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THURSDAY, 20TH 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—
Treaty—United Nations—Customs Convention on Containers, dated 18th May, 1956.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian Capital Territory Electricity Supply Act—Annual Report of the Australian Capital Territory Electricity Authority, together with financial statements and the Auditor-General's Report thereon, for year 1965–66.

Overseas Telecommunications Act—Twentieth Annual Report and financial accounts of the Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia), together with the Auditor-General's Report on accounts, for year ended 31st March, 1966.

Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinance—1966—No. 59—Loan (Works, Services and Electricity).

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

Eighty-seventh Report—The Report of the Auditor-General—Financial Year 1965–66.

Ordered to be printed.

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

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

Proposed erection of a Migrant Hostel at Springvale, Victoria.

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

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

8. DEFENCE (PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES) BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 342.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act making provision in relation to the Termination of Service in the Regular Army Supplement of National Service Officers and National Servicemen who desire to become Candidates for election as Senators or as Members of the House of Representatives, and to related matters*”, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

J. MCLEAY,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 19th October, 1966.

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 Cavanagh the debate was adjourned.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 343.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘Superannuation Act 1922–1965’ in relation to Orphans’ Pensions and in relation to Members of the Police Force of the Australian Capital Territory*”, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

J. MCLEAY,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 19th 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 Toohey the debate was adjourned.

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

10. DEFENCE FORCES RETIREMENT BENEFITS BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 344.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948–1965 ’, the ‘ Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1959–1965 ’ and the ‘ Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act (No. 2) 1965 ’ in relation to Orphans’ Pensions* ”, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

J. McLEAY,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 19th 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 Toohey the debate was adjourned.

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

11. PARLIAMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 345.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to amend the ‘ Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1948–1965 ’ in relation to Orphans’ Pensions and to amend that Act and the ‘ Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act 1964–1965 ’ in relation to Decimal Currency* ”, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

J. McLEAY,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 19th 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 Toohey the debate was adjourned.

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

12. 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—

698–729	Department of the Army, \$328,498,000.
732–761	Department of Air, \$253,739,000 (after debate).
250	Department of Health, \$11,509,000; and
913–915	“ “ “ , \$3,174,000 (after debate).
270–303	Department of Immigration, \$43,606,000; and
920–921	“ “ “ , \$1,400,000 (after debate).
470	Department of Social Services, \$23,063,000; and
952–953	“ “ “ “ , \$43,000 (after debate).

Resolutions to be reported.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Housing (Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin) the Report from the Committee was adopted.

13. APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 1966–67.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 321.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven* ”, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

J. McLEAY,
Speaker.

House of Representatives,

Canberra, 13th October, 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.

Senator Anderson moved—That this Bill be now read a first time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

On the motion of Senator Anderson the Bill was 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 Wedgwood) reported accordingly.

On the motion of Senator Anderson the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

14. APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 1966–67.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 322.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled “*A Bill for an Act to appropriate a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure in respect of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven*”, in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 13th October, 1966.

J. MCLEAY,
Speaker.

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.

On the motion of Senator Anderson the Bill was 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 Senator Anderson the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

15. ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER 1965–66—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.—The Senate, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee for the consideration of the Statement.

In the Committee.

The Minister for Customs and Excise (Senator Anderson) moved—That the Committee approves the Statement for the year 1965–66 of Heads of Expenditure and Amounts charged thereto pursuant to section 36A of the *Audit Act* 1901–1965.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

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

On the motion of Senator Anderson the Report from the Committee was adopted.

16. AIR NAVIGATION (CHARGES) 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 President resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Committees (Senator Drake-Brockman) 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.

17. LOAN 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 Wedgwood) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Supply (Senator Henty) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

18. INCOME TAX 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 requests.

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

On the motion of the Minister for Supply (Senator Henty) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

19. INCOME TAX (PARTNERSHIPS AND TRUSTS) 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, after debate.
 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 Supply (Senator Henty) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

20. INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

On the motion of the Minister for Supply (Senator Henty) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

21. ESTATE DUTY ASSESSMENT 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 Wood) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Supply (Senator Henty) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

22. PAY-ROLL TAX ASSESSMENT 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, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

On the motion of the Minister for Supply (Senator Henty) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

23. BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION BILL 1966 [No. 2].—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.

Senator Ormonde moved an amendment, viz.—Page 2, clause 3, line 31, after “service pension,” insert “a pension payable to the widow of a member of the Forces”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be inserted—put.

The Committee divided—

Ayes, 22.

Senator—

Bishop.

Cant.

Cavanagh.

Cohen.

Devitt.

Dittmer.

Drury.

Fitzgerald.

Gair.

Keeffe.

Lacey.

McClelland.

Senator—

McManus.

Mulvihill.

Murphy.

Ormonde.

Poke.

Ridley.

Toohey.

Wheeldon.

Willesee.

Teller:

Senator O'Byrne.

Noes, 23.

Senator—

Anderson.

Branson.

Breen.

Bull.

Davidson.

Drake-Brockman.

Gorton.

Heatley.

Henty.

Lawrie.

Lillico.

McKellar.

Marriott.

Senator—

Mattner.

Prowse.

Rankin, Dame

Annabelle.

Sim.

Webster.

Wedgwood.

Withers.

Wood.

Wright.

Teller:

Senator Scott.

Amendment negatived accordingly.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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.

24. COMMONWEALTH BANKS 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 Supply (Senator Henty) the Report from the Committee was adopted, and the Bill read a third time.

25. STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL 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. 346.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to Grant Financial Assistance to the States of Western Australia and Tasmania*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 20th 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 Willesee the debate was adjourned.

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

26. MAINTENANCE ORDERS (COMMONWEALTH OFFICERS) BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 347.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to provide for the Enforcement of certain Maintenance Orders by Attachment of Earnings Orders directed to the Commonwealth and Authorities of the Commonwealth*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 20th 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 and the second reading made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

27. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES BILL 1966.—*Message from the House of Representatives.*—The following Message from the House of Representatives was received and read—

MR. PRESIDENT,

Message No. 348.

The House of Representatives transmits to the Senate a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to amend the 'Matrimonial Causes Act 1959-1965' in relation to the Enforcement of Orders for Maintenance and in relation to Decimal Currency*", in which it desires the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives,
Canberra, 20th 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 and the second reading made an Order of the Day for the next day of sitting.

28. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board Reports—
Candles, &c.
Footwear.
Vanillin and ethyl vanillin.
29. ADJOURNMENT.—The Minister for Works (Senator Gorton) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
The Senate adjourned at five minutes to twelve o'clock midnight till Tuesday next at three p.m.
30. ATTENDANCE.—Present, all the Members except Senators Laught, Morris (on leave) and Sandford (on leave).

J. R. ODGERS,
Clerk of the Senate.