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THURSDAY, 5TH MAY, 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. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1966.—There being no objection to the Motion being taken as a Formal Motion, Senator Gair, pursuant to notice, moved—That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act relating to Child Endowment.

Question—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 28.

Senator—

Anderson.
Branson.
Breen.
Bull.
Cooper, Sir Walter.
Cotton.
Davidson.
Drake-Brockman.
Gair.
Gorton.
Hannaford.
Heatley.
Lawrie.
McKellar.
McManus.
McMullin, Sir
Alister.

Senator—

Marriott.
Morris.
Prowse.
Rankin, Dame
Annabelle.
Sim.
Turnbull.
Webster.
Wedgwood.
Withers.
Wood.
Wright.

Teller:

Senator Scott.

Noes, 23.

Senator—

Benn.
Bishop.
Cant.
Cavanagh.
Cohen.
Dittmer.
Drury.
Fitzgerald.
Hendrickson.
Keeffe.
Kennelly.
Lacey.
McClelland.

Senator—

Mulvihill.
Murphy.
Nicholls.
Poke.
Ridley.
Sandford.
Toohey.
Wheeldon.
Willesee.

Teller:

Senator O'Byrne.

And so it was revolved in the affirmative.

Bill presented, and on the motion of Senator Gair read a first time, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

5. POSTPONEMENT.—Ordered—That Business of the Senate, Notice of Motion No. 1, standing in the name of Senator Wood, be postponed until Wednesday, 11th May, 1966.

6. CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 2) 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

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

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 4th May, 1966.

Message No. 288.

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 O'Byrne the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 289.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to repeal section 141 of the ' Customs Act 1901-1965 ', and to amend that Act in relation to Decimal Currency*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 4th May, 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 O'Byrne the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

8. VINYL RESIN BOUNTY BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 290.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Vinyl Resin Bounty Act 1963 ' "*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 4th May, 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 O'Byrne the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

9. TRACTOR BOUNTY BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 291.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Tractor Bounty Act 1939-1959 ' "*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 4th May, 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 O'Byrne the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

10. INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT (EXTENSION) BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 292.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to approve the Signature and Acceptance by Australia of a Protocol for the further Extension of the Period of Operation of the International Wheat Agreement, 1962*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 4th May, 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 McClelland the debate was adjourned.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

11. **BANKRUPTCY BILL 1966.**—The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Consideration resumed of postponed clause 139, and of the amendment moved thereto by Senator Cohen, viz.—Page 75, at end of sub-clause (3.), add “ Provided that this sub-section shall not operate to relieve the estate of the bankrupt from any such liability.”.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

On the motion of the Minister for Works (Senator Gorton), the following amendment was made, after debate, viz.—Page 75, after sub-clause (3.), add the following sub-clause—

“(4.) This section does not affect any liability of the trustee of the estate of a bankrupt other than personal liability.”.

Clause 139, as amended, agreed to.

Schedules agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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

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

12. **HOUSING AGREEMENT BILL 1966.**—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Senator McKenna moved an amendment, viz.—At end of motion add “ but the Senate is of opinion that the existing Housing Agreement has not adequately met the housing needs of the Australian people and that this Bill will not enable it to do so unless—

- (1) Commonwealth advances are increased at least by amounts equal to those allocated in the current financial year to building societies;
- (2) the rate of interest on advances is reduced to that charged under the War Service Homes Act;
- (3) advances are made for provision of houses for aged and disabled persons and others in needy circumstances and rental rebates are restored to such persons;
- (4) subsidies are provided for tenants or purchasers who through bereavement or injury become unable to meet a prescribed economic rental or repayment; and
- (5) advances are made for—
 - (a) slum clearance,
 - (b) land development, and
 - (c) town planning ”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be added—put.

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 21.

Noes, 26.

Senator— Benn. Bishop. Cant. Cavanagh. Dittmer. Drury. Fitzgerald. Hendrickson. Kennelly. Lacey. McClelland. Mulvihill.	Senator— Murphy. Nicholls. Poke. Ridley. Sandford. Toohey. Wheeldon. Willesee. <i>Teller:</i> Senator O'Byrne.
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Senator— Anderson. Branson. Breen. Cotton. Davidson. Drake-Brockman. Gair. Gorton. Hannaford. Heatley. Lawrie. McKellar. McManus. McMullin, Sir Alister.	Senator— Marriott. Mattner. Morris. Prowse. Rankin, Dame Annabelle. Sim. Webster. Wedgwood. Withers. Wood. Wright. <i>Teller:</i> Senator Scott.
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Amendment negatived accordingly.

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—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.

Senator McKenna moved—That the following new clause be inserted in the Bill—

“ 6. As soon as practicable after each thirtieth day of June, the Minister shall prepare a report on the administration and operation of the Agreement entered into under the *Housing Agreement Act* 1956, the *Housing Agreement Act* 1961 and this Act and lay the report before each House of the Parliament.”.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.
The Committee divided—

Ayes, 20.

Senator—
Benn.
Bishop.
Cant.
Cavanagh.
Drury.
Fitzgerald.
Gair.
Hendrickson.
Kennelly.
Lacey.
McClelland.

Senator—
McManus.
Mulvihill.
Murphy.
Poke.
Ridley.
Toohey.
Wheeldon.
Willesee.
Teller:
Senator O'Byrne.

Noes, 22.

Senator—
Anderson.
Branson.
Breen.
Cotton.
Davidson.
Drake-Brockman.
Gorton.
Heatley.
Lawrie.
McKellar.
McMullin, Sir
Alister.
Marriott.

Senator—
Morris.
Prowse.
Rankin, Dame
Annabelle.
Sim.
Webster.
Wedgwood.
Withers.
Wood.
Wright.
Teller:
Senator Scott.

Proposed new clause negatived accordingly.
Bill further debated.
To report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) reported that the Committee had considered the Bill and had made progress, and asked leave to sit again.
Ordered—That the Committee have leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

13. PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO SOUTH EAST ASIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The Minister for Works (Senator Gorton), by leave, made a statement relating to the recent visit by the Prime Minister to South East Asia.

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

On the motion of Senator McKenna the debate was adjourned.

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

14. HOUSING AGREEMENT BILL 1966.—The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the further consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee.

Bill further debated, and agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Housing (Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

15. QUARANTINE 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.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

On the motion of the Minister for Housing (Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

16. ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK 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 the next day of sitting, and that Senator Cotton have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

17. INCOME TAX (INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS) BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—
The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 294.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Income Tax (International Agreements) Act 1953-1965' in relation to Decimal Currency*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

J. MCLEAY,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 5th May, 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 Kennelly the debate was adjourned.

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

18. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—
The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 295.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act relating to Sales Tax Exemptions and Classifications*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

J. MCLEAY,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 5th May, 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 Kennelly the debate was adjourned.

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

19. ADJOURNMENT.—The Minister for Works (Senator Gorton) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at twenty-three minutes to eleven p.m. till Tuesday next at three p.m.

20. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Cormack, Henty, Laught (on leave), Lillico (on leave), Ormonde (on leave) and Tangney (on leave).

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate.