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**1 MEETING OF SENATE**

The Senate met at 2 pm. The President (Senator the Honourable Paul Calvert) took the chair and read prayers.

**2 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS**

The following government documents were tabled:

Australia-Japan Foundation—Report for 2001-02—Erratum.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Access and equity report for 2002.

*National Health Act 1953*—Private health insurance premium increases—Report for the quarter beginning 1 January 2003.

**3 QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were answered.

**4 MINISTERS—ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

Senator Ludwig moved—That the Senate take note of answers given by ministers to questions without notice asked by opposition senators today.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

**5 DEFENCE—ANTHRAX VACCINE—ANSWER TO QUESTION**

The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett) moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Defence (Senator Hill) to a question without notice asked by Senator Bartlett today relating to an approval to import anthrax vaccine for Australian Defence troops.

Question put and passed.

**6 PETITIONS**

The following 2 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the senators indicated, were received:

Senator Cherry, from 59 petitioners, requesting that the Senate urge the Government to release publicly the demands and concessions it proposes to make to other countries for opening up trade in services as part of negotiations on a new General Agreement on Trade in Services.

Senator Stott Despoja, from 41 petitioners, requesting that the Senate pass legislation that provides for a national system of paid maternity leave which recognises the principles of the International Labour Organization and provides payment for at least 14 weeks.

**7 NOTICES**

The Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Brandis): To move on the next day of sitting—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Economics Legislation Committee on the Designs Bill 2002 and a related bill be extended to 13 May 2003. (*general business notice of motion no. 424*)

The Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (Senator Heffernan): To move on the next day of sitting—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on the Dairy Industry Service Reform Bill 2003 and a related bill be extended to 27 March 2003. (*general business notice of motion no. 425*)

The Chair of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee (Senator Forshaw): To move on 27 March 2003—That the order of the Senate of 20 June 2001 relating to departmental and agency contracts be amended as follows:

- (a) paragraph (1), omit “the tenth day of the spring and autumn sittings”, substitute “2 calendar months after the last day of the financial and calendar year”;
- (b) at the end of paragraph (2)(b), add “the commencement date of the contract, the duration of the contract, the relevant reporting period and the twelve-month period relating to the contract listings”;
- (c) paragraph (7), after “first”, insert “and second”; and
- (d) at the end of paragraph (8), add “and with respect to bodies subject to the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*, on and after 1 January 2004”. (*general business notice of motion no. 426*)

Senator Stott Despoja: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) the ‘HOPE’ Hand of Peace Exchange was launched on 18 March 2003,
  - (ii) this project aims to highlight the plight of children in Iraq and other regions in humanitarian crisis,
  - (iii) the ‘HOPE’ Hand of Peace Exchange will involve the exchange of handprints between children all around the world, as a show of solidarity with the Iraqi children caught in the war, and
  - (iv) the United Nations estimates that there are currently more than one million malnourished children in Iraq; and
- (b) urges the Government to increase Australia’s foreign aid budget, specifically our aid to Iraq, after the war. (*general business notice of motion no. 427*)

Senator O’Brien: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) on 16 October 2002 it agreed to an order for the production of documents relating to the Government’s consideration of an ethanol excise and production subsidy,
  - (ii) on 21 October 2002 the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell) advised the Senate that, ‘the Government intends to comply with the order as soon as possible and fully expects to be in a position to do so shortly’,
  - (iii) on 12 December 2002 Senator Ian Campbell advised the Senate that, ‘consideration of the documents is close to conclusion’ and committed to tabling the requested documents out of session by 17 December 2002,
  - (iv) on 5 February 2003 Senator Ian Campbell advised the Senate that, ‘the Government is seeking to conclude its consideration of these documents and its compliance – albeit very late – with the order of the Senate’,
  - (v) on 4 March 2003 the Senate noted the Government’s failure to comply with the order of the Senate and called on the Government to comply by 6 March 2003, and

(vi) more than 155 days have passed since Senator Ian Campbell gave the Senate a commitment that the Government would ‘shortly’ comply with the Senate order; and

(b) calls on the Government to comply with the order of the Senate no later than 5 pm on 27 March 2003. (*general business notice of motion no. 428*)

Senator Brown: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate again calls on the Howard Government to return Australia’s 2000 Defence force personnel from Iraq immediately. (*general business notice of motion no. 429*)

Senator Nettle: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that the Liquefied Natural Gas Plant proposed to be built by Phillips Oil Company Australia at Wickham Point in Darwin Harbour would increase the Northern Territory’s gas emissions by 40 per cent;
- (b) notes that Phillips has been required only to carry out a Public Environment Report for this proposal;
- (c) notes that this process did not involve assessment of the impact of the proposal on dugong populations, mangroves or the ongoing impact of dredging; and
- (d) insists that Phillips be required to carry out a full Environmental Impact Assessment for the revised high capacity plant under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. (*general business notice of motion no. 430*)

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell): To move on 27 March 2003—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (7) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

Corporations (Fees) Amendment Bill 2002  
 Corporations (Review Fees) Bill 2002  
 Corporations Legislation Amendment Bill 2002  
 Workplace Relations Amendment (Termination of Employment) Bill 2002.

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*Documents:* Senator Ian Campbell tabled the following documents:

Consideration of legislation—Statements of reasons [2] for introduction and passage of certain bills in the 2003 autumn sittings.

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Senator Stephens: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) the New South Wales Labor Premier (Mr Bob Carr) has secured an historic third 4-year term of government in the New South Wales Parliament,
  - (ii) the re-election of the New South Wales Labor Government is an endorsement of Mr Carr’s plan to secure New South Wales’ future, and
  - (iii) the people of New South Wales have voted for a government that unequivocally rejects the legitimacy of the unilateral war on Iraq;
- (b) congratulates:
  - (i) Mr Carr and the New South Wales Labor administration for their election campaign, and

- (ii) Labor candidates and campaign teams for their part in a campaign that has reduced Liberal/National representation to its lowest level in almost two decades; and
- (c) expresses its condolences to the family of Mr Jim Anderson, former Member for Londonderry, following his sudden death on the morning of polling day. (*general business notice of motion no. 431*)

Senator Brown: To move on 27 March 2003—That the following matters be referred to the Legal and Constitutional References Committee for inquiry and report by 15 May 2003:

- (a) the legality of the Government's deployment of troops to Iraq; and
- (b) the desirability of constitutional change to ensure parliamentary consent for such deployments of Australian Defence Force personnel overseas in future.

The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett): To move on 27 March 2003—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
  - (i) the announcement on 24 March 2003 by the Queensland State Government that it will legislate to protect the pristine sand dunes of Shelburne Bay on Cape York Peninsula by not renewing two mining leases over the Shelburne Bay dune fields,
  - (ii) that Shelburne Bay is one of the largest and least disturbed areas of active parabolic dunes in the world, and is listed on the National Estate,
  - (iii) that any mining would have involved the removal of two dune systems and the construction of a major port facility on the edge of the Great Barrier Reef, and
  - (iv) that the cancellation of the leases had been called for by the traditional owners, the Wuthathi people, to enable them to have greater access to, and involvement in, this special area of their traditional lands; and
- (b) congratulates the Beattie Government for its sensible decision, and the many conservation, indigenous, political and community groups who have campaigned so long to achieve this outcome. (*general business notice of motion no. 432*)

## 8 POSTPONEMENTS

Items of business were postponed as follows:

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of Senator Stott Despoja for today, relating to the disallowance of the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 1), postponed till 26 March 2003.

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 2 standing in the name of Senator Brown for today, relating to the disallowance of Amendment 41 of the National Capital Plan (Gungahlin Drive Extension), postponed till 27 March 2003.

General business notice of motion no. 389 standing in the name of Senator Evans for today, relating to the decline in the rate of bulk billing, postponed till 27 March 2003.

General business notice of motion no. 406 standing in the name of Senator Stott Despoja for today, relating to breastfeeding in the Senate chamber, postponed till 14 May 2003.

General business notice of motion no. 423 standing in the name of Senator Brown for today, relating to a proposed aluminium smelter in Iceland, postponed till 26 March 2003.

**9 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT**

Senator Ferris, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (Senator Payne), moved—That business of the Senate order of the day no. 1, relating to the presentation of the report of the committee on the Customs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002, be postponed till a later hour.

Question put and passed.

**10 ENVIRONMENT—WORLD WATER DAY**

Senator Stott Despoja, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 412—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
  - (i) 22 March 2003 is World Water Day,
  - (ii) more than 1.1 billion people around the world do not have access to safe drinking water, and 2.4 billion people around the world do not have access to adequate sanitation,
  - (iii) it is estimated that by 2025, two-thirds of the world's people will live in countries suffering from water scarcity, and
  - (iv) currently, Australia spends only 3.5 per cent of its total aid on water and sanitation, compared to the 7 per cent average spending of other donor countries;
- (b) congratulates Water Matters Australia on its campaign to ensure everyone has access to safe water and adequate sanitation, starting with the world's poorest countries; and
- (c) urges the Government to:
  - (i) immediately increase Australia's overseas aid for water and sanitation to \$100 million in the 2003-04 financial year, and to continue raising this level to \$355 million a year by the 2007-08 financial year,
  - (ii) encourage good governance in the provision of water and sanitation services, and
  - (iii) ensure that any participation by the private sector benefits the poor.

Question put and negatived. Senators Brown and Nettle, by leave, recorded their votes for the ayes.

**11 SPORT—AUSTRALIAN ONE DAY CRICKET TEAM**

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell), at the request of the Minister for the Arts and Sport (Senator Kemp) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—That the Senate—

- (a) congratulates the Australian One Day Cricket Team on its outstanding achievement in winning the 2003 World Cup in South Africa on Sunday, 23 March 2003;
- (b) conveys, on behalf of all Australians, the nation's pride and congratulations for the performances of all the team members who played in the team over the course of the competition;

- (c) expresses its thanks to all the team's support staff and others who have contributed to the success of the team;
- (d) notes that Australia is the only nation to have won this prestigious World Cup on three occasions and, in doing so, its team was undefeated throughout the competition, winning 11 straight matches, scoring its highest ever One Day International total in the final, and extending its winning run to 17 One Day Internationals and 17 consecutive World Cup wins;
- (e) notes that a number of the members of the team are past scholarship holders with the Australian Institute of Sport; and
- (f) acknowledges the contribution of the Australian Sports Commission to the development of young Australian cricketers.

Question put and passed.

**12 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE REFERENCES COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT**

Senator Mackay, at the request of the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Cook) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 415—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee on its examination of the Government's foreign and trade policy strategy be extended to 17 June 2003.

Question put and passed.

**13 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE REFERENCES COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING**

Senator Mackay, at the request of the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Cook) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 416—That the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 27 March 2003, from 4 pm to 9 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into Australia's relationship with Papua New Guinea and other Pacific island countries.

Question put and passed.

**14 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTINGS**

Senator Ferris, at the request of the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (Senator Sandy Macdonald) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 417—That the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate on Monday, 16 June 2003, from 7 pm, and on Monday, 23 June 2003, from 7 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into off-setting arrangements between the Veterans' Entitlements Act and the Military Compensation Scheme.

Question put and passed.



**15 CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION**

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell) amended his notice of motion by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 2—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (7) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme Bill 2003  
 Energy Grants (Credits) Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003  
 Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Disability Reform) Bill (No. 2) 2002 [No. 2]  
 Health Insurance Amendment (Diagnostic Imaging, Radiation Oncology and Other Measures) Bill 2002  
 Industry, Tourism and Resources Legislation Amendment Bill 2002  
 Medical Indemnity (Prudential Supervision and Product Standards) Bill 2003  
 Medical Indemnity (Prudential Supervision and Product Standards) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2002  
 National Blood Authority Bill 2002  
 Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 7) 2002  
 Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2002.

*Statement by leave:* Senator Brown, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Senator Ludwig, by leave, moved the following amendment:

Omit "Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Disability Reform) Bill (No. 2) 2002 [No. 2]".

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put and passed.

Main question, as amended, put and passed.

**16 ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT**

The Chair of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee (Senator Allison), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 419—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee on environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations be extended to 15 May 2003.

Question put and passed.

**17 ENVIRONMENT—WIND ENERGY**

Senator Allison, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 410—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

- (i) the release, on Thursday, 20 March 2003, of a report on the future of wind energy in Australia, *Driving investment, generating jobs: Wind energy as a powerhouse for rural and regional development in Australia*,
- (ii) that there are now 104 megawatts of wind power installed and running in Australia, 736 megawatts approved or under construction, and 1 400 megawatts formally proposed for planning approval,

- (iii) that this total of 2 240 megawatts is sufficient to supply the energy needs of approximately 800 000 houses but is twice as much energy as is currently mandated under the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target,
  - (iv) approximately 6.6 times as many manufacturing and installation jobs are created for wind power as for coal-fired plant and up to 9 375 jobs could be created in Australia together with income of \$17 million for rental of land from Australian farmers, with 5 000 megawatt installed capacity by 2010, and
  - (v) the cost to households of increasing the target to 10 per cent is estimated to be just \$1.20 per month; and
- (b) urges the Government to heed the recommendations of the report and increase the target from 2 per cent equivalent to 10 per cent.

Question put and negatived.

**18 ENVIRONMENT—SOUTH AUSTRALIA—NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORY**

Senator Allison, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 422—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
- (i) the South Australian Parliament has passed the Nuclear Waste Storage Facility (Prohibition) Amendment Bill (No. 19),
  - (ii) the legislation bans both the establishment of a nuclear waste dump in South Australia and the transportation of nuclear waste from other states to South Australia,
  - (iii) a 4-month sunset clause is contained in the legislation to allow legal advice to be sought to strengthen its effect, and
  - (iv) a majority of South Australians and the South Australian Parliament are opposed to the Federal Government plan to site a nuclear waste storage facility in that state; and
- (b) calls on the Federal Government:
- (i) to recognise that the South Australian Parliament has legislated according to the wishes of that state, and
  - (ii) to not proceed to locate a national nuclear waste repository in South Australia.

Question put and passed.

**19 NATIVE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LAND FUND—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING**

Senator Ferris, at the request of the Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund (Senator Johnston) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 421—That the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 27 March 2003, from 7.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the effectiveness of the National Native Title Tribunal.

Question put and passed.

**20 IMMIGRATION—ILLEGAL MIGRATION—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENT**

The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 420—That there be laid on the table, no later than 4 pm on Wednesday, 26 March 2003, the Memorandum of Understanding signed on or around 12 March 2003 between the Australian Government and the Islamic Republic of Iran, which includes measures to combat illegal migration.

Question put and passed.

**21 ENVIRONMENT—MARALINGA—REHABILITATION OF FORMER NUCLEAR TEST SITES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—DOCUMENTS**

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell) tabled the following documents:

Environment—Maralinga—Rehabilitation of former nuclear tests sites at Emu and Maralinga (Australia) 2003—

Ministerial statement by the Minister for Science (Mr McGauran), dated 20 March 2003.

Report by the Maralinga Rehabilitation Technical Advisory Committee.

Senator Carr, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the statement.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned till next day of sitting, Senator Chapman in continuation.

**22 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO CANADA AND CHINA—DOCUMENT**

Senator Ferguson, by leave, tabled the following document:

Canada and China—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, 17 to 30 November 2002, dated March 2003.

Senator Ferguson, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the document.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

**23 DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Proposal No. 5 of 2003.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Regulations—Civil Aviation Amendment Order (No. 3) 2003.

Class Rulings CR 2003/20-CR 2003/24.

Product Ruling PR 2003/1.

Taxation Determination TD 2003/3.

**24 INDEXED LISTS OF DEPARTMENTAL AND AGENCY FILES—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were tabled pursuant to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended on 3 December 1998:

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2002—Statements of compliance—

Commonwealth Ombudsman.

Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio agencies—

Australian Industrial Registry [nil return].

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal.

Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency [nil return].

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission.

Office of the Employment Advocate.

Remuneration Tribunal.

Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio agencies—

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.

Indigenous Land Corporation.

Torres Strait Regional Authority.

**25 DEPARTMENTAL AND AGENCY CONTRACTS—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were tabled pursuant to the order of the Senate of 20 June 2001, as amended on 27 September 2001:

Departmental and agency contracts—Letters of advice—2003 autumn sittings—

Attorney-General's portfolio agencies—

Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

Attorney-General's Department.

Australian Crime Commission.

Australian Customs Service.

Australian Federal Police.

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre.

CrimTrac.

Family Court of Australia.

Federal Court of Australia.

Federal Magistrates Service.

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission.

Insolvency and Trustee Service.

National Native Title Tribunal.

Office of Film and Literature Classification.

Office of Parliamentary Counsel.

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner.

Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio agencies—

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research.

AusAID.

Australia-Japan Foundation.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

**26 COMMITTEES—CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Chapman) informed the Senate that the President had received letters requesting changes in the membership of various committees.

The Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer (Senator Coonan), by leave, moved—That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—**

Appointed—Substitute member: Senator Stott Despoja to replace Senator Ridgeway for the committee's inquiry into the performance of government agencies in the assessment and dissemination of security threats in South East Asia in the period 11 September 2001 to 12 October 2002

**Procedure—Standing Committee—**

Appointed—Senator Ian Campbell  
Discharged—Senator Brandis

**Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—**

Appointed—Senator Humphries  
Discharged—Senator Colbeck.

Question put and passed.

**27 APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2002-2003  
APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 4) 2002-2003**

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bills:

Message no. 267, dated 24 March 2003—A Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government, and for related purposes.

Message no. 268, dated 24 March 2003—A Bill for an Act to appropriate additional money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer (Senator Coonan) moved—That these bills may proceed without formalities, may be taken together and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bills read a first time.

Senator Coonan moved—That these bills be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Buckland the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

**28 BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (MEDIA OWNERSHIP) BILL 2002**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Alston) in continuation.

**29 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT**

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Alston) moved—That intervening business be postponed till after consideration of government business order of the day no. 8 (Transport Safety Investigation Bill 2002 and a related bill).

Question put and passed.

**30 TRANSPORT SAFETY INVESTIGATION BILL 2002****TRANSPORT SAFETY INVESTIGATION (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2002**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Special Minister of State (Senator Abetz)—That these bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Transport and Regional Services (Senator Boswell) the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

**31 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—INTERIM REPORT—CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2002**

Senator McGauran, at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (Senator Payne), tabled the following report:

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Customs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002—Interim report.

Senator McGauran, by leave, moved—That the Senate adopt the recommendation of the interim report that the time for presentation of the report be extended to 4 April 2003.

Question put and passed.

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*At 6.50 pm—*

**32 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS—CONSIDERATION**

The following government documents tabled earlier today (*see entry no. 2*) were considered:

Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Access and equity report for 2002. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Bartlett and agreed to.

Australia-Japan Foundation—Report for 2001-02—Erratum. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Sandy Macdonald and agreed to.

**33 ADJOURNMENT**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Chapman) proposed the question—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

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*Document:* The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett), by leave, tabled the following document:

Foreign Affairs—Iraq—Military action—“Not in our name”—Register of 30 000 Australians who do not support an attack on Iraq by Australia without UN approval.

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Debate continued.

The Senate adjourned at 8.33 pm till Wednesday, 26 March 2003 at 9.30 am.

34 **ATTENDANCE**

Present, all senators except Senators Conroy and Knowles\* (\* on leave).

**HARRY EVANS**  
Clerk of the Senate