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THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 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 10 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the Senators indicated, were received:

Senators Peter Baume, Brownhill and Chaney, from 185, 59 and 120 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 Ryan and Vigor, from 282 and 89 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.

Senator Vanstone, from 117 petitioners praying that the proposed cut-back of funding for pre-school and child care services be reversed.

Senator Vanstone, from 264 petitioners praying that the Senate pass the Flags Amendment Bill which provides that the existing Australian National Flag be changed only with the approval of the nation as expressed in a referendum.

Senator Zakharov, from 10 petitioners praying that the Senate urge the Government to propose to the United Nations General Assembly that 1989 be declared International Year for Repairing the Earth and implement related action programs.

Senator Zakharov, from 10 petitioners praying that the Senate request the Government to take steps to prevent the Pacific Area Defence Equipment Exhibition being held in Australia during the 1986 International Year of Peace.

Senator Zakharov, from 10 petitioners praying that the Senate request the Government to re-affirm its obligations to government schools by increasing funds to those schools and by limiting grants of State aid to private schools.

4 **NOTICES:**

Notices of Motion:

Senator Colston: To move on the next day of sitting—That Standing Order 64 be suspended for the remainder of the 1985 Budget sittings.

Senator Sanders: To move on the next day of sitting—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* to prohibit the carrying out of operations ancillary to the recovery of minerals and drilling or mining generally in the Marine Park without parliamentary approval.

Senator Foreman: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate notes—
(a) statements made by the Opposition spokesman on Education, Mr Shack, with respect to the creation of extra tertiary places on a full-fee basis for Australian students;

- (b) that such a move would create a two-tiered education system, one being based on merit and the other on wealth; and
- (c) that such a move would erode proper academic standards of admittance as those entrants from wealthy backgrounds would be able to buy their way past education quota requirements.

Notices of Motion withdrawn:

Senator Coates, in accordance with notice of intention given on 13 November 1985, withdrew Business of the Senate, Notice of Motion No. 1 standing in his name for the disallowance of the Extradition (Republic of South Africa) Regulations (Amendment).

Statements by Senators: Senator Coates, by leave, made a statement informing the Senate of his resignation as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances and that Senator Cooney had been elected as Chairman. Senator Lewis, by leave, made a statement relating thereto.

Senator Jones withdrew General Business, Notices of Motion Nos 12, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29, 34, 66, 68, 70, 74, 87 and 102 standing in his name.

Senator Jones, at the request of Senators Sibraa, Reynolds and Foreman, withdrew General Business, Notices of Motion Nos 13, 17 and 88 standing in their names.

Senator Reid withdrew General Business, Notice of Motion No. 9 standing in her name and at the request of Senators Boswell and Lewis withdrew General Business, Notices of Motion Nos 10, 16, 24, 32, 36, 59, 86, 94, 106, 41 and 42 standing in their names.

Senator Macklin withdrew General Business, Notice of Motion No. 11 standing in his name and at the request of the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Chipp) and Senator Sanders withdrew General Business, Notices of Motion Nos 35, 60 and 51 standing in their names.

5 CHILD CARE AMENDMENT BILL 1985: The Minister for Community Services (Senator Grimes), 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 amend the *Child Care Act 1972*, 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 Messner the debate was adjourned.

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

6 HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BILL 1985

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1985—

Messages from the House of Representatives: The following Messages from the House of Representatives were reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 192

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to financial assistance to the States and to the Northern Territory in connection with the provision of home and community care services*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 13 November 1985
MR PRESIDENT,

H. A. JENKINS,
Speaker
Message No. 193

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make amendments of various Acts providing for home and community care services, and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 13 November 1985

H. A. JENKINS,
Speaker

Suspension of Standing Orders to deal with Bills together: The Minister for Community Services (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.

Ordered—That the Bills may be taken through all their stages without delay.

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

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

On the motion of Senator Messner the debate was adjourned.

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

- 7 **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 Orders of the Day relating to Government Papers; and
 - (b) General Business, Orders of the Day No. 130 (Nuclear Weapons Prohibitions Bill 1985) and No. 173 (Postal Services Amendment (Continuance of Postal Services) Bill 1985).

Question—put and passed.

- 8 **ORDERS OF THE DAY DISCHARGED:** Senator Kilgariff, by leave, moved—That the following General Business, Orders of the Day be discharged from the Notice Paper:

Australian Capital Territory Schools Authority—Annual Report and Interim Financial Statements 1983-84, Financial Statements 1982-83—Papers: Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Peter Baume—That the Senate take note of the Papers.

Town Campers Assistance Program—Annual Report 1984-85—Paper: Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Peter Baume—That the Senate take note of the Paper.

Women's Budget Program—Paper—Ministerial Statement: Adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Peter Baume—That the Senate take note of the Statement.

Question—put and passed.

- 9 **REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL—DETERMINATION NO. 11 OF 1985—MOTION FOR DISAPPROVAL:** Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Harradine—That the Remuneration Tribunal Determination No. 11 of 1985, relating to Entitlements of Members of the Parliament and made under the *Remuneration Tribunals Act 1973*, be disapproved.

Debate resumed.

Question—put and negatived.

- 10 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1985-86:** The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee

Schedule 2 further considered.

Group B—

Division 560, Department of Social Security, \$503,265,000, further debated and passed without requests.

Divisions 325-329, Department of Health, \$658,437,000, debated and passed without requests.

Senator Walters, by leave, moved—That the Vote for Divisions 360-365, Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, \$160,346,000, be recommitted.

Question—put and passed.

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

Group C—

Divisions 304-305, Department of Finance, \$72,276,000, passed without requests.

Division 310, Advance to the Minister for Finance, \$160,000,000, passed without requests.

Divisions 287-290, Department of Employment and Industrial Relations, \$718,056,000, debated and passed without requests.

Divisions 670-678, Department of the Treasury, \$588,503,000, debated.

Ordered—That the Chairman of Committees (Senator Hamer) report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The Acting Deputy-President (Senator Haines) resumed the Chair; and Senator Hamer reported that the Committee had considered the Bill, made progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered—That the Committee have leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

- 11 **MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST:** The Minister for Finance (Senator Walsh) 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 Finance (Senator Walsh) tabled the following Paper from which he had quoted:

Tax Reform—Background paper relating to the “White Paper” proposals.

Further Questions without Notice were answered.

- 13 **PERSONAL EXPLANATION:** Senator Messner, by leave, made a personal explanation relating to a matter raised during Question Time this day.

- 14 **STANDING ORDERS—STANDING COMMITTEE—2ND REPORT FOR 62ND SESSION:** The President tabled the following Report:

Standing Orders Committee—2nd Report for 62nd Session (1985), dated 14 November 1985.

Ordered to be printed.

15 NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT ON PLANNING FOR SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CHAMBERS:
The President tabled the following Report:

Report relating to the Planning for the Senate and House of Representatives Chambers in the new Parliament House, dated 13 November 1985.

Notice of Motion: Senator Crichton-Browne, by leave, gave a Notice of Motion, as follows: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

- (a) accepts the necessity for the interior finish of the Senate Chamber in the new Parliament House to maintain in suitable form the dignity and atmosphere of the present Chamber;
- (b) considers that it is appropriate for the new Chamber to have a basically wood-panelled appearance, taking advantage of, and making use of the wide range of timbers to be found throughout Australia; and
- (c) rejects the proposal, recently revealed to Senators, for the walls of the new Chamber to be lined with fabric of varying colours, not consistent with the traditional red colour common to Westminster-style Upper Houses.

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

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

16 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—241ST REPORT: Senator Watson, on behalf of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, tabled the following Report:

241st Report—Reports of the Auditor-General—1983-84 and September 1984.

Ordered to be printed.

Senator Watson, by leave, made a statement relating to the Report.

17 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE C—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Chairman of Estimates Committee C (Senator Childs), by leave, tabled additional information received by the Committee.

Ordered—That the additional information be incorporated in the Estimates Committee's *Hansard*.

18 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—JOINT COMMITTEE—REPORT: Senator Reid, on behalf of the Joint Committee on the Australian Capital Territory, tabled the following Report:

Report on Proposals for Variations of the Plan of Layout of the City of Canberra and its Environs (86th Series—2nd Report), dated 13 November 1985, together with minutes of proceedings.

Senator Reid, by leave, made a statement relating to the Report.

19 ESTIMATES COMMITTEE A—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Chairman of Estimates Committee A (Senator Richardson), by leave, tabled additional information received by the Committee.

Ordered—That the additional information be incorporated in the Estimates Committee's *Hansard*.

20 PAPERS: The following Papers were tabled:

Christmas Island Act—Ordinances 1985—

No. 6—Phosphate Mining Corporation of Christmas Island.

No. 7—Police Force (Amendment).

No. 8—Civil Law (Amendment).

Compensation (Commonwealth Government Employees) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 284.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 285.

Fisheries Act—Fisheries Notice—No. 154—Prohibition relating to the taking of prawns off northern Australia, dated 28 October 1985.
 Postal Services Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 296.
 Seamen's Compensation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 283.
 Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance 1985—No. 60—Credit (Amendment) (No. 2).
 Telecommunications Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 295.
 Therapeutic Goods Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 297.
 Wheat Tax Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1985 No. 282.

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

21 GOVERNMENT PAPERS—CONSIDERATION: The following Government Papers were considered pursuant to Sessional Order:

Advance to the Minister for Finance—Statement for September 1985—Debate resumed on the motion of Senator Vigor to take note of Paper—Motion agreed to.
 Snowy Mountains Council—Annual Report 1984-85—Debate resumed on the motion of Senator Vigor to take note of Paper—Motion agreed to.
 Department of Finance—Annual Report 1984-85—Debate resumed on the motion of Senator Vigor to take note of Paper—Motion agreed to.
 Treaties—Australia's Involvement—Motion of Senator Sanders to take note of Papers agreed to.
 Defence Service Homes Corporation Home Insurance—Statement of Conditions—Motion of Senator Vigor to take note of Paper agreed to.
 Australian National Railways Commission—Report on Accident Statistics, 1 January 1984 to 30 June 1985—Debate resumed on the motion of Senator Vigor to take note of Paper—Motion agreed to.
 Remote Commercial Television Services—2nd Report—Debate resumed on the motion of Senator Vigor to take note of Paper—Motion agreed to.
 Aussat Pty Ltd—Annual Report 1984-85—Debate resumed on the motion of Senator Kilgarriff to take note of Paper—Motion agreed to.
 Department of Community Services—Annual Report 1984-85—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Dame Margaret Guilfoyle and agreed to.
 Steel Industry Authority—Annual Report 1984-85—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Puplick and agreed to.
 Industries Assistance Commission—Annual Report 1984-85—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Vigor and agreed to.
 Industries Assistance Commission—Report on Apples and Pears—Debate resumed, by leave, on the motion of Senator Watson to take note of Paper.

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

22 NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROHIBITIONS BILL 1985: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Chipp)—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 7

Senators—
 Chipp
 Haines

Macklin (Teller)
 Mason

Sanders
 Vallentine

Vigor

NOES, 59

Senators—

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

And so it was negatived.

23 POSTAL SERVICES AMENDMENT (CONTINUANCE OF POSTAL SERVICES) BILL

1985: Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Lewis—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 27

Senators—

Archer	Collard	Knowles	Sheil
Baume, Michael	Crichton-Browne	Lewis	Short
Baume, Peter	Durack	MacGibbon	Teague
Bjelke-Petersen	Guilfoyle, Dame	Parer	Townley
Boswell	Margaret	Puplick	Walters
Brownhill	Hamer	Rae, Peter	Watson
Carrick, Sir John	Kilgariff (Teller)	Reid	Withers

NOES, 36

Senators—

Aulich	Crowley	Harradine	Reynolds
Black	Devlin	Jones	Richardson
Bolkus	Elstob	McClelland	Robertson
Button	Evans	McIntosh (Teller)	Sanders
Chipp	Foreman	McKiernan	Sibraa
Coates	Georges	Macklin	Tate
Colston	Gietzelt	Maguire	Vigor
Cook	Giles	Mason	Walsh
Cooney	Haines	Ray, Robert	Zakharov

And so it was negatived.

- 24 NEXT MEETING OF SENATE: The Leader of the Government (Senator Button) moved—That the Senate, unless otherwise ordered, at its rising, adjourn till Tuesday, 26 November 1985 at 2 p.m., or such other day and/or hour as may be fixed by the President, or in the event of the President being unavailable, by the Deputy-President, and that the day and/or hour of meeting so determined shall be notified to each Senator.

Question—put and passed.

- 25 AUSTRALIA CARD—PROPOSED JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—*Message from the House of Representatives*: The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 194

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate the following Resolution which was agreed to by the House of Representatives this day, and requests that the Senate concur and take action accordingly:

- (1) That a joint select committee be appointed to inquire into and report on all aspects of the Government's proposals for an Australia Card, including—
 - (a) the costs of introducing and operating the system;

- (b) the likely effectiveness of the proposed system in combatting evasion of, and fraud against, the taxation and welfare systems, and in fulfilling the other purposes for which the system has been proposed;
 - (c) the most appropriate means of identification which should appear on Australia Cards to ensure the effectiveness of the system;
 - (d) the most appropriate method of establishing positive identification of individuals for the purpose of issuing Australia Cards;
 - (e) the experience of other countries in utilising identification systems;
 - (f) the inclusion of adequate protection against abuses of civil liberties and invasion of privacy;
 - (g) the comparable cost-effectiveness of alternative proposals to combat evasion of, and fraud against, the taxation and welfare systems and the other purposes for which the system has been proposed;
 - (h) whether use of the Australia Card should be universal and/or compulsory and, if so, for what purposes and by whom;
 - (i) limits which should be placed on the requirement for individuals to produce an Australia Card;
 - (j) the extent to which the Australia Card may facilitate data linkage by Commonwealth departments and authorities, and the most appropriate means whereby such data linkage should be subjected to adequate supervision and safeguards, and
 - (k) other related matters which the committee may deem appropriate.
- (2) That the committee consist of 8 members, 3 members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House or the Government Whip, 1 Member of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition or the Opposition Whip, 1 Member of the House of Representatives to be nominated by either the Leader of the National Party or the National Party Whip, 1 Senator to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 1 Senator to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by the Leader of the Australian Democrats.
 - (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
 - (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chairman.
 - (6) That the committee elect a deputy chairman who shall perform the duties of the chairman of the committee at any time when the chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee and at any time when the chairman and the deputy chairman are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to perform the duties of the chairman at that meeting.
 - (7) That 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee.
 - (8) That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
 - (9) That the committee have power to move from place to place.
 - (10) That the committee have power to adjourn from time to time.
 - (11) That the committee have power to authorise publication of any evidence given before it and any document presented to it.
 - (12) That the committee report by 31 March 1986.
 - (13) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.

- (14) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 13 November 1985

H. A. JENKINS,
Speaker

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Gietzelt), by leave, moved—

- (1) That the Senate concurs in the Resolution transmitted to the Senate by Message No. 194 of the House of Representatives relating to the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on the Government's proposals for an Australia Card.
- (2) That the provisions of the Resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.
- (3) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the House of Representatives by Message.

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned till a later hour of the day, and that Senator Durack have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

26 CUSTOMS TARIFF (STAND-BY DUTY) BILL 1985—Message from the House of Representatives: The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 196

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for a special duty of Customs in respect of certain petroleum oils in certain circumstances*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 14 November 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 Archer the debate was adjourned.

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

27 COMMITTEES—CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP: The President informed the Senate that he had received a letter from the Leader of the Government (Senator Button) requesting changes in the membership of certain Committees.

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs (Senator Gietzelt), by leave, moved—

- (1) That Senator Richardson be discharged from further attendance on the Standing Committee on Finance and Government Operations and that Senator Reynolds, having been duly nominated in accordance with Standing Order 36AA, be appointed a member of the Committee.
- (2) That Senator Tate be discharged from further attendance on the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders and till such time as a Senator has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the discharge of Senator Tate, that the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, or the Deputy Chairman when acting as Chairman, shall, in the event of an equality of voting, have a casting vote.

Question—put and passed.

28 VOLATILE SUBSTANCE FUMES—SELECT COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT: The Chairman of the Select Committee on Volatile Substance Fumes (Senator Robertson), by leave, moved—That the time for presentation of

the Report of the Select Committee on Volatile Substance Fumes be extended to 6 December 1985.

Question—put and passed.

- 29 **APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1985-86:** The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee

Schedule 2 further considered.

Group C—

Divisions 670-678, Department of the Treasury, \$588,503,000, further debated and passed without requests.

Divisions 490-497, Department of Primary Industry, \$213,276,000, passed without requests.

Divisions 200-202, Department of Communications, \$482,958,000, debated.

And it being 6.30 p.m.: The Chairman of Committees (Senator Hamer), under Sessional Order, put the Question—That he do leave the Chair and report to the Senate.

Question—put and passed.

The Acting Deputy-President (Senator Colston) resumed the Chair; and Senator Hamer reported accordingly.

- 30 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Acting Deputy-President (Senator Colston), under Sessional Order, put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned at 7.07 p.m. till Tuesday, 26 November 1985 at 2 p.m., or such other day and/or hour as may be fixed in accordance with the Resolution agreed to this day.

- 31 **ATTENDANCE:** Present, all Senators except Senators Coleman (on leave), Hill, Morris and Siddons.

A. R. CUMMING THOM,
Clerk of the Senate