

JOURNALS OF THE SENATE.

No. 146.

FRIDAY, 13TH MAY, 1966.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at ten 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. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs—Paper on the United Nations, dated May, 1966.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Lands Acquisition Act—Right acquired for Department of the Interior purposes—Wollongong, New South Wales.
Services Trust Funds Act—Eighteenth Annual Report of the Services Canteens Trust Fund, together with the Auditor-General's Report on accounts, for 1965.

5. NORTHERN TERRITORY ORDINANCES—WITHHOLDING OF ASSENT—PAPERS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The Minister for Works (Senator Gorton), pursuant to Statute, laid upon the Table the following Papers—
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
Agricultural Development Leases Ordinance 1965, together with statement of reasons for withholding of assent, dated 12th May, 1966.
Local Government Ordinance 1965, together with statement of reasons for withholding of assent, dated 12th May, 1966.
Senator Gorton, by leave, made a statement relating thereto.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 304.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Raising and Expending of a certain sum of Money for Defence Purposes*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 12th May, 1966.

J. MCLEAY,
Speaker.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Minister for Supply (Senator Henty), 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 Henty the Bill was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Senator McKenna 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. WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT (BEEF CATTLE ROADS) BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 305.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Western Australia Grant (Beef Cattle Roads) Act 1962'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 12th May, 1966.

J. MCLEAY,
Speaker.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Minister for Supply (Senator Henty), 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 Henty the Bill was read a first time.

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

On the motion of Senator Cant 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. STATES GRANTS (DROUGHT ASSISTANCE) BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 307.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States of New South Wales and Queensland in relation to the Alleviation of the effects of Drought*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

J. McLEAY,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 13th May, 1966.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Minister for Supply (Senator Henty), 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 Henty the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Henty 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 a later hour of the day.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 306.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make Provision for Voting at Parliamentary Elections by Persons under the age of Twenty-one years who are, or have been, on Special Service outside Australia as Members of the Defence Force*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

J. McLEAY,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 12th May, 1966.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Minister for Repatriation (Senator McKellar), 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 McKellar the Bill was read a first time.

Senator McKellar 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 a later hour of the day.

10. APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 1965–66.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—

That this Bill be now read a first time.

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

On the motion of the Minister for Supply (Senator Henty) the Bill was 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 requests.

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

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

11. APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 1965–66.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—

That this Bill be now read a second time.

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 Wedgwood) reported accordingly.

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

12. SUPPLY BILL (NO. 1) 1966-67.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That this Bill be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed.
 Bill read a first time.
 The Minister for Supply (Senator Henty) moved—That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 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 requests.

The Deputy-President resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Wedgwood) reported accordingly.
 On the motion of Senator Henty the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

13. SUPPLY BILL (NO. 2) 1966-67.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That this Bill be now read a second time.
 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 President resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Wedgwood) reported accordingly.
 On the motion of the Minister for Supply (Senator Henty) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

14. LOAN (DEFENCE) 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 President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) reported accordingly.
 On the motion of the Minister for Supply (Senator Henty) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

15. WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT (BEEF CATTLE ROADS) 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.

Senator Cant moved the following amendments together, by leave, viz.—

Page 1, after clause 3 insert the following new clause:—

“ 3A. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the word ‘ Treasurer ’ Approval of works.
 and inserting in its stead the words ‘ Minister for National Development ’.”

Page 2, after clause 4 insert the following new clause:—

“ 4A. Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the word ‘ Treasurer ’ Standards of design and construction.
 (first occurring) and inserting in its stead the words ‘ Minister for National Development ’.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.
The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.

Senator—
Bishop.
Cant.
Cavanagh.
Cohen.
Devitt.
Drury.
Fitzgerald.
Lacey.
McClelland.
McKenna.

Senator—
Mulvihill.
Murphy.
Poke.
Ridley.
Toohey.
Wheeldon.
Willesee.

Teller:
Senator O'Byrne.

Noes, 21.

Senator—
Anderson.
Branson.
Cooper, Sir Walter.
Cormack.
Davidson.
Drake-Brockman.
Hannaford.
Heatley.
Henty.
Lawrie.
McKellar.
McMullin, Sir
Alister.

Senator—
Marriott.
Prowse.
Rankin, Dame
Annabelle.
Webster.
Wedgwood.
Withers.
Wood.
Wright.

Teller:
Senator Scott.

Amendments negatived accordingly.
Bill 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 Supply (Senator Henty) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

16. STATES GRANTS (DROUGHT ASSISTANCE) BILL 1966.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That this Bill be now read a second time.
Senator Murphy moved an amendment, viz.—At end of motion add “ but the Senate is of opinion that the Bill should state in more precise terms the manner in which it is intended that the assistance will be distributed ”.
Debate ensued.
Amendment negatived.
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, and agreed to, after debate.
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 Supply (Senator Henty) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

17. COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL BILL 1966.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the Question—That this Bill be now read a second time.
Senator Cohen moved an amendment, viz.—At end of motion add “ but the Senate is of opinion that the vote should be given to all persons in the call-up age group ”.
Ruling of the President.—The President ruled that the amendment was not in order as it was not strictly relevant to the subject-matter of the Bill.
Dissent from Ruling.—And Senator Cohen having objected, in writing, to the ruling of the President, moved—That the ruling be dissented from.
Ordered—That the question of dissent requires immediate determination.
Debate ensued on motion of dissent.
Question—put.
The Senate divided—

Ayes, 18.

Senator—
Bishop.
Cant.
Cavanagh.
Cohen.
Devitt.
Drury.
Fitzgerald.
Lacey.
McClelland.
McKenna.

Senator—
Mulvihill.
Murphy.
Poke.
Ridley.
Toohey.
Wheeldon.
Willesee.

Teller:
Senator O'Byrne.

Noes, 21.

Senator—
Anderson.
Branson.
Cooper, Sir Walter.
Cormack.
Davidson.
Drake-Brockman.
Hannaford.
Heatley.
Henty.
Lawrie.
McKellar.
McMullin, Sir
Alister.

Senator—
Marriott.
Prowse.
Rankin, Dame
Annabelle.
Webster.
Wedgwood.
Withers.
Wood.
Wright.

Teller:
Senator Scott.

And so it was negatived.

Senator Cohen moved a further amendment, viz.—At end of motion add “ but the Senate is of opinion that the vote should be given to all persons in the Defence Force who have attained the age of eighteen years ”.

Debate ensued.

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

The Senate divided—

Ayes, 17.

Noes, 21.

Senator—	Senator—
Bishop.	Mulvihill.
Cant.	Murphy.
Cavanagh.	Ridley.
Cohen.	Toohey.
Devitt.	Wheeldon.
Drury.	Willesee.
Fitzgerald.	
Lacey.	
McClelland.	<i>Teller:</i>
McKenna.	Senator O'Byrne.

Senator—	Senator—
Anderson.	Marriott.
Branson.	Prowse.
Cooper, Sir Walter.	Rankin, Dame
Cormack.	Annabelle.
Davidson.	Webster.
Drake-Brockman.	Wedgwood.
Hannaford.	Withers.
Heatley.	Wood.
Henty.	Wright.
Lawrie.	
McKellar.	<i>Teller:</i>
McMullin, Sir	Senator Scott.
Alister.	

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Debate continued.

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, and agreed to, after debate.

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 Repatriation (Senator McKellar) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

18. HOUSING AGREEMENT BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 308.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act relating to Financial Assistance to the States for the purpose of Housing*”, and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 13th May, 1966.

J. MCLEAY,
Speaker.

19. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL SENATORS DURING ADJOURNMENT.—The Minister for Supply (Senator Henty) moved, by leave—That leave of absence be granted to every Member of the Senate from the termination of the sitting this day to the day on which the Senate next meets.

Question—put and passed.

20. NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.—The Minister for Supply (Senator Henty) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till a day and hour to be fixed by the President, which time of meeting shall be notified to each Senator by telegram or letter.

Question—put and passed.

21. RETIREMENT OF THE SECRETARY, JOINT HOUSE DEPARTMENT.—The President informed the Senate that Mr. W. I. Emerton, Secretary, Joint House Department, would retire on 20th May, 1966. The President expressed appreciation of the services rendered to the Parliament by Mr. Emerton and wished him a happy retirement.

The Minister for Supply (Senator Henty), the Leader of the Opposition (Senator McKenna) and the Minister for Repatriation (Senator McKellar) supported the remarks of the President.

22. ADJOURNMENT.—The Senate adjourned at two minutes to four p.m. till a day and hour to be fixed by the President, which time of meeting shall be notified to each Senator by telegram or letter.

23. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Benn, Bull, Dittmer, Gair, Keeffe, Kennelly, Laught (on leave), Lillico (on leave), McManus, Morris, Ormonde (on leave), Sim and Turnbull.

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate.