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**1 MEETING OF SENATE**

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of 9 October 2003, the Senate met at 11.15 am in the House of Representatives chamber. The President (Senator the Honourable Paul Calvert) and the Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) were announced and took their places. Pursuant to the order of the Senate of 9 October 2003, the Speaker took the Chair of the meeting and read prayers.

**2 ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The President of the United States of America (the Honourable George W Bush) was admitted, welcomed by the Prime Minister (Mr Howard) and the Leader of the Opposition (Mr Crean), and addressed the meeting.

The Speaker stated that Senators Brown and Nettle had committed an offence by interjecting during the address and not leaving the chamber when so directed by the Speaker. The Speaker called the Minister for Health and Ageing (Mr Abbott), who moved—That Senators Brown and Nettle be suspended from the service of the House. The Speaker declared that question carried. The Speaker declared the meeting concluded.

**3 ADJOURNMENT**

The Senate adjourned at 11.55 am till Friday, 24 October 2003 at 10 am.

**4 ATTENDANCE**

Present, all senators except Senators Cherry, Greig, Harris, Knowles\*, Lees, Minchin, Murphy, Ray and Stott Despoja (\* on leave).

**HARRY EVANS**  
Clerk of the Senate