

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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THURSDAY, 31ST MARCH, 1966.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at eleven a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The President (Senator the Honorable Sir Alister McMullin) took the Chair.

2. PRAYERS.

3. QUESTION.—A Question on notice was answered.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Northern Territory—Report for year 1964–65.

Tariff Board Reports—

Bonded fibre fabrics and interim Report under the General Textile Reference on bonded fibre fabrics and articles of bonded fibre fabrics.

Pins.

5. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Senator Wedgwood brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts—

Eightieth Report—Department of Customs and Excise—Excise Control Procedures.

Ordered to be printed.

Senator Wedgwood, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the Report.

6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Senator Prowse brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—

Proposed provision of Building Extensions and Central Air-conditioning Plant at A.B.C. Television Studios, Gore Hill, New South Wales.

Senator Prowse, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the Report.

7. JUDICIARY BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 277.*

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Judiciary Act 1903–1965' in relation to Legal Practitioners and in relation to the Application of that Act in the Territories of the Commonwealth*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

J. MCLEAY,  
*Speaker.*

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 30th March, 1966.

*Suspension of Standing Orders.*—The Minister for Works (Senator Gorton), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator Gorton the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Gorton moved—That this Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Murphy the debate was adjourned.

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

8. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY SUPREME COURT BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

*Message No. 278.*

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court Act 1933–1965' in relation to Barristers and Solicitors*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

J. MCLEAY,  
*Speaker.*

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 30th March, 1966.

*Suspension of Standing Orders.*—The Minister for Works (Senator Gorton), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator Gorton the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Gorton moved—That this Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Murphy the debate was adjourned.

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

9. LOAN (HOUSING) BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 279.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Raising and Expending of a sum not exceeding Fifteen million dollars for the purposes of Housing*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,  
Canberra, 30th March, 1966.

J. McLEAY,  
Speaker.

*Suspension of Standing Orders.*—The Minister for Housing (Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin), pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bill being passed through all its stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin moved—That this Bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Kennelly the debate was adjourned.

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

10. SULPHATE OF AMMONIA BOUNTY BILL 1966.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

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

11. RURAL CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The Minister for Supply (Senator Henty), by leave, made a statement relating to extended farm loan facilities and the establishment of a Farm Development Loan Fund.

Senator Kennelly moved, by leave—That the Senate take note of the Statement.

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

12. PROJECT SPARTA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The Minister for Supply (Senator Henty), by leave, made a statement relating to Project Sparta, a series of re-entry experiments using United States rockets to be launched from Woomera Rocket Range.

13. PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The Minister for Works (Senator Gorton), by leave, made a statement relating to an invitation extended by the Government to the Select Committee on Constitutional Development, appointed by the House of Assembly for Papua and New Guinea, to come to Canberra for exploratory discussions.

Senator Gorton moved, by leave—That the Senate take note of the Statement.

On the motion of Senator Kennelly the debate was adjourned.

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

14. SULPHATE OF AMMONIA BOUNTY BILL 1966.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—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.

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The Acting Deputy-President (Senator Wood) resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Wedgwood) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Customs and Excise (Senator Anderson) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

15. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Distillation Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 72.

Public Service Act—

Appointment—Department of Shipping and Transport—R. E. Molineux.

Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 71.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator—1966—

No. 35—Australian Workers' Union.

No. 36—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.

- No. 37—Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
  - No. 38—Association of Railway Professional Officers of Australia.
  - No. 39—North Australian Workers' Union.
  - No. 40—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
  - No. 41—Amalgamated Engineering Union (Australian Section); and Boilermakers and Blacksmiths' Society of Australia.
  - No. 42—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
- Spirits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 73.

16. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT, MARCH, 1966—PAPER.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion by the Minister for Works (Senator Gorton), viz.—That the Senate take note of the Paper.

Debate resumed.

Senator Turnbull proposed an amendment, viz.—At end of motion add the following words—" but the Senate censures the Government for its lack of principle in having commercial dealings with the People's Republic of China whilst it maintains that that Government is the main aggressor in the Vietnamese conflict ".

Amendment lapsed for want of a seconder.

Debate continued.

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

17. PRINTING COMMITTEE—TWELFTH REPORT.—Senator Breen brought up the following Report from the Printing Committee—

#### TWELFTH REPORT

The Printing Committee has the honour to report that it has met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the House of Representatives.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other Papers, the consideration of which had been deferred, recommends that the following be printed—

Christmas Island—Report for year 1964–65.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands—Report for year 1964–65.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—Report of Australian Delegation to the Eleventh Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, held at Wellington, New Zealand, November–December, 1965.

Immigration Policy affecting non-Europeans, Ministerial Statement, 9th March, 1966.

Norfolk Island—Report for year 1964–65.

Northern Territory—Report for year 1964–65.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Sixteenth Annual Report of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1964–65.

Treasury Information Bulletin—

National Accounting Estimates of Public Authority Receipts and Expenditure—Supplements, August and December, 1965.

Private Overseas Investment in Australia—Supplement, May, 1965.

Projections of the Work-Force 1963–76—Supplement, April, 1965.

The Australian Balance of Payments—Supplement, February, 1966.

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MARIE BREEN,  
Vice-Chairman.

Senator Breen moved, by leave—That the Report be adopted.

Question—put and passed.

18. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY REPRESENTATION BILL 1966.—*Governor-General's Message*.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by the President—

CASEY,

*Governor-General.*

*Message No. 59.*

A Proposed Law intituled "*Australian Capital Territory Representation Act 1966*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,

Canberra, 30th March, 1966.

19. NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.—The Minister for Supply (Senator Henty) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till Wednesday, 20th April, 1966, at three p.m.

Question—put and passed.

20. ADJOURNMENT.—The Senate adjourned at one minute to four p.m. till Wednesday, 20th April, 1966, at three p.m.

21. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Bishop, Cant, Cohen, Davidson, Hendrickson, Lacey, Lillico (on leave), McClelland, McKenna, Marriott, Ormonde (on leave), Ridley, Sim, and Tangney (on leave).

J. R. ODGE RS,  
Clerk of the Senate.