

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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TUESDAY, 27TH 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 Paper was presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
International Labour Organization—Statement in relation to the Convention and Recommendations adopted by the Forty-fourth (1960) Session of the International Labour Conference.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, Nos. 133, 134.
Diesel Fuel Taxation (Administration) Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 131.
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—
Ordinances—1966—
No. 39—Police and Police Offences.
No. 40—Tourist Board (No. 2).
Regulations—1966—No. 14 (Fisheries Ordinance).
Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1966—
No. 48—Customs Tariff (No. 2).
No. 49—Excise Tariff.
No. 50—Statutory Instruments (Publication).
No. 51—Roman Catholic Congregation (Handmaids of Our Lord).
No. 52—Cocoa Industry.
No. 53—Child Welfare.
No. 54—Companies (Undischarged Bankrupts).
Public Service Act—
Appointment—Department of Works—C. P. Sorensen.
Regulations—Statutory Rules 1966, No. 130.
Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator—1966—
No. 213—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.
No. 214—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.
Nos. 216, 217 and 218—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.
No. 219—Postmaster-General's Department Heads of Division and Branches Association.
5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Senator Dittmer brought up the following Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works—
Proposed erection of Laboratory and Ancillary Buildings for Division of Chemical Engineering of C.S.I.R.O., Clayton, Victoria.
Senator Dittmer, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the Report.
6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—The Minister for Supply (Senator Henty) moved, by leave—That Senator Morris be granted leave of absence for one month on account of absence overseas.
Question—put and passed.
7. PARTICULARS OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURE 1966-67—PAPERS.—The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the further consideration of proposed expenditure for the year 1966-67.

In the Committee.

The Committee took note of the proposed expenditure in relation to the following Divisions—

600-620	Department of Works, \$32,930,000;
805	Civil Defence—Buildings, \$83,000;
804	" " —Repairs and Maintenance, \$13,000; and
967	Department of Works, \$38,543,000 (after debate).
440-449	Repatriation Department, \$260,680,000; and
947	" " , \$80,000 (after debate).

Division 260—Department of Housing, \$4,457,000; and
Division 917— " " " " \$58,250,000—

Question proposed—That the Committee take note of the proposed expenditure.

Debate ensued.

Senator Poke moved an amendment, viz.—At end of Question add " but is of the opinion that the expenditure should be reduced by \$1 as a protest against the Government's action in excluding Credit Unions from the provisions of the *Homes Savings Grant Act 1964–1965* ".

Debate continued.

Ordered—That the Temporary Chairman (Senator Laught) report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The Deputy-President resumed the Chair; and Senator Laught reported that the Committee had considered the proposed expenditure for the year 1966–67 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.

8. SOCIAL SERVICES BILL 1966 [No. 2].—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. DEPUTY PRESIDENT,

Message No. 317.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Social Services Act 1947–1965 ' "*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

PHILIP E. LUCOCK,
Acting Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 27th September, 1966.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The Minister for Housing (Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin), 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 Dame Annabelle Rankin the Bill was read a first time.

Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin moved—That this Bill be now read a second time.

And it being 10.30 p.m.—

Adjournment Negatived.—The Deputy-President, under Sessional Order, put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn—

Which Question was negatived.

Debate continued.

On the motion of Senator Tangney the debate was adjourned.

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

9. SEAMEN'S WAR PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. DEPUTY PRESIDENT,

Message No. 318.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the ' Seamen's War Pensions and Allowances Act 1940–1965 ' "*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

PHILIP E. LUCOCK,
Acting Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 27th September, 1966.

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 Bishop the debate was adjourned.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT.—The Senate adjourned at twenty-two minutes to eleven p.m. till to-morrow at three p.m.

11. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Bull (on leave), Sir Walter Cooper, Lacey (on leave), McKenna, Sir Alister McMullin (on leave), Morris (on leave), Sandford (on leave) and Sim.

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate.