

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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WEDNESDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1966.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., in accordance with the terms of the Resolution of the Senate passed on 31st March, 1966.—The President (Senator the Honorable Sir Alister McMullin) took the Chair.

2. PRAYERS.

3. VACANCY IN THE REPRESENTATION OF QUEENSLAND—APPOINTMENT OF SENATOR WILLIAM CLARENCE HEATLEY.—The President informed the Senate that, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, he had notified the Governor of the State of Queensland of the vacancy caused in the representation of that State by the death of Senator Robert Duncan Sherrington, and that he had received, through His Excellency the Governor-General, from the Governor of the State of Queensland, a certificate of the appointment of William Clarence Heatley as a Senator to fill the vacancy.

The Certificate was laid on the Table, and read by the Clerk as follows—

Executive Council Chamber,
Brisbane,
14th April, 1966.

His Excellency the Governor of the State of Queensland hereby certifies to His Excellency the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia the name of—

WILLIAM CLARENCE HEATLEY,

of Surfers Paradise in the said State, Grazier, as the person appointed by His Excellency the Governor of the said State, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, and in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, to hold until the expiration of fourteen days after the beginning of the next Session of the Parliament of the said State, or until the election of a successor, whichever first happens, the place of Senator become vacant by the death of Senator Robert Duncan Sherrington on the Sixteenth day of March, 1966, which vacancy was duly notified by the President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the said State on the Twenty-first day of March, 1966.

ALAN MANSFIELD,
Governor.

New Senator Sworn.—William Clarence Heatley, Senator for the State of Queensland, was then introduced and, pursuant to the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, made and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance at the Table.

4. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Nauru—Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on the administration of Nauru, for year 1964–65.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointments—D. J. Hunt, G. L. Salom, K. Vincent.
Customs Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 75.
Egg Export Control Act—Eighteenth Annual Report of the Australian Egg Board, for year 1964–65.
Explosives Act—Explosives Regulations—Orders directing the berthing of a vessel (2).
High Commissioner (United Kingdom) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 76.
Housing Loans Insurance Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 74.
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Post Office purposes—
Bayley Plains, South Australia.
Lowbank, South Australia.

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Ordinances—1966—

- No. 3—Adelaide Sewers Acts Repeal.
- No. 4—Foot and Mouth Disease Compensation.
- No. 5—Housing Loans.
- No. 6—National Parks and Gardens.
- No. 7—Pounds.
- No. 8—Tourist Board.
- No. 9—Darwin Hospital Advisory Board.
- No. 10—Local Government.
- No. 11—Local Government (No. 2).
- No. 12—Motor Vehicles.

Regulations—1966—

- No. 4 (Hospitals and Medical Services Ordinance).
- No. 5 (Foot and Mouth Disease Compensation Ordinance).
- No. 6 (Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) Ordinance).
- No. 7 (Traffic Ordinance).
- No. 8 (Supply of Services Ordinance).

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1966—No. 7—Industrial Organizations 1965.

Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 78.

Public Service Act—Appointments—Department—

- Air—D. L. Collins.
- Attorney-General's—K. Wyver.
- Health—G. Howells.
- Interior—F. H. Ella.
- Shipping and Transport—W. H. Gwynne.

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

- No. 28—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
- No. 43—Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia; and Federated Liquor and Allied Industries Employees' Union of Australia.
- No. 44—Supervising Technicians' Association, Postmaster-General's Department.
- No. 45—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
- No. 46—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
- No. 47—Professional Musicians' Union of Australia.
- No. 48—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 49—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
- No. 50—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 51—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association.
- No. 52—Commonwealth Police Officers' Association.
- No. 53—Australian Journalists' Association.
- No. 54—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.
- No. 55—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
- No. 56—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
- No. 57—Supervising Technicians' Association, Postmaster-General's Department.
- No. 58—Postal Telecommunication Technicians' Association (Australia).
- No. 59—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.

Reserve Bank Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 77.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1966—No. 5—Districts.

6. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—The Minister for Supply (Senator Henty), by leave, informed the Senate that, during the absence abroad of Mr. Holt, Mr. Snedden and himself, Mr. McEwen would act as Prime Minister, Mr. Freeth would act as Attorney-General, and Mr. Fairhall would act as Minister for Supply. In the Senate, Senator Gorton would act as Leader of the Government and would represent the Prime Minister and the Treasurer, Senator Anderson would represent the Minister for Trade and Industry and the Acting Minister for Supply, and Senator McKellar would represent the Minister for National Development.

7. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGES—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented by the President—

CASEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 60.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Australian Coastal Shipping Commission 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, 1st April, 1966.

CASEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 61.

A Proposed Law intituled "*Sulphate of Ammonia Bounty 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, 5th April, 1966.

8. NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE.—The President announced the receipt of a letter from the Prime Minister advising that, pursuant to paragraph (3) of the Resolution appointing the Committee, he had appointed the Treasurer to attend the Committee when he, the Prime Minister, was unable to be present.

9. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Senator McKenna moved, by leave—That Senator Tangney be granted leave of absence for one month on account of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.

10. POST AND TELEGRAPH BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 280.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Post and Telegraph Act 1901–1965’ in relation to Money Orders and Postal Orders and in relation to Decimal Currency*”, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 31st March, 1966.

J. McLEAY,
Speaker.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Minister for Customs and Excise (Senator Anderson), 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 Anderson the Bill was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Senator Willesee the debate was adjourned.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 282.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Bankruptcy*”, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 15th April, 1966.

J. McLEAY,
Speaker.

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 Cohen the debate was adjourned.

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

12. FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JOINT COMMITTEE.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 281.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate the following Resolution which was agreed to by the House of Representatives this day:—

That Mr. Hughes be appointed a Member of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in the place of Mr. J. M. Fraser, discharged from attendance.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 31st March, 1966.

J. McLEAY,
Speaker.

13. 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 Webster addressing the Chair—

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And it being 11 p.m.—

14. ADJOURNMENT.—The President, under Sessional Order, put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The Senate adjourned at a quarter-past eleven p.m. till to-morrow at eleven a.m.

15. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Laight, Lillico (on leave), Ormonde (on leave), Tangney (on leave) and Wood.

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate.