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TUESDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1966.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.
 2. ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT.—The Clerk informed the Senate of the unavoidable absence of the President (Senator the Honorable Sir Alister McMullin), and thereupon the Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) took the Chair as Deputy-President.
 3. PRAYERS.
 4. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.
 5. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Treaties—
 - Discrimination in Education—Convention against discrimination in education, adopted 14th December, 1960, at the eleventh session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
 - Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization—Resolution of 28th September, 1965, accepted 20th June, 1966, amending Article 28 of the Convention.
 - International Atomic Energy Agency—Agreement of 1st July, 1959, on the privileges and immunities of the International Atomic Energy Agency.
 - International Sugar Agreement—Protocol dated 1st November, 1965, for the prolongation of the International Sugar Agreement of 1958.
 - International Telecommunications Union—Convention dated 12th November, 1965, on International Telecommunications, together with Protocols to the Convention and an optional additional Protocol on the compulsory settlement of disputes.
 - Nam Ngum Development Fund—Agreement dated 4th May, 1966, between Australia, Canada, Denmark, Japan, Laos, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Thailand, the United States of America and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
 - Trade Agreements—
 - Australia and the People's Republic of Bulgaria—Agreement dated 22nd June, 1966, between Australia and the People's Republic of Bulgaria, concerning Trade.
 - Australia and the Polish People's Republic—Agreement dated 20th June, 1966, between Australia and the Polish People's Republic, concerning Trade.
 - Welfare Material for Seafarers—Customs Convention dated 1st December, 1964, concerning welfare material for seafarers.
- The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
- Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for Post Office purposes—Caveside, Tasmania.
 - Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1966—
 - No. 45—Native Employment.
 - No. 46—Papua and New Guinea Retirement Benefits.
 - Public Service Act—
 - Appointment—Postmaster-General's Department—C. Karliner.
 - Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, Nos. 121, 122, 123.
 - Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator—1966—
 - No. 196—Australian Builders Labourers' Federation.
 - No. 197—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service; and Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.
 - No. 198—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 - No. 199—Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 - No. 200—Federated Storemen and Packers' Union of Australia.
 - Nos. 201 and 202—Meat Inspectors' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.
 - No. 203—Customs Officers' Association of Australia (Fourth Division); and Commonwealth Public Service Artisans' Association.
 - No. 204—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
 - Tractor Bounty Act—Return for year 1965–66.

6. **AUTHORITY OF DEPUTY-PRESIDENT.**—The Minister for Supply (Senator Henty) moved, by leave—That, during the absence of the President, the Chairman of Committees shall, on each sitting day, take the Chair of the Senate as Deputy-President, 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.
7. **DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE PREVENTIVE OFFICER ACCOMMODATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.**—The Minister for Customs and Excise (Senator Anderson), by leave, made a statement relating to the Department's decision to replace the existing boatshed at Neutral Bay, New South Wales, with a new structure to provide Preventive Officer accommodation.
8. **REPLICA PISTOLS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.**—The Minister for Customs and Excise (Senator Anderson), by leave, made a statement relating to the availability in Australian shops of replica pistols and to one imported model which is capable of being converted to fire a shot. He informed the Senate that he had prohibited the importation of this particular model under the provisions of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations.
9. **PROPOSED GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO HOME BUILDING INDUSTRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.**—The Minister for Housing (Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin), by leave, made a statement relating to the contribution the Government proposes to make to the home building industry in 1966–67, and to recent developments in the industry.
10. **CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL (No. 3) 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 requests.

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

11. **LOAN (HOUSING) BILL (No. 2) 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 Laught) 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.

12. **INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION 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 Wedgwood) 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.

13. INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AGREEMENTS BILL 1966.—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 Repatriation (Senator McKellar) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

14. POSTPONEMENT.—Ordered—That intervening Business be postponed until after consideration of Government Business, Order of the Day No. 10.
15. BUDGET PAPERS 1966–67.—Order of the Day read for the adjourned debate on the motion by the Minister for Supply (Senator Henty), viz.—That the Senate take note of the Papers—*And on the amendment moved thereto by Senator Willesee*, viz.—Leave out all words after “That”, insert “the Senate condemns the Budget because—
- (1) it fails to recognize the injustices wrought upon wage earners because real wages have fallen as prices have risen faster than wages;
 - (2) it makes inadequate adjustments to Social Service payments;
 - (3) it fails to recognize the serious crisis in education;
 - (4) it does not acknowledge the lack of confidence on the part of the business community in the future growth of the economy;
 - (5) it does not recognize the need of further basic development, public and private, in addition to the need for adequate defence, and that balanced development can only take place by active encouragement to Australian industry and co-operation with the States; and
 - (6) it does nothing to relieve our dependence on a high rate of foreign investment to finance the deficit in our balance of payments”.

Debate resumed.

Senator Benn addressing the Chair—

And it being 10.30 p.m.—

16. 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 eleven minutes to eleven p.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.
17. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Bull (on leave), Lacey (on leave), McClelland, Sir Alister McMullin, Prowse, Sandford (on leave) and Wheeldon.

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate.