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TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 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 10 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the Senators indicated, were received:

Senator Boswell, from 49 petitioners praying that the Senate not legalise the possession, sale, hire or supply of any pornographic material.

Senator Boswell, from 39 petitioners praying that former legislation banning the entry into Australia and sale of hard-core pornographic and violent videos and publications be re-enacted.

Senator Boswell, from 50 petitioners praying that the Senate ensure that the concessional rate of duty on old cars and car parts be maintained.

Senator Peter Rae, from 22 petitioners praying that the proposed introduction of compulsory identification cards be reconsidered and rejected.

Senator Zakharov, from 43 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Senator Parer, from 7 petitioners praying that the assets test be repealed.

Senator Parer, 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.

Senators Boswell and Parer, from 24 and 1362 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 Zakharov, from 59 petitioners praying that the Senate urge the Government to take action concerning the continued abuse of human rights in East Timor and to raise that issue in the United Nations.

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

The Minister for Finance (Senator Walsh): To move on the next day of sitting—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act relating to employees of the Commonwealth.

The Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Evans): To move on the next day of sitting—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pipeline Authority Act 1973*.

5 **GOVERNMENT PAPERS:** The Minister for Finance (Senator Walsh) tabled the following Papers:

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act—Reports by the Aboriginal Land Commissioner—

Gurindji Land Claim to Daguragu Station (Further Report), dated April 1985.

Mount Allan Land Claim, dated 4 March 1985.
 Commonwealth Grants Commission Act—Commonwealth Grants Commission—
 52nd Report (1985).
 Department of the Treasury—Annual Report (7th) 1984-85.
 Insurance Act—Insurance Commissioner—Annual Report 1984-85.
 Qantas Airways Limited—Annual Report 1984-85, together with financial
 statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

6 QUESTIONS.

7 STANDING ORDERS—STANDING COMMITTEE—1ST REPORT FOR 62ND SESSION:

The President tabled the following Report:

Standing Orders Committee—1st Report for 62nd Session (1985), dated 15
 October 1985.

Ordered to be printed.

On the motion of the Leader of the Government (Senator Button) consideration
 of the Report in Committee of the Whole was made an Order of the Day for
 the next day of sitting.

8 COMMONWEALTH BANKING CORPORATION GROUP—ANNUAL REPORTS

1984-85—PAPER: The President tabled the following Paper:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Commonwealth Banking Corporation—
 Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia
 and Commonwealth Development Bank of Australia—Annual Reports 1984-
 85, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report
 thereon.

9 COMMONWEALTH SCHOOLS COMMISSION—REPORT FOR 1986—PAPER— MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: The Minister for Education (Senator Ryan) tabled the following Paper:

Commonwealth Schools Commission Act—Commonwealth Schools Commission—
 Report for 1986: Response to Government Guidelines, dated September
 1985.

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

Debate ensued.

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

Senator Ryan, by leave, made a further statement.

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

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

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Reports—

Mount Allan Land Claim.

Gurindji Land Claim to Daguragu Station.

Motion to take note of Papers moved by Senator Cooney, debated and
 agreed to.

Qantas Airways Limited—Annual Report 1984-85—Motion to take note of
 Paper moved by Senator Sibraa, debated and agreed to.

Department of the Treasury—Annual Report 1984-85—Motion to take note
 of Paper moved by Senator Short and agreed to.

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

- 11 **INSURANCE COMMISSIONER—ANNUAL REPORT 1984-85—PAPER:** Senator Lewis, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the following Paper:

Insurance Commissioner—Annual Report 1984-85.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till Thursday at General Business, and that Senator Lewis have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

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

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

Quarantine Act—Determination—Notice under section 86E, together with a statement by the Minister, dated 1 October 1985.

- 13 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1985**

INCOME TAX (INDIVIDUALS) BILL 1985

INCOME TAX (COMPANIES, CORPORATE UNIT TRUSTS AND SUPERANNUATION FUNDS) BILL 1985

MEDICARE LEVY BILL 1985:

Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Gietzelt)—That these Bills be now read a first time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bills read a first time.

The Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce (Senator Button) moved—That these Bills be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

- 14 **SOCIAL SECURITY AND REPATRIATION (BUDGET MEASURES) AMENDMENT BILL 1985—***Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 179

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to social security, repatriation and related matters*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 15 October 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 Veterans' Affairs (Senator Gietzelt) the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Gietzelt 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.

And it being 10.30 p.m.—

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

Debate ensued.

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned at 10.35 p.m. till tomorrow at 10 a.m.

16 **ATTENDANCE:** Present, all Senators except Senators Bjelke-Petersen, Coleman (on leave), Elstob, Grimes, Kilgariff, Knowles, McKiernan, Macklin, Missen, Robert Ray and Reynolds.

A. R. CUMMING THOM,
Clerk of the Senate