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WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 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 40 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the Senators indicated, were received:

Senators Georges, Jessop and Maguire, 3 petitions similar in wording, from 15, 101 and 27 petitioners, respectively, praying that the proposed cut-back of funding for pre-school and child care services be reversed.

Senators Robertson and Ryan, from 35 and 114 petitioners, respectively, praying that staffing cuts in Australian Capital Territory government schools and TAFE colleges be not implemented.

Senator Robertson, from 20 petitioners praying that the Senate not legalise the possession, sale, hire or supply of any pornographic material.

Senator Kilgariff, from 21 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.

Senators Missen and Walters, from 233 and 718 petitioners, respectively, 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.

Senators Crichton-Browne, Knowles and Robertson, from 22, 198 and 12 petitioners, respectively, praying that the assets test be repealed.

Senator Kilgariff, from 68 petitioners praying that the Senate repeal the Labor Government's assets test.

Senator Missen, from 126 petitioners praying that the Senate include communication aids on the equipment list funded through the Provision of Aids for Disabled People program.

Senators Bolkus, Jessop and Vigor, from 162, 140 and 119 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.

Senator Robertson, from 97 petitioners praying that the Senate request the Government to introduce a Bill which would phase out the battery method of egg production and offer tax deductible incentives to producers.

Senators Chipp and Cooney, from 90 and 180 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Senate legislate to close the joint Australian-United States electronic communications facilities at the Watsonia Army Barracks, Victoria.

Senator Short, from 1488 petitioners praying that the Senate support the introduction of a broad-based consumption tax with no exemptions to replace current sales tax legislation.

Senators Boswell and Kilgariff, from 25 and 68 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Senate reject certain tax proposals which are outlined in the Government's White Paper of May 1985.

Senator Walters, from 76 petitioners praying that the Senate take action to restrict the viewing of certain films, video tapes and printed material.

Senator Walters, from 294 petitioners praying that the existing Australian National Flag be not changed.

Senators Boswell, Sir John Carrick, Crowley, Elstob, Georges, Harradine, Jessop, Kilgariff, Missen, Puplick, Robert Ray, Reynolds, Richardson and Robertson, from 2958, 40, 245, 38, 1019, 670, 48, 19, 705, 86, 1065, 960, 72 and 3083 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 Georges, from 4420 petitioners praying that the Senate request the Government to ensure that no tax be imposed on health fund contributions or benefits.

The following petition, not in conformity with the Standing Orders, was, by leave, presented by Senator Missen and received:

From 122 petitioners requesting the Minister for Community Services to include communications aids on the equipment list funded through the Provision of Aids for Disabled People program.

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

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

- (1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Proposed Army Training Facility, be appointed to inquire into:
 - (a) the need for an area of land in New South Wales for the purposes of the relocation and co-location of the army's School of Artillery and Infantry Centre, and for army manoeuvres, having regard to strategic and training requirements appropriate to Australia's Defence Force, existing defence facilities and army training practices in comparable countries;
 - (b) the suitability of the areas of land at Bathurst/Orange and Cobar presently under study for the purposes of acquisition, having regard to the army's needs and any countervailing public interests; and
 - (c) whether machinery should be established to hear persons affected by future proposed acquisitions and to investigate the need for such acquisitions.
- (2) That the composition and powers of the committee be contained in a subsequent resolution.

Senator Kilgariff: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate calls upon the Government to—

- (a) take note of the views expressed by thousands of Australians who are opposed to the granting of ownership of Ayers Rock to the Mutitjulu community; and
- (b) take steps to ensure that Ayers Rock remains the property of all Australians, with local Aboriginal people taking an active role in the management of Ayers Rock and Uluru National Park.

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

- (a) notes with disdain, comments made by the Queensland Premier, Sir Johannes Bjelke-Petersen, on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio program "AM", on 11 September 1985 regarding the Federal Government's proposal to consider the introduction of personal identification cards for the purpose of helping to bring tax evaders and avoiders to justice, and for many other reasons designed to streamline the process of good Government; and
- (b) totally refutes suggestions that information on such cards, if introduced, would specify criminal or other such recorded information, or identify the political

affiliations of holders of the cards to be used against them in situations such as job interviews, as stated by the Premier on the radio program.

