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WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1966.

1. MEETING OF SENATE.—The Senate met at a quarter-past two p.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 Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian National Airlines Act—Twenty-first Annual Report of the Australian National Airlines Commission, together with financial accounts and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1965–66.

Fishing Industry Act—Tenth Annual Report by the Minister on the operation of the Act, for year 1965–66.

Lands Acquisition Act—Easement &c., acquired for Post Office purposes—Coolac, New South Wales. Northern Territory (Administration) Act—

Agricultural Development Leases Ordinance 1966, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent, dated 6th October, 1966.

Local Government Ordinance (No. 3) 1966, together with statement of reasons for withholding assent, dated 6th October, 1966.

Petroleum Search Subsidy Act—Seventh Annual Statement by the Minister on the operation of the *Petroleum Search Subsidy Act* 1959–1964, for year 1965–66.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Determinations by the Arbitrator—1966—
No. 225—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 233—Federated Public Service Assistants' Association of Australia.

5. ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1965–66—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.—The Minister for Supply (Senator Henty), by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper—

Advance to the Treasurer—Statement for the year 1965–66 of Heads of Expenditure and the Amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901–1965.

On the motion of Senator Henty the consideration of the Statement in Committee of the Whole was made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

6. NATIONAL HEALTH BILL 1966.—*Governor-General's Message*.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by the President—

CASEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 77.

A proposed Law intituled “*National Health Act 1966*” as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Law.

Government House,

Canberra, 18th October, 1966.

7. STATES GRANTS (DROUGHT ASSISTANCE) BILL (No. 2) 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives*.—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 332.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to Grant Financial Assistance to the States of New South Wales and Queensland for the purpose of Compensating those States for Loss of Revenue due to the Effects of Drought*”, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

J. McLEAY,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 18th October, 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 Benn the debate was adjourned.

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

8. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL (No. 2) 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 333.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to Sales Tax with respect to Goods for use by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, and Household Goods consisting of Electric Fans and Air Conditioners*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 18th October, 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 Keeffe the debate was adjourned.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 334.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make provision for the Election of Senators at a General Election of Members of the House of Representatives*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 18th October, 1966.

J. McLEAY,
Speaker.

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 the next day of sitting.

10. NATIONAL DEBT SINKING FUND BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 335.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to make provision in relation to the Redemption of the National Debt*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 18th October, 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 the next day of sitting.

11. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 336.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1904-1965' in relation to Judges of the Commonwealth Industrial Court and Presidential Members of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 18th October, 1966.

J. McLEAY,
Speaker.

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

Senator Gorton 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.

12. POULTRY INDUSTRY 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. 337.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Poultry Industry Assistance Act 1965'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

J. McLEAY,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 18th October, 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 Toohey the debate was adjourned.

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

13. POULTRY INDUSTRY LEVY COLLECTION BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 338.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Poultry Industry Levy Collection Act 1965'*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

J. McLEAY,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 18th October, 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 Toohey the debate was adjourned.

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

14. POULTRY INDUSTRY LEVY BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 339.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Poultry Industry Levy Act 1965' in relation to Exemption from Levy in respect of Broiler Breeder Hens, and in relation to Decimal Currency*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

J. McLEAY,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 18th October, 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 Toohey the debate was adjourned.

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

15. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 340.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Public Service Act 1922-1964'*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has agreed to the Bill without amendment.

J. McLEAY,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 18th October, 1966.

16. JUDICIARY BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 341.

The House of Representatives returns to the Senate the Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Judiciary Act 1903-1965' in relation to Legal Practitioners and in relation to the Application of that Act in the Territories of the Commonwealth*", and acquaints the Senate that the House of Representatives has disagreed to the amendment made by the Senate, but, in place thereof, has amended the Bill, as indicated by the annexed Schedule.

The House of Representatives desires the reconsideration of the Bill by the Senate in respect of the amendment disagreed to, and desires the concurrence of the Senate in the amendment made by the House of Representatives.

J. McLEAY,

Speaker.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 18th October, 1966.

Ordered—That consideration of the Message in Committee of the Whole be an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

17. 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—

101-113	Parliament, \$3,664,000 (after debate).
500-563	Department of Trade and Industry, \$13,482,000; and
958	" " " " " " , \$26,000 (after debate).
570-589	Department of the Treasury, \$425,582,000;
961-963	" " " " " " , \$27,959,000;
590	Advance to the Treasurer, \$20,000,000; and
966	" " " " " " , \$20,000,000.
135-147	Department of Civil Aviation, \$42,948,000; and
900	" " " " " " , \$6,250,000 (after debate).
Divisions 450-460	Department of Shipping and Transport, \$49,500,000;
948-949	" " " " " " , \$25,671,000;
810-816	Commonwealth Railways, \$15,682,000; and
972	" " " " " " , \$10,000,000—

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

Debate ensued.

And it being 11.30 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 Committee take note of the proposed expenditure—put and passed.

Divisions 820-830	Postmaster-General's Department, \$302,680,000;
974-978	" " " " " " , \$205,200,000;
835-849	Broadcasting and Television Services, \$43,747,000; and
979-983	" " " " " " , \$6,204,000—

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

Debate ensued.

And the Committee having continued to sit until twelve o'clock midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question—That the Committee take note of the proposed expenditure—put and passed.

Ordered—That the Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) report progress and ask leave to sit again.

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

18. ADJOURNMENT.—The Minister for Supply (Senator Henty) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Senate adjourned at twenty-five minutes past one a.m. till this day at ten a.m.

19. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Sir Walter Cooper, Drury, Laught, Morris (on leave), Sandford (on leave) and Webster.

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate.