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

Senator Parer, from 132 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 Reid and Vigor, from 213 and 97 petitioners, respectively, praying that the further development of the Belconnen Mall, Canberra, include the development of community facilities and the retention of the present child care centre.

Senators Sir John Carrick, Chaney and Mason, from 46, 150 and 2562 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 Chaney, from 402 petitioners praying that the Senate request the Government to abandon the proposed tax on fringe benefits.

Senator Lewis, from 57 petitioners praying that no further action be taken towards self-government in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) until after the holding of a referendum of voters of the ACT.

Senators Cooney and Zakharov, from 108 and 36 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Senate legislate to close the joint Australian-United States electronic communications facilities at the Watsonia Army Barracks, Victoria.

Senator Zakharov, from 44 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 Cooney, from 39 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.

Senator Cooney, from 497 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 Harradine, from 21 petitioners praying that post-secondary tuition fees and any form of the user-pays principle in education not be introduced, that student financial assistance be increased and that visa charges on private overseas students be removed.

Senator Lewis, from 14 petitioners praying that the Oath of Allegiance be not changed.

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

Senator Reynolds: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate express its grave concern about the detention of Senator Georges in the Brisbane Watchhouse overnight on 11 November 1985, thus preventing him from taking his place in this Chamber, and indicates its strong disapproval of the way forced fingerprinting was threatened, solely for the purpose of identification.

Senator Harradine: To move on the next day of sitting—That Remuneration Tribunal Determination No. 11 of 1985, relating to Entitlements of Members of the Parliament and made under the *Remuneration Tribunals Act 1973*, be disallowed.

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

- (1) That the following matters be referred to the Committee of Privileges for urgent investigation and report:
 - (a) the circumstances which led to Senator Georges' bail being conditional upon fingerprinting for identification purposes; and
 - (b) the failure of Queensland authorities to notify the President of the Senate of the detention of a Senator in accordance with paragraph 17 of the Fifth Report of the Committee of Privileges entitled, "Imprisonment of a Senator", tabled in the Senate on 25 October 1979.
- (2) That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders, the Committee of Privileges for the purposes of its inquiry and report shall have power to send for persons, papers and records.

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

Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statement for September 1985.

Defence Service Homes Act—Defence Service Homes Corporation—Home Insurance, Statement of Conditions.

Department of Finance—Annual Report 1984-85.

Snowy Mountains Council—Annual Report (27th) 1984-85.

Treaties—List of—

Which have been signed by Australia and which require further treaty action by Australia before the treaty can enter into force for Australia.

- (1) Protocol between Australia and the Republic of Austria amending the Treaty concerning Extradition done at Canberra on 29 March 1973, signed at Vienna on 30 August 1985.
- (2) Treaty on Extradition between Australia and the Republic of Italy, signed at Milan on 26 August 1985.
- (3) South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty, signed at Rarotonga on 6 August 1985.
- (4) Agreement on Trade and Economic Relations and Technical Co-operation between Australia and the United Arab Emirates, signed at Canberra on 6 March 1985.
- (5) Agreement and Protocol between the Government of Australia and the Government of Finland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Canberra on 12 September 1984.
- (6) International Convention on the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System, done at Brussels on 14 June 1983, signed for Australia on 26 June 1984.
- (7) Treaty on Extradition between Australia and Ireland, signed at Dublin on 2 September 1985.
- (8) Treaty on Extradition between Australia and the Netherlands, signed at The Hague on 5 September 1985.

- (9) Treaty between Australia and Norway concerning Extradition, signed at Oslo on 9 September 1985.
- (10) Treaty on Extradition between Australia and the Kingdom of Belgium, signed at Brussels on 4 September 1985.
- (11) Protocol between Australia and Sweden amending the Treaty concerning Extradition done at Stockholm on 20 March 1973, signed at Stockholm on 6 September 1985.
- (12) Protocol between Australia and Finland amending the Treaty concerning Extradition done at Helsinki on 7 June 1984, signed at Helsinki on 10 September 1985.

To which Australia has become a party by signature.

- (1) Exchange of Notes at Canberra on 6 October 1983 and 14 November 1983 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America further extending the Agreement relating to Scientific and Technical Co-operation of 16 October 1968. The Agreement entered into force on 16 October 1983.
- (2) Trade Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, signed at Nicosia on 9 December 1983. The Agreement entered into force on that date.
- (3) Agreement establishing the Association of Tin Producing Countries, done at London on 29 March 1983 and signed by Australia on 22 November 1983. The Agreement entered into force for Australia on 21 January 1984.
- (4) Exchange of Letters at Rome and Canberra on 26 April 1983 and 1 December 1983 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Multinational Force and Observers amending the Agreement concerning Australian participation in the Multinational Force and Observers. The Agreement entered into force on 1 December 1983.
- (5) Exchange of Notes at Geneva on 31 January 1984 constituting an Agreement between the Patents Office of the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organisation amending the Agreement in relation to the establishment and functioning of the Patents Office of the Government of Australia as an International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Co-operation Treaty, done at Geneva on 29 February 1980. The amending Agreement entered into force on 1 March 1984.
- (6) Exchange of Notes at Canberra on 17 February 1984 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America amending the Agreement regarding future management and operation of the Joint Geological and Geophysical Research Station at Alice Springs, done at Canberra on 28 February 1978. The amending Agreement entered into force on 17 February 1984.
- (7) Exchange of Notes at Canberra on 16 April 1984 and 11 May 1984 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America further extending the Agreement relating to Scientific and Technical Co-operation, signed at Canberra on 16 October 1968. The Agreement entered into force on 16 April 1984.
- (8) Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Agricultural Co-operation, signed in Beijing on 17 May 1984. The Agreement entered into force on signature.

- (9) Exchange of Notes at Canberra on 10 April 1984 and 10 May 1984 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America on Access of Commercial Fishing Vessels to Australian Ports. The agreement entered into force on 10 May 1984.
- (10) Exchange of Notes at Nauru on 2 and 3 February 1984 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Nauru amending the Agreement relating to Air Services, done at Canberra on 17 September 1969, as amended by Exchange of Notes on 12 August 1976. The Agreement entered into force on 3 February 1984.
- (11) Exchange of Notes at Canberra on 24 July 1985 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America on the Conduct of Long-Duration Balloon Flights from the Territory of Australia. The Agreement entered into force on 24 July 1985.
- (12) Exchange of Notes at Canberra on 16 July 1984 and 18 October 1984 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America concerning the Use of Balloon Launching Facilities in Australia. The Agreement entered into force on 18 October 1984.
- (13) Agreement establishing an International Foot and Mouth Disease Vaccine Bank, done at London and signed for Australia on 26 June 1985. The Agreement entered into force on 26 June 1985.
- (14) Exchange of Notes at Canberra on 29 May 1985 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Amend the Agreement for Air Services between and beyond their respective Territories 1958, as amended. The Agreement entered into force on 29 May 1985.
- (15) Exchange of Notes at Washington on 2 August 1985 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America concerning the Application of the Agreement between Australia and the United States of America concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy. The Agreement entered into force on 2 August 1985.
- (16) Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden on the Protection of Classified Information of Defence Interest, signed at Stockholm on 14 August 1985. The Agreement entered into force on 14 August 1985.
- (17) Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the French Republic relating to the Exchange and Communication of Classified Information, signed at Paris on 15 July 1985. The Agreement entered into force on 15 July 1985.
- (18) Exchange of Notes at Canberra on 1 May 1985 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Japan concerning Co-operation on the Project for the Geostationary Meteorological Satellite-3 System. The Agreement entered into force on 1 May 1985.
- (19) Exchange of Notes at Beijing on 12 April 1985 and Canberra on 16 April 1985 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China on the establishment of Additional Consulates-General in their respective countries. The Agreement entered into force on 16 April 1985.
- (20) Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Norway for the Exchange of Money Orders, signed at Melbourne

on 27 March 1985. The Agreement entered into force on 27 March 1985.

- (21) Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America concerning the furnishing of launch and associated services for Australia's National Satellite System, signed at Washington on 7 March 1985. The Agreement entered into force on 7 March 1985.
- (22) Exchange of Letters at Washington on 16 January 1985 between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America constituting an Agreement concerning Trade in certain Steel Products, with attached arrangements. The Agreement entered into force on 16 January 1985.
- (23) Exchange of Notes at Canberra on 5 November 1984 and 9 November 1984 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America on Employment Opportunities for Dependants of Officials Overseas. The Agreement entered into force on 9 November 1984.
- (24) Exchange of Notes at Canberra on 18 October 1984 and 11 December 1984 constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America further extending the Agreement relating to Scientific and Technical Co-operation, signed at Canberra on 16 October 1968 and extended by Exchange of Notes in 1973, 1978, 1983 and 1984. The Agreement entered into force in accordance with the provisions of the Notes on 16 October 1984.
- (25) Agreement on Economic and Technical Co-operation in the Iron and Steel Industry between the Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China, signed at Beijing on 7 August 1984 and Canberra on 10 August 1984. The Agreement entered into force on 10 August 1984.
- (26) Agreement between the Governments of Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America in co-operation with the Committee for the Co-ordination of Joint Prospecting for Mineral Resources in South Pacific Offshore Areas relating to the conduct of a Joint Programme of Marine Geoscientific Research and Mineral Resource Studies of the South Pacific Region—Second Phase, signed at Washington on 19 September 1984. The Agreement entered into force on 19 September 1984.
- (27) Economic and Commercial Co-operation Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Italy, signed at Rome on 26 September 1984. The Agreement entered into force on 26 September 1984.
- (28) Protocol between the Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China on a Program of Co-operation in Agricultural Research for Development, signed at Beijing on 14 September 1984. The Protocol entered into force on 14 September 1984.
- (29) Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China relating to Civil Air Transport, signed at Beijing on 7 September 1984. The Agreement entered into force on 7 September 1984.
- (30) Exchange of Notes at Canberra on 30 March 1984 and Hobart on 23 July 1984 constituting an Agreement to extend the Interim Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources concerning

certain Privileges and Immunities of the Commission. The Agreement entered into force on 23 July 1984.

- (31) Subsidiary Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Japan concerning Japanese Tuna Long-Line Fishing, signed at Canberra on 30 October 1984. The Subsidiary Agreement entered into force on 1 November 1984.
- (32) Subsidiary Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Korea concerning Squid Jigging by Fishing Vessels of the Republic of Korea, signed at Canberra on 16 October 1984. The Subsidiary Agreement entered into force on 1 October 1984.

Which Australia has accepted or to which Australia has acceded.

- (1) International Agreement on Jute and Jute Products, 1982, done at Geneva on 1 October 1982, acceded to by Australia on 12 April 1984. The Agreement entered into force for Australia on 12 April 1984.
- (2) Convention concerning the International Exchange of Publications, done at Paris on 5 December 1958, accepted by Australia on 15 June 1984. The Convention entered into force for Australia on 15 June 1985.
- (3) Convention concerning the Exchange of Official Publications and Government Documents between States, done at Paris on 5 December 1958, accepted by Australia on 15 June 1984. The Convention entered into force for Australia on 15 June 1985.
- (4) Amendment to Article VI.A.1 of the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency, done at New York on 26 October 1956, approved by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency at Vienna on 27 September 1984, accepted by Australia on 14 August 1985. The Amendments are not yet in force.
- (5) Second Agreement to extend the Agreement establishing the Asian Regional Co-operative Project on Food Irradiation, done at Vienna on 20 August 1984, accepted by Australia on 11 April 1985. The Second Agreement entered into force for Australia on 11 April 1985.
- (6) Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance, done at New York on 20 June 1956, acceded to by Australia on 12 February 1985. The Convention entered into force for Australia on 14 March 1985.
- (7) Statutes of the International Centre for the Registration of Serial Publications, 1974, as amended at Paris on 12 October 1976, acceded to by Australia on 22 October 1984. The Statutes entered into force for Australia on 22 October 1984.
- (8) International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures, done at Kyoto on 18 May 1973. Annex D.1. (concerning rules of origin), done at Brussels on 10 June 1974; Annex E.1. (concerning Customs transit), done at Buenos Aires on 22 May 1975, and Annex F.7 (concerning carriage of goods coastwise), done at Brussels on 18 June 1980, accepted by Australia on 5 March 1984. Annexes D.1. and E.1. entered into force for Australia on 5 June 1984. Annex F.7. is not yet in force.
- (9) Protocol relating to Intervention on the High Seas in cases of Marine Pollution by Substances other than Oil, done at London on 2 November 1973, acceded to by Australia on 7 November 1983. The Protocol entered into force for Australia on 5 February 1984.

To which Australia has become a party by ratification.

- (1) International Sugar Agreement 1984, done at Geneva on 5 July 1984, signed for and ratified by Australia on 31 December 1984. The

Agreement entered into force provisionally on 1 January 1985 and definitively on 4 April 1985.

- (2) Protocol amending the International Convention relating to the Limitation of Liability of Owners of Sea-Going Ships, dated 10 October 1957, done at Brussels on 21 December 1979, signed for and ratified by Australia on 30 November 1983. The Protocol entered into force for Australia on 6 October 1984.
- (3) Treaty between Australia and Finland concerning Extradition, signed at Helsinki on 7 June 1984. The Agreement entered into force on 23 June 1985 in accordance with article 23 (2) after notes were exchanged on 22 March 1985.

6 QUESTIONS: Questions without Notice being proceeded with—

Paper: The Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Evans) tabled the following Paper from which he had quoted:

Australian Bill of Rights Bill—Background paper relating to the Bill's effects on abortion laws.

Further Questions without Notice were answered.

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

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

Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statement for September 1985—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Vigor.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till Thursday at General Business.

Snowy Mountains Council—Annual Report 1984-85—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Vigor.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till Thursday at General Business.

Department of Finance—Annual Report 1984-85—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Vigor.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till Thursday at General Business.

Treaties—Australia's Involvement—Motion to take note of Papers moved by Senator Sanders and debated.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till Thursday at General Business.

Defence Service Homes Corporation—Home Insurance, Statement of Conditions—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Vigor.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till Thursday at General Business.

8 AUDITOR-GENERAL—REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE 1984-85—PAPERS: The Deputy-President (Senator Hamer) tabled the following Papers:

Audit Act—Report by the Auditor-General upon the Financial Statements prepared by the Minister for Finance for year ended 30 June 1985 and upon other accounts, together with the Financial Statements, and certificates of the Attorney-General and the Minister for Foreign Affairs relating to exempt accounts and the Report of the Independent Auditor for year ended 30 June 1985.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney), by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the Papers.

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

9 DEPARTMENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY—ANNUAL REPORT 1984-85—

PAPER: The Deputy-President (Senator Hamer) tabled the following Paper:

Public Service Act—Department of the Parliamentary Library—Annual Report 1984-85.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Chaney), 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 Chaney have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

10 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—234TH REPORT: Senator Cooney, on behalf of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, tabled the following Report:

234th Report—Finance Minute on Report 224—Excise and Deferred Customs Duties.

Ordered to be printed.

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

11 ORDER OF BUSINESS—RE-ARRANGEMENT: The Manager of Government Business (Senator Grimes) moved—That, unless otherwise ordered, at 8 p.m. this day, intervening business be postponed till after consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day No. 5 (Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Cash Bidding) Amendment Bill 1985 [No. 2]).

Question—put and passed.

12 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1985-86: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce (Senator Button)—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee

Senator Button moved—

- (1) That clauses 1 to 13 and Schedule 1 be postponed till after the consideration of Schedule 2.
- (2) That, unless otherwise ordered, the Votes in Schedule 2 be considered in the same groupings and order as the departmental estimates referred to Estimates Committees A, B, C, D, E and F, respectively, as follows:

<i>Division Nos</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Amount</i>
		\$
	<i>Group A</i>	
380-386	Industry, Technology and Commerce	300 512 000
500-518	Prime Minister and Cabinet	113 667 000
640-644	Trade	222 687 000
540-554	Science.	494 972 000
	<i>Group B</i>	
220-221	Community Services	369 264 000
360-365	Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.	160 346 000
560	Social Security.	503 265 000

<i>Division Nos</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Amount</i>
		\$
325-329	Health	658 437 000
	<i>Group C</i>	
304-305	Finance	72 276 000
310	Advance to the Minister for Finance . . .	160 000 000
287-290	Employment and Industrial Relations . . .	718 056 000
670-678	Treasury	588 503 000
490-497	Primary Industry	213 276 000
200-202	Communications	482 958 000
	<i>Group D</i>	
270-284	Education	958 429 000
352-356	Housing and Construction	696 217 000
245	Buildings and Works (<i>Defence</i>)	229 498 000
246	Repairs and Maintenance (<i>Defence</i>) . .	125 083 000
248	Housing and Servicemen (<i>Defence</i>) . .	4 258 000
590-593	Sport, Recreation and Tourism	78 946 000
130-149	Arts, Heritage and Environment	179 898 000
120-125	Aboriginal Affairs	231 924 000
	<i>Group E</i>	
520-525	Resources and Energy	171 530 000
165-190	Attorney-General's	217 792 000
575-583	Special Minister of State	243 624 000
315-319	Foreign Affairs	1 129 023 000
230-244	Defence	5 739 612 000
	<i>Group F</i>	
690-694	Veterans' Affairs	900 732 000
664-668	Transport	176 363 000
193-194	Aviation	443 734 000
620-628	Territories	181 715 000
249	National Capital Development Commission (<i>Defence</i>)	1 331 000
400-403	Local Government and Administrative Services	535 978 000
250	Rent (<i>Defence</i>)	70 776 000
252	Acquisition of Sites and Buildings (<i>Defence</i>)	41 763 000

- (3) That leave be given to Senators to move motions expressing opinions or making recommendations based on the Reports of the Estimates Committees; that such motions be moved when the appropriate Vote is under consideration; that where more than one motion is proposed in relation to a particular Vote, the motions may be debated together, but in all cases a motion or motions shall be disposed of before the Question is put on the Vote before the Chair; and that any Resolutions be reported when the Chairman makes his Report to the President at the conclusion of proceedings in Committee of the Whole.

