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TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 1985

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- 1 **MEETING OF SENATE:** The Senate met at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
- 2 **ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT:** The Clerk informed the Senate of the absence, due to ill health, of the President (Senator the Honourable Douglas McClelland), and thereupon the Deputy-President (Senator Hamer) took the Chair.
- 3 **PRAYERS.**
- 4 **AUTHORITY OF DEPUTY-PRESIDENT:** The Manager of Government Business (Senator Grimes), by leave, moved—That, during the absence of the President, the Deputy-President shall, on each sitting day, take the Chair of the Senate and may, during such absence, perform the duties and exercise the authority of the President in relation to all proceedings of the Senate and to proceedings of Standing and Joint Statutory Committees to which the President is appointed.
Question—put and passed.
- 5 **PETITIONS:** The following 20 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the Senators indicated, were received:
- Senator Chipp, from 199 petitioners praying that the Senate support Senator Chipp's various legislative measures dealing with the prohibition of nuclear weapons.
 - Senator Peter Baume, from 700 petitioners praying that the Senate oppose any action which would give ownership of Ayers Rock and Uluru National Park to any single group in the community.
 - Senator Cooney, from 108 petitioners praying that the Senate legislate to close the joint Australian–United States electronic communications facilities at the Watsonia Army Barracks, Victoria.
 - Senators Chaney, Childs and Robertson, from 165, 106 and 90 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 Withers, from 109 petitioners praying that the Senate amend the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Amendment Bill 1985 to remove the sales tax on ice cream.
 - Senators Vigor and Walsh, from 77 and 233 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 Chaney, from 246 petitioners praying that the Senate request the Government to abandon the proposed tax on fringe benefits.
 - Senator Robertson, from 736 petitioners praying that a fuel price reduction policy be introduced.
 - Senator Brownhill, from 24 petitioners praying that the Senate protect the rights of private enterprise and reject the introduction of any inequitable additional taxes such as capital gains taxes.

Senators Chaney and Dame Margaret Guilfoyle, from 193 and 17 petitioners respectively, praying that the assets test be repealed.

Senator Brownhill, from 16 petitioners, praying that the Senate act to protect society from moral pollution and its harmful effects.

Senator Brownhill, from 39 petitioners praying that the Senate reject certain tax proposals which are outlined in the Government's White Paper of May 1985.

Senator Reid, from 18 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.

Senator Chipp, from 1594 petitioners praying that the Senate oppose the proposed tax on fringe benefits provided to bank employees.

Senator Robertson, from 27 petitioners praying that the Senate defer any action on the Australian Bill of Rights Bill 1985 for a period of 12 months.

Senator Reid, from 24 petitioners praying that the Senate take action to prevent any organisation from acquiring EMS video facilities which are used as an educational resource by the Australian Capital Territory Schools Authority.

6 NOTICES:

Notices of Motion:

The Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce (Senator Button): To move on the next day of sitting—That, for the purpose of sub-section 8A (7) of the *Australian Industry Development Corporation Act 1970*, the Senate approves the giving of a guarantee to the Australian Industry Development Corporation in the terms set out in the Deed of Guarantee presented to the Senate by the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce on 26 November 1985.

Paper: Senator Button tabled the following Paper:

Australian Industry Development Corporation Act—Deed of Guarantee between the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce and the Australian Industry Development Corporation relating to loans to Saramane Pty Ltd for research on the Australian Anti-Malaria Vaccine Research Project.

The Manager of Government Business (Senator Grimes): To move on the next day of sitting—That, unless otherwise ordered—

- (1) Government Business take precedence of General Business for the remainder of the present period of sittings.
- (2) (a) The hours of meeting of the Senate on Wednesday, 27 November 1985, be—
 - 10 a.m.—12.45 p.m.
 - 2 p.m.—6.30 p.m.
 - 8 p.m.—10.30 p.m.; and
- (b) the Sessional Order relating to the adjournment of the Senate have effect at 10.30 p.m. on that day.

The Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts (Senator Georges): To move on the next day of sitting—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Joint Statutory Committee of Public Accounts meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 27 November 1985.

Notices of Motion withdrawn: Senator Kilgariff withdrew General Business, Notices of Motion Nos 45 and 48 standing in his name and at the request of Senator MacGibbon withdrew General Business, Notices of Motion Nos 9, 42 and 50.

Intention to withdraw: The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Cooney), pursuant to Standing Order 109A, gave notice of his intention, on the next day of sitting, at giving of Notices, to withdraw Business of the Senate, Notice of Motion No. 1 standing in his

name for the next day of sitting, for the disallowance of the *Electricity (Amendment) Ordinance 1985*.

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

Senator Cooney, pursuant to Standing Order 109A, gave notice of his intention, on the next day of sitting, at giving of Notices, to withdraw Business of the Senate, Notice of Motion No. 5 standing in his name for the next day of sitting and Notices of Motion Nos 2 and 3 standing in his name for 4 sitting days hence, for the disallowance of Telecommunications (General) By-laws Nos 42, 43 and 44, respectively.

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

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

Administrative Review Council—Review of Customs and Excise Decisions: Stage 2—Report (No. 23) to the Attorney-General, dated 28 June 1985.

Archives Act—Advisory Council on Australian Archives—Annual Report 1984-85.

Australian Capital Territory—

Agents Board—Annual Report (14th) 1984-85.

Building Review Committee—Annual Report (8th) 1984-85.

Building Standards Committee—Annual Report (9th) 1984-85.

Australian Federal Police Act—Australian Federal Police—Annual Report 1984-85.

Australian Science and Technology Council Act—Australian Science and Technology Council—Annual Report 1984-85.

Australia's Population Trends and Prospects 1985—Report by the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, dated November 1985.

Statement by the Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.

Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Annual Report (29th) of President, for year ended 13 August 1985.

Cotton Research Act—Cotton Research Committee—Annual Report (2nd) 1984-85.

Department of Territories—Annual Report 1984-85.

Dried Fruits Research Act—Dried Fruits Research Committee—Annual Report 1984-85.

Expenditure—House of Representatives Standing Committee—Report on Telecom's Zonal Charging Policies—Response by the Australian Telecommunications Commission, dated October 1985.

Statement by the Minister for Communications.

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act—Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Annual Report 1984-85, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon.

Honey Research Act—Honey Research Committee—Annual Report 1984-85.

Immigration (Education) Act—Child Migrant Education—Annual Report 1984-85, by the Minister for Education.

Independent Air Fares Committee Act—Independent Air Fares Committee—Annual Report (4th) 1984-85.

Local Government Finance—Report of the National Inquiry (Chairman: Professor P. Self), dated 25 October 1985.

Statement by the Minister for Local Government and Administrative Services, dated 13 November 1985.

Marine Sciences and Technologies Grants and Queen's Fellowships Scheme—Marine Research Allocations Advisory Committee—Report on Grants approved and Fellowships awarded for 1985.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Consumer Affairs Ordinance—Consumer Affairs Council and Consumer Affairs Bureau—Annual Report (12th) 1984-85.

Credit Ordinance—Annual Report (1st) 1984-85.

Vietnam Veterans' Counselling Service—Evaluation—Report by Committee of Review (Final—incorporating Parts 1 and 2) (Chairman: Professor I. K. Waterhouse), dated 2 October 1985.

- 8 **MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** The Leader of the Government (Senator Button), by leave, informed the Senate that during the absence overseas of Senator Evans, Senator Walsh would act as Minister for Resources and Energy.

9 **QUESTIONS.**

- 10 **PERSONAL EXPLANATION:** Senator Tate, by leave, made a personal explanation relating to an article in the magazine, *News Weekly*, dated 13 November 1985.
- 11 **STATEMENT BY SENATOR:** Senator Townley, by leave, made a statement relating to an article in the newspaper, *The Australian*, dated 15 November 1985.

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

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

Department of Territories—Annual Report 1984-85—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Reid and agreed to.

Independent Air Fares Committee—Annual Report 1984-85—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Kilgariff, debated and agreed to.

Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission—Annual Report 1984-85—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Cook, debated and agreed to.

Australia's Population Trends and Prospects 1985—Motion to take note of Paper moved by Senator Harradine.

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

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- 13 **AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT:** The Acting Deputy-President (Senator Tate) tabled the following Reports, dated 25 November 1985:

Audit Act—Reports of the Auditor-General on Efficiency Audits—

Administration of Quarantine Services.

Australian Wool Corporation Property Operations.

Department of Territories—A.C.T. Internal Omnibus Network (ACTION).

- 14 **ESTIMATES COMMITTEE E—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The Chairman of Estimates Committee E (Senator Zakharov), by leave, tabled additional information received by the Committee.

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

- 15 **INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION—73RD CONFERENCE (MARCH 1985)—REPORT:** Senator Colston, by leave, tabled the following Report:

Inter-Parliamentary Union—Report of the Australian Delegation to the 73rd Conference held in Lomé, Togo, 25-30 March 1985.

Ordered to be printed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 16 **AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA—PAPER:** Senator Jones, by leave, tabled the following Paper:
Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Official Report of the Parliamentary Delegation to the People's Republic of China, 30 June to 10 July 1985.
Senator Jones, by leave, made a statement relating to the Paper.
- 17 **PUBLIC WORKS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—11TH, 12TH, AND 13TH REPORTS OF 1985:** The Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (Senator Foreman) tabled the following Reports:
Restoration of Facade, General Post Office, Martin Place, Sydney, (11th Report of 1985).
Construction of Melbourne Mail Centre, Spencer and La Trobe Streets, Melbourne (12th Report of 1985).
Construction of New Ward Block and Outpatients Department, Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg, Victoria (13th Report of 1985).
Ordered to be printed.
- 18 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—239TH REPORT:** Senator Dame Margaret Guilfoyle, on behalf of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, tabled the following Report:
239th Report—Expenditure from the Advance to the Minister for Finance (Appropriation Acts 1983-84).
Ordered to be printed.
Senator Dame Margaret Guilfoyle, by leave, made a statement relating thereto.
- 19 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—238TH REPORT:** The Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts (Senator Georges) tabled the following Report:
238th Report—Public Hospitals in the Australian Capital Territory.
Ordered to be printed.
Senator Georges, by leave, made a statement relating thereto.
- 20 **USE AND EFFECTS OF CHEMICAL AGENTS ON AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL IN VIETNAM—ROYAL COMMISSION—RESPONSE BY THE VIETNAM VETERANS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA—PAPER:** Senator Macklin, by leave, tabled the following Paper:
Use and Effects of Chemical Agents on Australian Personnel in Vietnam—Royal Commission—Response by the Vietnam Veterans' Association of Australia, dated November 1985.
- 21 **PAPERS:** The following Papers were tabled:
Audit Act—Corrigendum—Report of the Auditor-General upon the Financial Statements prepared by the Minister for Finance for the year ended 30 June 1985.
Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act—Orders 1985—
MQ14—High Quality Beef to EEC—1986 Quota Administration Scheme.
MQ15—Sheepmeat and/or Goatmeat to EEC—1986 Quota Administration Scheme.
MQ16—Buffalomeat to EEC—1986 Quota Administration Scheme.
Defence Act—
Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal Determinations 1985 Nos 4, 5, 6.
Determinations 1985—
No. 67—Overseas Living Out Allowance and others.
No. 68—Travelling Allowance and others.
Fisheries Act—
Fisheries Notice—No. 150—Prohibition on the taking of prawns off the east coast of Australia, dated 6 November 1985.
Plan of Management No. 2—Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery Management Plan (Amendment).

Public Service Act—

Appointment—Department of Veterans' Affairs—R. Miranda.

Determinations 1985 Nos 84, 89, 90, 91, 92.

Parliamentary Presiding Officers' Determination 1985 No. 5.

Quarantine Act—Determination under section 86E, dated 13 November 1985.

Remuneration Tribunals Act—Remuneration Tribunal—Determination 1985—No. 19—Remuneration payable to holders of certain public offices—Australian Science and Technology Council and others, dated 30 October 1985.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—

Determinations made under the following Ordinances—

Cemeteries, dated 28 October 1985.

Health Services, dated 8 October 1985 and 5 November 1985.

Variation of the plan of layout of the city of Canberra and its environs (86th Series), dated 19 November 1985.

Telecommunications Act—By-laws—

Telecommunications (Charging Zones and Charging Districts) Amendment No. 61.

Telecommunications (General) Amendment No. 46.

Telecommunications (Staff) Amendments Nos 46, 47.

22 GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S PROCLAMATIONS—COMMENCEMENT OF ACTS:

Proclamations by His Excellency the Governor-General were tabled, notifying that His Excellency had proclaimed the following Acts and sections of Acts to come into operation on the dates specified:

Customs and Excise Amendment Act 1982—Sections 22, 24, 74, 75 and 76—2 December 1985 (*Gazette* No. S 490, 21 November 1985).

Customs and Excise Legislation Amendment Act 1985—Section 35—29 November 1985 (*Gazette* No. S 490, 21 November 1985).

Insurance Contracts Act 1984—1 January 1986 (*Gazette* S 487, 20 November 1985).

23 GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AMENDMENT (PROHIBITION OF MINING OR DRILLING ACTIVITIES) BILL 1985:

Senator Macklin, at the request of Senator Sanders and 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 *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.

Question—put and passed.

24 JUDICIARY AMENDMENT BILL 1985—Message from the House of Representatives:

The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 195

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend section 69 of the 'Judiciary Act 1903', and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,

H. A. JENKINS,

Canberra, 13 November 1985

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 Sheil the debate was adjourned.

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

- 25 BOUNTY (COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES) AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1985—**
Message from the House of Representatives: The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 202

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Bounty (Commercial Motor Vehicles) Act 1978', and for related purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
 Canberra, 19 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 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 Sheil the debate was adjourned.

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

- 26 COMPANIES AND SECURITIES LEGISLATION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL 1985—***Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 208

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend laws relating to companies and securities*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
 Canberra, 20 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 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 Sheil the debate was adjourned.

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

- 27 STATES GRANTS (GENERAL REVENUE) BILL 1985—***Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 217

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for grants to the States*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
 Canberra, 21 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 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 Sheil the debate was adjourned.

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

- 28 ELECTORAL REFORM—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—***Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 197

The House of Representatives, having considered Message No. 162 of the Senate, acquaints the Senate that the House has agreed to the Senate's

amendment to 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.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 15 November 1985

H. A. JENKINS,
Speaker

29 BOUNTY (METAL WORKING MACHINES AND ROBOTS) BILL 1985

BOUNTY (AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS AND EQUIPMENT) BILL 1985—

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

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 203

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*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*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 19 November 1985

H. A. JENKINS,
Speaker

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 204

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*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*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 19 November 1985

H. A. JENKINS,
Speaker

30 LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (GRANTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1985—*Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 205

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to end financial assistance under the 'Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Grants) Act 1980', and for related purposes*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 19 November 1985

H. A. JENKINS,
Speaker

31 PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) (CASH BIDDING) AMENDMENT BILL 1985

[NO. 2]—*Message from the House of Representatives:* The following Message from the House of Representatives was reported:

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 206

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act 1967' to provide for the granting of exploration permits by way of cash bidding, and for related purposes*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 19 November 1985

H. A. JENKINS,
Speaker

32 STUDENT ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 1985

STUDENT ASSISTANCE (LOANS GUARANTEE AND SUBSIDY) REPEAL BILL 1985—1985—

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

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 212

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Student Assistance Act 1973', and for related*

purposes", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 20 November 1985

H. A. JENKINS,
Speaker

MR PRESIDENT,

Message No. 213

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to repeal the Student Assistance (Loans Guarantee and Subsidy) Act 1982*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 20 November 1985

H. A. JENKINS,
Speaker

33 GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGES—ASSENT TO LAWS: Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were reported, notifying that His Excellency had, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the following laws:

18 November 1985—Message No. 39—

Income Tax Assessment Amendment Act 1985 (Act No. 129 of 1985)

22 November 1985—Messages—

No. 40—

Interstate Road Transport Act 1985 (Act No. 130 of 1985)

Interstate Road Transport Charge Act 1985 (Act No. 131 of 1985)

No. 41—

Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Cash Bidding) Amendment Act 1985 (Act No. 132 of 1985)

No. 42—

Bounty (Metal Working Machines and Robots) Act 1985 (Act No. 133 of 1985)

Bounty (Agricultural Tractors and Equipment) Act 1985 (Act No. 134 of 1985)

34 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 200-202, Department of Communications, \$482,958,000, further debated and passed without requests.

Group D—

Divisions 270-284, Department of Education, \$958,429,000, debated and passed without requests.

The following Votes were debated and passed without requests:

Divisions—

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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 for Servicemen (<i>Defence</i>)	4,258,000

Divisions 590-593, Department of Sport, Recreation and Tourism, \$78,946,000, debated and passed without requests.

Divisions 130-149, Department of Arts, Heritage and Environment, \$179,898,000, debated and passed without requests.

Divisions 120-125, Department of Aboriginal Affairs, \$231,924,000, debated and passed without requests.

Group E—

Divisions 520-525, Department of Resources and Energy, \$171,530,000, debated.

Ordered—That further consideration of the Votes for the Department of Resources and Energy be postponed.

Divisions 165-190, Attorney-General's Department, \$217,792,000, debated and passed without requests.

Ordered—That further consideration of the Votes for the Department of Resources and Energy be resumed.

Divisions 520-525, Department of Resources and Energy, \$171,530,000, further debated and passed without requests.

Divisions 575-583, Department of the Special Minister of State, \$243,624,000, debated.

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

Question—put and passed.

The Deputy-President resumed the Chair; and Senator MacGibbon reported accordingly.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned at 10.50 p.m. till tomorrow at 10 a.m.

36 **ATTENDANCE:** Present, all Senators except Senators Coleman (on leave), Evans, Hill, Jessop, McClelland and Withers.

A. R. CUMMING THOM,
Clerk of the Senate