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

- (a) conscious of the rapid way Australia's overseas debt has been building up, particularly over the period of the Labor Government;
- (b) recognising that Australia's debt per head will result in the Government having to pay almost \$7000m in interest on that debt this financial year;
- (c) noting that the interest that the Government is budgeting for is already almost \$300m more than predicted just a few months ago in the Department of Finance Report on the Forward Estimates of Budget Outlays and Staffing; and
- (d) taking into account that without increased exports Australia's economic future in the long-term is under a serious cloud,

calls upon the Government of Australia to issue a statement showing just how it intends to solve the debt crisis situation.

Senator Kilgarriff: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate, in view of the conclusions reached by the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University in its study of the defence implications of a railway from Alice Springs to Darwin, and the preliminary report on the economic viability of such a railway which has been prepared by Canadian Pacific Consulting Services Ltd, calls upon the Government to undertake a further inquiry into the viability of a railway from Alice Springs to Darwin, taking into account its defence implications and the findings of both the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre Report and the Canadian Pacific Report.

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

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Cox River (Alawa/Ngandji) Land Claim—Report by the Aboriginal Land Commissioner, dated 20 November 1984.

Aboriginals Benefit Trust Account (and Related Financial Matters) in the Northern Territory Land Rights Legislation—Report on Review (Chairman: Dr J. C. Altman), dated 19 December 1984.

Advance Australia Logo Protection Act—Advance Australia Foundation—Annual Report 1983-84.

Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statements—
 April 1985.
 May 1985.
 June 1985.
 July 1985.

Australian Capital Territory—

Apprenticeship Board—Annual Report (47th) 1983-84.

Building Standards Committee—Annual Report (8th) 1983-84.

Milk Authority—Annual Report 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Nominal Defendant—Annual Report 1984.

Registrar of Co-operative Societies—Annual Report 1983-84.

Australian Federal Police Act—Direction under section 13 (2)—Australian Federal Police Objectives and Priorities, dated 15 August 1985.

Australian Safeguards Office—Annual Report 1983-84.

Canberra Commercial Development Authority—Annual Report (9th) 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Defence Act—Army and Air Force Canteen Service Board of Management—Report (4th) for period 31 January 1984 to 28 January 1985, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Annual Report 1984-85.

Economic and Social Council Resolution 1988 (LX)—Australia's 2nd Report concerning rights covered by Articles 6 to 9 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Local Government (Personal Income Tax Sharing) Act—Commonwealth Financial Assistance to Local Government—

New South Wales—Local Government Grants Commission—Annual Report 1984-85.

Western Australia—Local Government Grants Commission—Report 1984-85 on Recommendations for Grants to Councils.

National Water Resources (Financial Assistance) Act—Supplementary Agreement between the Commonwealth and New South Wales relating to the provision of financial assistance to New South Wales in respect of projects in connection with the development and management of water resources—Chichester Water Treatment Plant, dated 18 June 1985.

Repatriation Hospital System Review—Final Report (Chairman: Dr Ian Brand), dated 28 June 1985.

Returned Servicewomen of the Second World War—Report on Study by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

River Murray Waters Act—River Murray Commission—Annual Report 1983-84, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Trade between Australia and China—Statement by the Minister for Trade.

6 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE—RE-APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes), by leave, made a statement relating to the re-appointment of the independent auditor for the Auditor-General's Office.

7 PORTFOLIO PROGRAM STATEMENTS 1985-86—PAPER—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes) tabled the following Paper:

Portfolio Program Statements 1985-86.

Senator Grimes, by leave, made a statement relating to the Paper and moved—That the Senate take note of the Paper and Statement.

Debate ensued.

On the motion of 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 STUDENT ASSISTANCE (LOANS GUARANTEE AND SUBSIDY) REPEAL BILL 1985 STUDENT ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1985:

The Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes) at the request of the Minister for Education (Senator Ryan), by leave and pursuant to Notices of Motion not objected to as Formal Motions, moved the following Motions together—

That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Student Assistance (Loans Guarantee and Subsidy) Act 1982*.

That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend the *Student Assistance Act 1973*, and for related purposes.

Questions—put and passed.

Bills presented.

Suspension of Standing Orders to deal with Bills together: 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 the Bills being put in one motion at each stage, and the consideration of such Bills together in Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator Grimes the Bills were 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 Bills being passed through their remaining stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

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

On the motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney) the debate was adjourned.

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

9 BOUNTY (METAL WORKING MACHINES AND ROBOTS) BILL 1985

BOUNTY (AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS AND EQUIPMENT) BILL 1985:

The Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes) at the request of the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce (Senator Button), by leave and pursuant to Notices of Motion not objected to as Formal Motions, moved the following Motions together—

That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of bounty on the production of certain metal working machines, certain robots and related equipment, and for related purposes.

That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to provide for the payment of bounty on the production of certain tractors, tractor cabs and related equipment, and for related purposes.

Questions—put and passed.

Bills presented.

Suspension of Standing Orders to deal with Bills together: 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 the Bills being put in one motion at each stage, and the consideration of such Bills together in Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

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

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Question—put and passed.

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

On the motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney) the debate was adjourned.

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

10 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—236TH REPORT: The Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts (Senator Georges) tabled the following Report:

236th Report—Medical Fraud and Overservicing—Pathology, August 1985.

Ordered to be printed.

Senators Georges and Watson, by leave, made statements relating to the Report.

Senator Peter Baume, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the Report. Debate ensued.

On the motion of Senator Sheil the debate was adjourned.

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

Statement, by leave: Senator Georges, by leave, made a further statement relating to the Report.

- 11 **INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1985**—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 152

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

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 22 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 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 Archer the debate was adjourned.

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

- 12 **ORDER OF BUSINESS—RE-ARRANGEMENT**: The Manager of Government Business (Senator Grimes) moved—That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing and Sessional Orders and unless otherwise ordered, the Order of Business for Thursday, 12 September 1985 and Friday, 13 September 1985, be as follows:

- (1) Petitions
- (2) Notices of Motion
- (3) Formal Motions—Discovery of Formal Business
- (4) Questions
- (5) Ministerial Statements, by leave
- (6) Presentation of Papers
- (7) Adjournment

Question—put and passed.

- 13 **SNOWY MOUNTAINS ENGINEERING CORPORATION 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 Sheil addressing the Chair—

And it being 2 p.m.—

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

Paper: The Minister for Finance (Senator Walsh) tabled the following Paper from which he had quoted:

Employment rights—Background paper relating to the employment of young people.

Further Questions without Notice were answered.

- 15 **PERSONAL EXPLANATION**: The Minister for Finance (Senator Walsh), by leave, made a personal explanation relating to an article in the newspaper, *The Canberra Times*, dated 11 September 1985.

- 16 **PARLIAMENTARY EVIDENCE—LIMITATION OF USE IN COURT PROCEEDINGS—TRIALS OF MR JUSTICE MURPHY AND JUDGE FOORD—STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT—PAPERS**: The President made a statement relating to the Resolution

of the Senate of 29 May 1985, directing that counsel be briefed to make submissions as to the law of parliamentary privilege at the trials of Mr Justice Murphy and Judge Foord, and to Mr Justice Cantor's and Mr Justice Maxwell's judgments on those submissions, and tabled the following Papers:

Judgment in *Regina v. Lionel Keith Murphy* by Mr Justice Cantor concerning the law of parliamentary privilege, dated 5 June 1985.

Submissions of Amicus Curiae made to the Supreme Court of New South Wales on the instructions of the President of the Senate on the question of parliamentary privilege in *Regina v. John Murray Foord*.

Transcript of proceedings in the Supreme Court of New South Wales Criminal Division—

Regina v. Lionel Keith Murphy, dated 3 and 4 June 1985.

Regina v. John Murray Foord, dated 5 September 1985.

Motion to take note: The Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Evans), by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the Statement and Papers.

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Senator Robertson the debate was adjourned.

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

- 17 **URGENCY MOTION:** The President informed the Senate that he had received a letter from Senator Short advising that this day he intended to move—That in the opinion of the Senate the following is a matter of urgency: “The actions of those militant unionists whose defiance of decisions of the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission may force the Dollar Sweets Co. Pty Ltd into closing its operations in Australia, and the necessity for the Government to take urgent action to have the dispute resolved”.

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

Senator Short thereupon moved the motion.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 18 **COMMITTEES—CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP:** The Deputy-President (Senator Hamer) informed the Senate that the President had received a letter from the Leader of the Government (Senator Button) requesting that certain Senators be discharged from further attendance on certain Committees and nominating Senators to be members in their place.

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

- (1) That Senator Zakharov be discharged from further attendance on the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances and that Senator Giles, having been duly nominated in accordance with Standing Order 36A, be appointed a member of the Committee.
- (2) That Senator McKiernan, having been duly nominated in accordance with Standing Order 36AA, be appointed a member of the Standing Committee on Education and the Arts.
- (3) That Senator Childs be discharged from further attendance on the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence and that Senator Black, having been duly nominated in accordance with Standing Order 36AA, be appointed a member of the Committee.
- (4) That Senators Aulich and Coleman be discharged from further attendance on the Standing Committee on Industry and Trade and that Senators Cook and McKiernan, having been duly nominated in accordance with Standing Order 36AA, be appointed members of the Committee.
- (5) That Senator Cook be discharged from further attendance on the Standing Committee on Social Welfare and that Senator Morris, having been duly nominated in accordance with Standing Order 36AA, be appointed a member of the Committee.

- (6) That Senator Sibraa be discharged from further attendance on the Standing Committee on Disputed Returns and Qualifications and that Senator Aulich be appointed a member of the Committee.
- (7) That Senator Coleman be discharged from further attendance on the House Committee and that Senator McKiernan be appointed a member of the Committee.
- (8) That Senator Maguire be discharged from further attendance on the Library Committee and that Senator Robert Ray be appointed a member of the Committee.
- (9) That Senator Cook be discharged from further attendance on the Standing Committee of Privileges and that Senator Aulich be appointed a member of the Committee.
- (10) That Senator Colston be discharged from further attendance on the Standing Committee on Publications and that Senator Morris be appointed a member of the Committee.

Question—put and passed.

- 19 ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURE 1985-86—EXPLANATORY NOTES—**
PAPER: The Minister for Education (Senator Ryan) tabled the following Paper:
 Estimates of Proposed Expenditure for year 1985-86—Further Explanatory
 Notes of the Department of Defence—Division 240.

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

- 20 GOVERNMENT PAPERS—CONSIDERATION:** The following Government Papers, tabled earlier this day (*see Entry No. 5 above*), were considered pursuant to Sessional Order:
- Trade between Australia and China—Statement by the Minister for Trade—
 Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Watson, debated and
 agreed to.
 - Australian Capital Territory Apprenticeship Board—Annual Report 1983-84—
 Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Kilgarriff.
 - Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting.
 - Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Annual Report 1984-85—
 Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Crowley.
 - Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting.
 - Australian Federal Police Objectives and Priorities—Direction—Motion to take
 note of Paper moved by Senator Kilgarriff.
 - Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting.
 - Economic and Social Council—2nd Report by Australia on the International
 Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights—Motion to take note
 of Paper moved by Senator Harradine.
 - Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting.
 - Cox River (Alawa/Ngandji) Land Claim—Report by Aboriginal Land
 Commissioner—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Kilgarriff.
 - Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting.
 - Aboriginals Benefit Trust Account and related financial matters in the Northern
 Territory Land Rights Legislation—Report on Review—Motion to take note
 of Paper moved by Senator Kilgarriff.
 - Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting.
 - Australian Safeguards Office—Annual Report 1983-84—Motion to take note
 of Paper moved by Senator McIntosh.
 - Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting.
 - River Murray Commission—Annual Report 1983-84—Motion to take note of
 Paper moved by Senator Sir John Carrick.
 - Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Returned Servicewomen of the Second World War—Report—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Sir John Carrick.

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

Repatriation Hospital System Review—Report—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Sir John Carrick.

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

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

21 SOCIAL WELFARE—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL AND OTHER FORMS OF CARE—A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE:

Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Elstob—That the Senate take note of the Report.

Question—put and passed.

22 SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Jones—That the Senate take note of the Report.

Question—put and passed.

23 FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE SUPERANNUATION FUND INVESTMENT TRUST: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Coates—That the Senate take note of the Report.

Question—put and passed.

24 EDUCATION AND THE ARTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—THIRD 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.

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

25 POSTPONEMENT: The Minister for Education (Senator Ryan) moved—That consideration of General Business, Order of the Day relating to Committee Reports, No. 4 (Privileges—Standing Committee Report), be postponed till the next day of sitting.

Question—put and passed.

26 FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE JACKSON REPORT ON AUSTRALIA'S OVERSEAS AID PROGRAM: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Sibraa—That the Senate take note of the Report.

Question—put and passed.

27 FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Coates—That the Senate take note of the Report.

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

28 POSTPONEMENT: The Leader of the Government (Senator Button) moved—That consideration of General Business, Order of the Day relating to Committee Reports, No. 1 (Allegations Concerning a Judge—Select Committee Report), be postponed till the next day of sitting.

Question—put and passed.

- 29 **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON THE 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—Australian Libraries and Information Council, dated September 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.

Question—put and passed.

- 30 **SCRUTINY OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—10TH REPORT AND 9TH ALERT DIGEST:** The Chairman of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Tate) tabled the following Report and Paper:

10th Report, dated 11 September 1985.

Alert Digest No. 9, dated 11 September 1985.

Ordered—That the Report be printed.

- 31 **SCRUTINY OF BILLS—OPERATION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE 1981 TO 1985—PAPER:** The Chairman of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Tate) tabled the following Paper:

Scrutiny of Bills—The Operation of the Australian Senate Committee for Scrutiny of Bills 1981 to 1985—Paper presented by Senator Tate to the Conference of the Australasian Study of Parliament Group on 'The Legislative Process: How Relevant?' held in Adelaide, 28 August 1985.

Senator Tate, by leave, moved—That the Paper be printed.

Question—put and passed.

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

Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 209.

Air Force Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 Nos 213, 216, 219.

Air Navigation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 203.

Australian Antarctic Territory Act—Ordinances 1985—

No. 2—Medical Practitioners Registration.

No. 3—Poisons and Narcotic Drugs.

No. 4—Poisons.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Proposals 1985—

No. 5—Quarterly Survey of Australian Portfolio and Other Investment Abroad.

No. 6—Survey of Superannuation Funds.

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Release of Lists—Proposal No. 4 of 1985—List of Names and Addresses of Agricultural Establishments for Department of Primary Industry (Bureau of Agricultural Economics).

Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 Nos 210, 211, 214, 217.

Dried Fruits Levy Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 220.

Health Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 Nos 205, 207.

National Health Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 206.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 Nos 212, 215, 218.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 208.

Radiocommunications Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 221.

Radiocommunications (Frequency Reservation Certificate Tax) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 224.

Radiocommunications (Receiver Licence Tax) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 223.

Radiocommunications (Temporary Permit Tax) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 222.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Ordinances 1985—

No. 40—Crimes (Amendment) (No. 3).

No. 41—Court of Petty Sessions (Amendment) (No. 3).

Regulations 1985—

No. 21—(Dog Control Ordinance).

No. 22—(Motor Omnibus Services Ordinance).

No. 23—(Electricity Ordinance).

Superannuation Act—Regulation—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 204.

Telecommunications Act—By-laws—

Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts) Amendment No. 59.

Telecommunications (General) Amendments Nos 43 and 44.

33 SNOWY MOUNTAINS ENGINEERING CORPORATION 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 Lewis addressing the Chair—

And it being 7 p.m.—

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

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned at 7 p.m. till tomorrow at 10 a.m.

35 ATTENDANCE: Present, all Senators except Senators Bjelke-Petersen, Coleman (on leave), Colston, Reid and Sibraa.

A. R. CUMMING THOM,
Clerk of the Senate