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THURSDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 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—
Post Office—Financial Report, for year 1965–66.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Broadcasting and Television Act—Eighteenth Annual Report of the Australian Broadcasting Control Board, together with the financial statement and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1965–66.

Cattle and Beef Research Act—Sixth Annual Report of the Australian Cattle and Beef Research Committee, for year 1965–66.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator—1966—

No. 215—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service; and Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

No. 220—Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

No. 221—Australian Broadcasting Commission Staff Association.

No. 227—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.

No. 228—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.

Nos. 229 and 230—Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.

No. 231—Professional Officers' Association, Commonwealth Public Service.

No. 232—Federated Ship Painters and Dockers' Union of Australia

Tariff Board Act—Annual Report of the Tariff Board, for year 1965–66, together with a summary of recommendations.

5. JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—REPORT.—Senator Wedgwood brought up the following Report from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts—

Eighty-fourth Report—Expenditure from Consolidated Revenue Fund for the year 1965–66.

Ordered to be printed.

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

6. PUBLIC SERVICE 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 to 6, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Senator Willesee moved an amendment, viz.—Page 4, after clause 7, insert the following new clause—

“7A. Section 30 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end of sub-section (2.) the words ‘, but in prescribing such salaries no variation in salary shall be prescribed solely because of the sex of the occupant of any position’”.

Debate ensued.

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

Ayes, 24.

Senator—
Benn.
Bishop.
Cant.
Cavanagh.
Cohen.
Devitt.
Dittmer.
Drury.
Fitzgerald.
Gair.
Keeffe.
Kennelly.
McClelland.
McManus.
Mulvihill.

Senator—
Murphy.
Ormonde.
Poke.
Ridley.
Tangney.
Toohey.
Turnbull.
Wheeldon.

Teller:

Senator O'Byrne.

Noes, 24.

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

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

Teller:

Senator Scott.

The Ayes and Noes being equal, it was negatived.

Clauses 8 to 16, by leave, taken together and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 17 read—

Senator Bishop moved an amendment, viz.—Page 8, line 30, leave out “three weeks”, insert “four weeks”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be left out left out—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 22.

Senator—
Benn.
Bishop.
Cant.
Cavanagh.
Cohen.
Devitt.
Dittmer.
Drury.
Fitzgerald.
Keeffe.
Kennelly.
McClelland.
McManus.

Senator—
Mulvihill.
Murphy.
Ormonde.
Poke.
Ridley.
Tangney.
Toohey.
Wheeldon.

Teller:

Senator O'Byrne.

Noes, 25.

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

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

Teller:

Senator Scott.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Clause 17 agreed to.

Clauses 18 to 20, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 21 read—

Senator Willesee moved an amendment, viz.—Line 10, leave out “may”, insert “shall”.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause 21 agreed to.

Clauses 22 to 27, by leave, taken together and agreed to, after debate.

Clause 28 read—

Senator Bishop moved an amendment, viz.—At end of clause add “and by adding the words:—

‘The Department of Education.

The Department of Northern Development.

The Department of Science and Research.’.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Clause 28 agreed to.

Remainder of the 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 Works (Senator Gorton) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

7. PRECEDENCE TO GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Ordered—That Government Business take precedence of General Business after eight p.m. this sitting.

8. 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.

Ordered—That further consideration of the proposed expenditure for the Department of the Army and consideration of intervening Divisions be postponed until after consideration of proposed expenditure for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, the Department of National Development and the Department of Labour and National Service.

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

150	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, \$28,720,000; and
905	“ “ “ “ “ “ \$1,292,000 (after further debate).
340-351	Department of National Development, \$31,168,000; and
932-934A	“ “ “ “ “ “ \$47,492,000 (after debate).
330-334	Department of Labour and National Service, \$8,649,000;
800	Administration of the National Service Act, \$949,000; and
801	Post Discharge Resettlement Training, \$2,000 (after debate).

Ordered—That consideration of intervening Divisions be postponed until after consideration of proposed expenditure for the Prime Minister's Department.

Divisions 400-433 Prime Minister's Department, \$60,752,000; and
Divisions 944-946 “ “ “ “ \$7,002,000.

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

And it being 11.30 p.m.—The Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman), under Sessional Order, put the Question—That he do leave the Chair and report to the Senate.
Question—resolved in the affirmative.

The President resumed the Chair; and Senator Drake-Brockman reported accordingly.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—The President, under Sessional Order, put the Question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—resolved in the affirmative.
The Senate adjourned at five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight till Tuesday next at three p.m.
10. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Bull (on leave), Sir Walter Cooper, Henty, Lacey, Laught, Morris (on leave), Sandford (on leave) and Sim.

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate.