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TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 1985

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

2 PRAYERS.

3 PETITIONS: The following 16 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the Senators indicated, were received:

Senators Boswell, Sir John Carrick, Collard, Colston, MacGibbon and Messner, from 12, 741, 963, 1145, 1138 and 68 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 Jones, from 540 petitioners praying that the Senate request the Government to ensure that no tax be imposed on health fund contributions or benefits.

Senator Kilgariff, from 5 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 Messner, from 8 petitioners praying that the Senate call for a withdrawal of Soviet-backed forces from central and eastern European nations and support those nations in their attempt to regain full political independence.

Senator Boswell, from 38 petitioners praying that the Senate take action to provide financial assistance to cane growers of the Isis Shire, Queensland and to take steps to ensure that exports by the Australian sugar industry are able to remain competitive on world markets.

Senator Boswell, from 367 petitioners praying that the Senate reject any attack on veterans' entitlements.

Senator Boswell, from 276 petitioners praying that the Senate not legalise the possession, sale, hire or supply of any pornographic material.

Senator McKiernan, from 19 petitioners praying that the Senate support the New Zealand Government in its stand for a nuclear-free South Pacific.

Senator Messner, from 2 petitioners praying that the Australian flag be not changed without the consent of the people in a referendum.

Senator Zakharov, from 13 petitioners praying that the Senate not support the passage of the Human Embryo Experimentation Bill 1985.

Senator Tate, from 1634 petitioners praying that the Senate reject post-secondary tuition fees and mandatory overseas student charges and that the commitment to free post-school education be reaffirmed.

4 NOTICE: Senator Harradine gave a Notice of Motion, as follows: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate take note of the 1984-85 Annual Report of the Institute of Family Studies tabled on 16 September 1985.

5 QUESTIONS: Questions without Notice being proceeded with—

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

Women's Information Service—Background paper relating to the Service in Hobart.

Further Questions without Notice were answered.

6 **STATEMENT BY SENATOR:** Senator Peter Rae, by leave, made a statement relating to a matter raised during Question Time this day.

7 **PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS:** Senator Michael Baume and the Minister for Finance (Senator Walsh), by leave, made personal explanations relating to a matter raised during Question Time on 16 September 1985, and its consequent recording in *Hansard*.

Senator Michael Baume, by leave, made a further statement.

8 **STATEMENT BY SENATOR:** The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney), by leave, made a statement relating to the alteration of the *Hansard* record.

9 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN:** The Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts (Senator Georges), by leave, made a statement relating to the Committee's 236th Report on Medical Fraud and Overservicing, tabled on 11 September 1985 and the request received from Dr Edelsten to appear as a witness before the Committee.

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

Fisheries Act—Fisheries Notices—

No. 141A—Variation of Fisheries Notice No. 141—Restrictions relating to the use of fish traps in proclaimed waters adjacent to Shark Bay, Western Australia, dated 27 August 1985.

No. 148—Prohibition relating to the taking of scallops from proclaimed waters in Bass Strait, dated 2 September 1985.

Protection of the Sea (Discharge of Oil from Ships) Act—Marine Orders 1985—No. 2—Part 90—Protection of the Sea (Discharge of Oil from Ships—1954 Convention).

Quarantine Act—Determination—Notice under section 86E, dated 31 July 1985.

States Grants (Petroleum Products) Act—Amendments of the Schedules to the subsidy schemes in relation to the States, dated 11 September 1985.

11 **NOTICE:** Senator Kilgariff, by leave, gave a Notice of Motion, as follows: To move on the next day of sitting—That the time for presentation of the Report of the Select Committee on Volatile Substance Fumes be extended to 26 November 1985.

12 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 3.19 p.m. till tomorrow at 10 a.m.

13 **ATTENDANCE:** Present, all Senators except Senators Coleman (on leave), Cook, Giles, Haines, Jessop, Mason and Reynolds.

A. R. CUMMING THOM,
Clerk of the Senate