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WEDNESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1966.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at three p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy-President (Senator T. C. Drake-Brockman) took the Chair.

2. PRAYERS.

3. QUESTIONS.—Questions on notice were answered.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Canberra—The Growth of Canberra 1958–1965 and 1965–1972—Review by Lord Holford.

Treaties—

Customs Facilities for Touring—

Convention dated 4th June, 1954, concerning Customs facilities for touring.

Additional Protocol to Convention, dated 4th June, 1954, relating to the importation of tourist publicity documents and material.

Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles—Customs Convention dated 4th June, 1954, concerning the temporary importation of private road vehicles.

Trade Agreement—Exchange of Notes, dated 2nd September, 1966, constituting an Agreement between Australia and Indonesia further extending the Agreement of 17th December, 1959.

Upper Atmosphere Sampling—Exchange of Notes, dated 1st September, 1966, between Australia and the United States of America, constituting an Agreement amending and further extending the Agreements of 9th May, 1961 and 11th September–30th October, 1962.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Air Navigation Act—Sixth Annual Report by the Minister on the administration of the Act and Regulations and other matters relating to civil air navigation, for year 1965–66.

Australian Coastal Shipping Commission Act—Tenth Annual Report of the Australian Coastal Shipping Commission, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1965–66.

Commonwealth Railways Act—Interim Report on the operations of the Commonwealth Railways, for year 1965–66.

Social Services Act—Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Director-General of Social Services, for year 1965–66.

Senator Sim presented the following Paper, by leave—

South Asia—Report of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Delegation to South Asia, 5th July to 2nd August, 1966.

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

Proposed development at R.A.N. Armament Depot at Kingswood, New South Wales.

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

6. EUROPEAN LAUNCHER DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—The Minister for Supply (Senator Henty), by leave, made a statement relating to a conference of Ministerial representatives of the seven member states of the European Launcher Development Organization, held in Paris in April, June and July, 1966, to consider the progress and future aims of the Organization.

7. REPATRIATION 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 Cavanagh have leave to continue his speech on the resumption of the debate.

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8. TERTIARY EDUCATION REPORTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PAPERS.—The Minister for Works (Senator Gorton), laid upon the Table the following Paper, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 Advanced Education—First Report of the Advisory Committee on Advanced Education—Colleges of Advanced Education 1967–69,
 and the following Paper, pursuant to Statute—
 Australian Universities Commission Act—Third Report of the Australian Universities Commission on Australian Universities 1964–1969, dated 29th August, 1966.
 Senator Gorton, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the Reports and indicating the financial implications of the programme.
 Senator Gorton moved, by leave—That the Senate take note of the Statement.
 Question—put and passed.
9. REPATRIATION 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.

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Senator Bishop moved an amendment, viz.—Page 1, after clause 2, insert the following new clause—

“ 2A. After section 21 of the Principal Act the following Part is inserted:—

‘ PART IIA.—JOINT COMMITTEE ON REPATRIATION.

‘ 22.—(1.) As soon as practicable, after the commencement of this Part, and as soon as practicable after the commencement of the first session of each Parliament, a Joint Committee of nine members of the Parliament, to be called the Joint Committee on Repatriation, shall be appointed according to the practice of the Parliament with reference to the appointment of members to serve on Joint Committees of both Houses of the Parliament.

Constitution of Committee.

(2.) Three of the members of the Committee shall be members of, and shall be appointed by, the Senate, and six of the members of the Committee shall be members of, and shall be appointed by, the House of Representatives.

‘ 22A. The members of the Committee shall hold office as a Joint Committee until the House of Representatives for the time being expires by dissolution or effluxion of time.

Tenure of office of members of Committee.

‘ 22B.—(1.) Any member of the Committee may resign his seat on the Committee by writing under his hand addressed to the President of the Senate if he be a Senator, or to the Speaker of the House of Representatives if he be a member of the House of Representatives.

Resignation.

(2.) The seat of any member of the Committee shall be deemed to have become vacant if he ceases to be a Senator or a member of the House of Representatives, as the case may be.

‘ 22C. Where the seat of any member of the Committee becomes vacant, it shall be filled by appointment according to the practice referred to in section twenty-two of this Act within fifteen sitting days after the happening of the vacancy if the House of the Parliament of which he is a member is then sitting, or, if not, then within fifteen sitting days after the next meeting of that House.

Vacancies.

‘ 22D. There shall be a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman of the Committee, who shall be elected by the members of the Committee at their first meeting, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

‘ 22E. At any meeting of the Committee—

(a) five members shall form a quorum;

(b) the Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman or, in the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, a member elected by the members present, shall preside;

(c) all questions shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present; and

(d) the Chairman or other member presiding shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, shall also have a casting vote.

Quorum and procedure at meetings.

‘ 22F. The Committee may sit and transact business during any adjournment or recess as well as during the session, and may sit at such times (including times while either House of the Parliament is actually sitting) and in such places, and conduct their proceedings in such manner, as they deem proper.

Power to sit during recess.

‘ 22G. The Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records.

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‘ 22H. The powers, privileges and immunities of the Committee and of its members shall be those of each of the Houses of the Parliament and of its members and its committees.

Powers, privileges and immunities of Committee.

‘ 22j. The Committee shall examine the Repatriation Act and regulations and, in a Report to the Parliament, recommend amendments necessary to be made in the Act and regulations to remove existing anomalies and improve their provisions.’”.

Debate ensued.

Functions of
Committee.

And it being 11 p.m.—The Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Wedgwood), under Sessional Order, put the Question—That she do leave the Chair and report to the Senate.
Which Question was negatived.

Debate continued.

Question—That the proposed new clause be inserted in the Bill—put.
The Committee divided—

Ayes, 18.

Senator—	Senator—
Benn.	Mulvihill.
Bishop.	Murphy.
Cant.	Ormonde.
Cavanagh.	Poke.
Cohen.	Ridley.
Devitt.	Toohey.
Drury.	Willesee.
Fitzgerald.	
Keeffe.	<i>Teller:</i>
McClelland.	Senator O’Byrne.

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Senator—	Senator—
Anderson.	Prowse.
Branson.	Rankin, Dame
Breen.	Annabelle.
Davidson.	Sim.
Drake-Brockman.	Turnbull.
Gair.	Webster.
Gorton.	Wedgwood.
Hannaford.	Withers.
Henty.	Wood.
Laught.	Wright.
Lawrie.	
McKellar.	
McManus.	<i>Teller:</i>
Marriott.	Senator Scott.

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

The Deputy-President resumed the Chair; and the Temporary Chairman of Committees (Senator Wedgwood) 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 on the next day of sitting.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—The Senate adjourned at twenty-four minutes to twelve o’clock midnight till to-morrow at eleven a.m.
11. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Bull (on leave), Sir Walter Cooper, Lacey (on leave), Sir Alister McMullin (on leave), Morris, Sandford (on leave), Tangney and Wheeldon.

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate.