- (a) notes that 22 August 1985 is the 500th anniversary of the death of King Richard III, last Yorkist and Plantagenet King of England, cruelly slain by his usurping enemies on Bosworth Field;
- (b) acknowledges the great achievements of that Monarch as a reformer of the law; a wise administrator; a patron of the arts; a bibliophile and promoter of the publishing industry; and
- (c) convinced of his innocence of the charges laid against him by Tudor propagandists, commends his memory.

The Manager of Government Business (Senator Grimes): To move on the next day of sitting—

- (1) That the Particulars of Proposed Expenditure for the Service of the year ending on 30 June 1986 in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, the Particulars of Proposed Expenditure for the Service of the year ending on 30 June 1986 and the Particulars of Certain Proposed Expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 1986 be referred to Estimates Committees for examination and report.
- (2) That expenditure under the Advance to the Minister for Finance for the year ended 30 June 1985 be referred to Estimates Committees for examination and report prior to its consideration in Committee of the Whole.
- (3) That the Committees consider Proposed Expenditure and Departmental Expenditure under the Advance to the Minister for Finance in the Estimates Committee groupings agreed to by Resolution of the Senate of 22 February 1985.

- (4) That the Committees report to the Senate on or before Friday, 11 October 1985.

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

- Asian Pacific Regional Trade Law Seminar (incorporating the 11th International Trade Law Seminar)—Papers and Summary of Discussions held in Canberra, 22-27 November 1984.
- Australian National University Act—Australian National University—Interim Annual Report of Council (Part 1) 1984.
- Australian Postal Commission—Service and Business Outlook 1985-86, dated August 1985.
- Australian Telecommunications Commission—Service and Business Outlook 1985-86, dated August 1985.
- Broadcasting and Television Act—Australian Broadcasting Tribunal—Remote Commercial Television Services—1st Report, dated June 1985.
- Contempt of Court—Statement by the Attorney-General relating to a letter from a Member of Parliament to the Family Court of Australia, Sydney, dated 20 August 1985.
- Family Law Council—Creating Children—A uniform approach to the law and practice of reproductive technology in Australia—Report, dated July 1985.
- Human Rights Commission Act—Human Rights Commission—Annual Report 1983-84.
- Independent Air Fares Committee—Cost Allocation Review—East-West Airlines (Operations) Limited—Report and Determination, dated 19 July 1985.
- Law Reform Commission Act—Law Reform Commission—Report No. 26 (Interim)—Evidence (2 vols).
- Legal Aid Task Force—Final Report, dated August 1985, together with Discussion Paper, dated November 1984.
- National Committee on Discrimination in Employment and Occupation—Annual Report (11th) 1983-84.
- National Health Act—Operations of Registered Health Insurance Organizations—Annual Report 1983-84.
- Official Establishments Trust—Annual Report (5th) 1983-84.
- Television—Future Directions for Commercial Television—Report (2 vols), by the Department of Communications, dated June 1985.
- Tobacco Marketing Act—Australian Tobacco Board—Annual Report 1984, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

6 LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (GRANTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1985: The Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes), at the request of the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce (Senator Button) and 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 end financial assistance under the *Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Grants) Act 1980*, and for related purposes.

Question—put and passed.

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

Suspension of Standing Orders to prevent delay: Senator Grimes, pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through its remaining stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

On the motion of Senator Reid the debate was adjourned.

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

7 PARLIAMENTARY POWERS, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES BILL 1985: Senator Macklin, 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 declare the

powers, privileges and immunities of each House of the Parliament, its members and committees.

Question—put and passed.

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

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

On the motion of the Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes) the debate was adjourned.

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

8 ORDER OF BUSINESS—RE-ARRANGEMENT: The Manager of Government Business (Senator Grimes) moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, the order of General Business for consideration this day pursuant to Sessional Order be as follows—

(a) consideration of Government Papers;

(b) General Business, Notice of Motion No. 27, standing in the name of Senator Peter Baume relating to the holocaust against the Jewish people; and

(c) General Business, Notice of Motion No. 25, standing in the name of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney) relating to the establishment of a Selection Committee on Bills.

Question—put and passed.

9 WHEAT MARKETING AMENDMENT BILL 1985: The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of Message No. 146 of the House of Representatives.

In the Committee

Message read.

SCHEDULE OF NEW AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE AMENDMENT TO WHICH THE SENATE HAS DISAGREED

Clause 10, page 4, after proposed new sub-section 33F (2) insert the following sub-section:

“(2A) In nominating a person for appointment as a member of the Board referred to in paragraph 34 (1) (d), the Committee shall have regard to the requirement that at least one of the members referred to in that paragraph is to be a wheat grower.”.

Clause 11, page 10, lines 16 and 17, omit proposed new paragraph 34 (1) (d), insert the following paragraph:

“(d) 4 other members, each of whom has had extensive experience at a high level in finance, marketing or grain movement logistics and at least one of whom is a wheat grower.”.

The Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes) moved—That the alternative new amendments be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The Deputy-President (Senator Hamer) resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Elstob) reported that the Committee had considered Message No. 146 of the House of Representatives and had agreed to the alternative new amendments inserted by the House of Representatives in the Bill.

On the motion of Senator Grimes the Report from the Committee was adopted.

**10 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—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Senator Peter Baume, 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 Aboriginals 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 resumed.

On the motion of the Minister for Education (Senator Ryan) the debate was adjourned.

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

11 MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: The Minister for Education (Senator Ryan) moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, till 2 p.m. this day, matters of public interest may be discussed by Senators, provided that no Senator shall speak for more than 15 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Discussion of matters of public interest ensued accordingly.

And it being 2 p.m.—

12 QUESTIONS: Questions without Notice being proceeded with—

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

Education funding—Background paper relating to capital funding in Queensland tertiary institutions.

Further Questions without Notice were answered.

13 USE AND EFFECTS OF CHEMICAL AGENTS ON AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL IN VIETNAM—ROYAL COMMISSION—FINAL REPORT—PAPERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Gietzelt) tabled the following Papers:

Use and Effects of Chemical Agents on Australian Personnel in Vietnam—Royal Commission (Commissioner: The Hon. Mr Justice P. Evatt)—Final Report, dated 31 July 1985—

- Introduction and Exposure (vol. 1).
- Toxicology and General Health (vol. 2).
- Birth Anomalies (vol. 3).
- Cancer (vol. 4).
- Mental Well-being (vol. 5).
- Mortality, Class Action VVAA and Section 47 (vol. 6).
- Benefits and Treatment (vol. 7).
- Conclusions, Recommendations and Epilogue (vol. 8).
- Exhibits List and Bibliography (vol. 9).

Senator Gietzelt, by leave, made a statement relating thereto and moved—That the Senate take note of the Papers.

Debate ensued.

On the motion of 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.

- 14 **LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:** The Leader of the Government (Senator Button), by leave, made a statement relating to the Government's proposed legislative program for the current period of sittings.

Senator Button, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the Statement.

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Senator Button the debate was adjourned.

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

- 15 **RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA—ANNUAL REPORT 1984-85—PAPER:** The Acting Deputy-President (Senator Jessop), on behalf of the President, tabled the following Paper:

Reserve Bank Act—Annual Report 1984-85 of the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

- 16 **URGENCY MOTION:** The Acting Deputy-President (Senator Jessop) informed the Senate that the President had received a letter from Senator Hill advising that this day he intended to move—That in the opinion of the Senate the following is a matter of urgency: "The fundamental importance for Australia, at the Third Review Conference in Geneva of the members of the Treaty for the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to seek to achieve—

- (a) the renewed commitment of all existing members to the principles of the Treaty;
- (b) a vigorous effort to attract non-member nations to become signatories to the Treaty;
- (c) the strengthening of the monitoring, surveillance and safeguards powers of the International Atomic Energy Agency with universal acceptance of its functions; and
- (d) a positive commitment by all and specifically the nuclear weapons power States to meaningful multilateral disarmament and surveillance."

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

Proposed suspension of Standing Order 64: The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Chipp) moved—That so much of Standing Order 64 be suspended as would prevent Senator Chipp moving an amendment to the proposed matter of urgency.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 9

Senators—
Chipp
Haines
Harradine

Macklin (Teller)
Mason

Sanders
Siddons

Vallentine
Vigor

NOES, 60

Senators—

Archer	Crichton-Browne	Kilgariff	Richardson
Aulich	Crowley	Knowles	Robertson (Teller)
Baume, Michael	Devlin	Lewis	Ryan
Baume, Peter	Durack	McClelland	Sheil
Bjelke-Petersen	Elstob	MacGibbon	Short
Bolkus	Evans	McIntosh	Tate
Boswell	Foreman	Maguire	Teague
Brownhill	Gietzelt	Messner	Townley
Carrick, Sir John	Giles	Missen	Vanstone
Chaney	Grimes	Morris	Walters
Childs	Guilfoyle,	Parer	Watson
Coates	Dame Margaret	Puplick	Withers
Collard	Hamer	Rae, Peter	Zakharov
Colston	Hill	Ray, Robert	
Cook	Jessop	Reid	
Cooney	Jones	Reynolds	

And so it was negatived.

Senator Hill thereupon moved the motion.

Debate ensued.

Statement, by leave: Senator Sir John Carrick, by leave, made a statement relating to a matter raised during debate.

Debate continued.

Statement, by leave: The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Chipp), by leave, made a statement relating to a matter raised during debate.

Debate continued.

Closure: Senator Kilgariff moved—That the Question be now put.

Question—That the Question be now put—put and passed.

Question—That the motion be agreed to—put accordingly and passed.

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

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

Future Directions for Commercial Television—Report—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Puplick and debated.

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

Law Reform Commission—Report No. 26 (Interim) on Evidence—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Cooney and agreed to.

Remote Commercial Television Services—1st Report—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Messner and debated.

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

Human Rights Commission—Annual Report 1983-84—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Boswell and debated.

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

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

18 ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURE 1985-86—EXPLANATORY NOTES—PAPERS: The Minister for Education (Senator Ryan) tabled the following Papers:

Estimates of Proposed Expenditure for year 1985-86 and, where indicated, Departmental Expenditure under the Advance to the Minister for Finance 1984-85—Explanatory Notes of departments and authorities—

- Aboriginal Affairs
- Aboriginal Development Commission
- Arts, Heritage and Environment*
- Attorney-General's
- Australian Audit Office
- Australian Development Assistance Bureau
- Australian Institute of Marine Science
- Australian Science and Technology Council
- Aviation
- Commonwealth Ombudsman
- Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization
- Communications
- Community Services
- Defence
- Economic Planning Advisory Council (2 vols)
- Education
- Employment and Industrial Relations
- Finance
- Foreign Affairs*
- Governor-General's Office
- Health
- Housing and Construction (2 vols)*
- Immigration and Ethnic Affairs
- Industry, Technology and Commerce
- Joint House
- Local Government and Administrative Services
- Merit Protection and Review Agency
- National Capital Development Commission
- Office of National Assessments
- Parliament House Construction Authority
- Parliamentary Library
- Parliamentary Reporting Staff
- Primary Industry (2 vols)
- Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Public Service Board
- Resources and Energy
- Science
- Senate
- Social Security
- Special Minister of State
- Sport, Recreation and Tourism
- Trade
- Transport
- Treasury*
- Veterans' Affairs

(*together with Departmental Expenditure under the Advance to the Minister for Finance 1984-85.)

19 NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1985—
Message from the House of Representatives: The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 150

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'National Crime Authority Act 1984', the 'Taxation Administration Act 1953' and the 'Income Tax Assessment Act 1936' in relation to the provision of information by certain Commonwealth authorities to the National Crime Authority, and for other purposes*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has disagreed to the amendment made by the Senate, but, in place thereof, has amended the Bill as indicated by the annexed Schedule.

The House of Representatives desires the reconsideration by the Senate of the Bill in respect of the amendment disagreed to, and the concurrence of the Senate in the amendment made by the House.

House of Representatives,
 Canberra, 22 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.

20 ESTIMATES COMMITTEES—CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP: The Deputy-President (Senator Hamer) announced that the President had received a letter from the Leader of the Government (Senator Button) requesting changes in the membership of Estimates Committees.

The Minister for Education (Senator Ryan), by leave, moved—

- (1) That the following Senators be discharged from further attendance on Estimates Committees—

Estimates Committee A—Senator Cooney
 Estimates Committee D—Senators Aulich and Zakharov
 Estimates Committee E—Senators Colston and McKiernan
 Estimates Committee F—Senator Richardson.

- (2) That the following Senators, having been duly nominated in accordance with Standing Order 36AB, be appointed members of Estimates Committees—

Estimates Committee A—Senator Richardson
 Estimates Committee C—Senator Devlin
 Estimates Committee D—Senators Colston and Morris
 Estimates Committee E—Senators Aulich and Zakharov
 Estimates Committee F—Senators Foreman and McKiernan.

Question—put and passed.

21 SCRUTINY OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP: The Deputy-President (Senator Hamer) announced that the President had received a letter from the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney) nominating Senator Michael Baume to be a member of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills.

The Minister for Education (Senator Ryan), by leave, moved—That Senator Michael Baume, having been duly nominated in accordance with Resolution of the Senate of 25 May 1982, be appointed a member of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills.

Question—put and passed.

22 SOCIAL SECURITY AND REPATRIATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985—*Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 151

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

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 22 August 1985

H. A. JENKINS,
Speaker

- 23 **GOVERNMENT DEPUTY-WHIP IN THE SENATE—APPOINTMENT:** The Minister for Education (Senator Ryan), by leave, informed the Senate of the appointment of Senator Jones as second Government Deputy-Whip in the Senate.

- 24 **SOCIAL WELFARE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL AND OTHER FORMS OF CARE—A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE:** The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Social Welfare (Senator Elstob) tabled the following Report:

Children in Institutional and Other Forms of Care—A National Perspective, dated June 1985, together with transcript of evidence (18 vols).

Ordered—That the Report be printed.

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

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Senator Peter Baume the debate was adjourned.

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

- 25 **PAPER:** The following Paper was tabled:

States Grants (Tertiary Education Assistance) Act—Direction under sub-section 26 (1) to vary amounts specified in Schedule 3, dated 11 June 1985.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, consideration of General Business was called on.

- 26 **GOVERNMENT PAPERS—CONSIDERATION:** The following Government Papers were considered pursuant to Sessional Order:

Recombinant DNA Monitoring Committee—Annual Report 1983-84—Debate resumed on the motion of Senator Peter Baume to take note of Paper.

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

Independent Schools (Loans Guarantee) Act—Annual Report 1983-84—Motion of Senator Peter Baume to take note of Paper agreed to.

Veterans' Entitlements Bill 1985—Draft for Comment—Debate resumed on the motion of Senator Collard to take note of Paper.

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

Human Rights Commission—Annual Report 1983-84—Debate resumed on the motion of Senator Boswell to take note of Paper.

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

Family Law Council—Report—Creating Children—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Tate and debated.

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

Australian National University—Interim Annual Report 1984—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Peter Rae.

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

Statement, by leave: Senator Peter Rae, by leave, made a statement relating to the Reports tabled under the Services Trust Fund Act, on 21 August 1985.

Canberra College of Advanced Education—Report of Council 1984—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Vigor.

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

Australian Maritime College—Annual Report of Council 1984—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Peter Rae.

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

27 HOLOCAUST AGAINST THE JEWISH PEOPLE: Senator Peter Baume, having altered his Notice of Motion in accordance with Standing Order 109, pursuant to notice, moved—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

- (i) that it is 40 years since the liberation of the prisoners of Nazi concentration and death camps,
- (ii) that from those camps and other evidence there emerged knowledge of the full horror of the holocaust against the Jewish people and the persecution of other minorities, and
- (iii) that some have sought in recent times to deny that there was an attempt at the systematic extermination of the Jewish people; and

(b) declares:

- (i) that historical evidence has determined beyond doubt that the holocaust occurred, that it was an attempt at the systematic extermination of the Jewish people, and that it involved the use of means including gas chambers, and
- (ii) that a major task for any civilised people is to prevent such events happening again.

Debate ensued.

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.

Debate continued.

Question—put and passed.

28 ORDER OF BUSINESS—RE-ARRANGEMENT: The Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Evans) moved—That consideration of General Business be not further proceeded with this day.

Question—put and passed.

29 BUILDING INDUSTRY BILL 1985: *Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 147

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

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 21 August 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 Resources and Energy (Senator Evans) the Bill was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Senator Reid the debate was adjourned.

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

30 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Evans) moved—

That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned at 11.01 p.m. till tomorrow at 9 a.m.

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

A. R. CUMMING THOM,
Clerk of the Senate