Question—put and passed.

Schedule 2 read—

Group A—

Divisions 300-386, Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce, \$300,512,000, passed without requests.

Divisions 500-518, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, \$113,667,000, passed without requests.

Divisions 640-644, Department of Trade, \$222,687,000, passed without requests.
Divisions 540-554, Department of Science, \$494,972,000, passed without requests.

Group B—

Divisions 220-221, Department of Community Services, \$369,264,000, passed without requests.

Divisions 360-365, Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, \$160,346,000, passed without requests.

Division 560, Department of Social Security, \$503,265,000, debated.

*And it being 8 p.m., pursuant to Order, consideration of
Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 1985-86 was interrupted.*

13 PERSONAL EXPLANATION: Senator Puplick, by leave, made a personal explanation relating to a matter raised during debate on 11 November 1985.

14 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (CASH BIDDING) AMENDMENT BILL 1985 [NO. 2]: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Evans)—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 34

Senators—

Aulich	Cooney	McIntosh	Sibraa
Black	Crowley	McKiernan	Siddons
Bolkus	Devlin	Maguire	Tate
Button	Elstob	Ray, Robert	Vallentine
Childs	Evans	Reynolds	Vigor
Chipp	Foreman	Richardson	Walsh
Coates	Georges	Robertson	Zakharov
Colston	Giles	Ryan	
Cook	Jones (Teller)	Sanders	

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Senators—

Archer	Durack	Knowles	Puplick
Baume, Michael	Guilfoyle, Dame	Lewis	Rae, Peter
Baume, Peter	Margaret	MacGibbon	Sheil
Bjelke-Petersen	Haines	Macklin	Short
Boswell	Hamer	Mason	Townley
Carrick, Sir John	Hill	Messner	Vanstone
Collard	Jessop	Missen	Walters
Crichton-Browne	Kilgariff (Teller)	Parer	Withers

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Senator Vigor moved the following amendment, viz: Page 1, after clause 2, insert the following new clause:

Cessation of operation of Act

“2A. (1) This Act shall cease to be in force at the expiration of 2 years after the commencement of this Act.

“(2) When this Act ceases to be in force by virtue of sub-section (1), the relevant Acts shall have effect as if those Acts had not been amended by this Act.

“(3) A permit granted under section 22B of the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967* as amended by this Act shall continue in force after this Act ceases to be in force by virtue of sub-section (1) as if this Act had not ceased to be in force.

“(4) In this section, ‘relevant Acts’ means the Acts amended by this Act.”.
Debate ensued.

And it being 10.30 p.m.: The Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Townley), under Sessional Order, put the Question—That he do leave the Chair and report to the Senate.

Question—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the proposed new clause be inserted in the Bill—put and passed.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The Deputy-President (Senator Hamer) resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Townley) reported accordingly.

On the motion of Senator Evans the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

15 **NOTICE:** The Minister for Resources and Energy (Senator Evans), by leave, gave a Notice of Motion, as follows: To move on the next day of sitting—

1. That paragraph (1) of the Resolution agreed to by the Senate and the House of Representatives on 28 February 1985 and 27 February 1985, respectively, relating to the appointment of the Joint Select Committee on Electoral Reform, be amended to read as follows—

“(1) That a joint select committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—

- (a) all aspects of the conduct of elections for the Parliament of the Commonwealth and matters related thereto, including:

- (i) legislation governing, and the operation of, the Australian Electoral Commission,
- (ii) the provision of ‘free’ radio time for political messages during election periods,
- (iii) the provisions of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* concerning the defamation of candidates for election,
- (iv) tax deductibility of political donations, and
- (v) the establishment of fixed formulae for determining the number of Senators and Members of the House of Representatives to which the Australian Capital Territory, the Northern Territory and other territories are entitled; and

- (b) such other matters relating to Australian electoral laws and practices as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament.”.

2. That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the House of Representatives by Message requesting its concurrence in the Resolution.

16 **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 11.21 p.m. till tomorrow at 10 a.m.

17 **ATTENDANCE:** Present, all Senators except Senators Coleman (on leave) and Morris.

A. R. CUMMING THOM,
Clerk of the Senate