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1 MEETING OF SENATE

The Senate met at 9.30 am. The President (Senator the Honourable Paul Calvert) took the chair and read prayers.

2 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

The following government documents were tabled:

Air Passenger Ticket Levy (Collection) Act 2001—Report for 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report—Australia's health 2006—Tenth biennial report.

Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002—National Health and Medical Research Council—NHMRC Licensing Committee—Report for the period 1 October 2005 to 31 March 2006.

Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005—2005-08 Commonwealth-State agreement for skilling Australia's workforce, June 2006.

Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Report for 2005-06.

3 ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING

The Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz), by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Brandis), moved—That the Economics Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate today.

Question put and passed.

4 CRIMES ACT AMENDMENT (FORENSIC PROCEDURES) BILL (NO. 1) 2006
CUSTOMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MODERNISING IMPORT CONTROLS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006
FINANCIAL TRANSACTION REPORTS AMENDMENT BILL 2006
MIGRATION AMENDMENT (VISA INTEGRITY) BILL 2006
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE AMENDMENT BILL 2006
TRADE MARKS AMENDMENT BILL 2006

The Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz), at the request of the Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison), the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (Senator Vanstone), the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Colbeck) and the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin) and pursuant to notice, moved government business notices of motion nos 1 to 6—That the following bills be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Crimes Act 1914*, and for related purposes.

A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to customs, and for related purposes.

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Financial Transaction Reports Act 1988*, and for related purposes.

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958*, and for related purposes.

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, and for related purposes.

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Trade Marks Act 1995*, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

Senator Abetz presented the bills and 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 Abetz moved—That these bills be now read a second time.

Explanatory memoranda: Senator Abetz tabled explanatory memoranda [6] relating to the bills.

Consideration of legislation: Pursuant to order, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the first day in the next period of sittings.

Senator Abetz moved—That the bills be listed on the *Notice Paper* as separate orders of the day.

Question put and passed.

5 ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT (ELECTORAL INTEGRITY AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006

Order of the day read for the further consideration of the bill in committee of the whole.

In the committee

Consideration resumed of Schedule 4.

Debate ensued.

Question—That Schedule 4 stand as printed—put and passed.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Lightfoot) resumed the chair and the Temporary Chair of Committees reported accordingly.

The Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz) moved—That the report from the committee be adopted.

Proposed reference to committee: Senator Milne moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “and the Senate refers the following matter to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters:

All aspects of the involvement of third parties in electoral advertising”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 9

Senators—

Allison	Fielding	Murray	Siewert (Teller)
Bartlett	Milne	Nettle	Stott Despoja
Brown, Bob			

NOES, 47

Senators—

Abetz	Faulkner	Lightfoot	Payne
Adams	Ferguson	Ludwig	Polley
Barnett	Fierravanti-Wells	Macdonald, Sandy	Ray
Bernardi	Fifield	Marshall	Ronaldson
Boswell	Forshaw	McEwen	Scullion
Brown, Carol	Hogg	McGauran	Stephens
Campbell, George	Humphries	McLucas	Sterle
Carr	Hurley	Moore	Troeth
Colbeck	Hutchins	Nash	Watson
Crossin	Johnston	O'Brien	Webber
Eggleston (Teller)	Joyce	Parry	Wortley
Ellison	Kirk	Patterson	

Question negatived.

Main question put and passed.

Senator Abetz moved—That this bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 33

Senators—

Abetz	Eggleston (Teller)	Macdonald, Ian	Santoro
Adams	Ellison	Macdonald, Sandy	Scullion
Barnett	Ferris	Mason	Troeth
Bernardi	Fierravanti-Wells	McGauran	Trood
Boswell	Fifield	Minchin	Vanstone
Brandis	Heffernan	Nash	Watson
Calvert	Humphries	Parry	
Colbeck	Johnston	Patterson	
Coonan	Joyce	Payne	

NOES, 31

Senators—

Allison	Fielding	McEwen	Ray
Bartlett	Forshaw	McLucas	Siewert
Brown, Bob	Hogg	Milne	Stephens
Brown, Carol	Hurley	Moore	Sterle
Campbell, George	Hutchins	Murray	Stott Despoja
Carr	Kirk (Teller)	Nettle	Webber
Crossin	Ludwig	O'Brien	Wortley
Faulkner	Marshall	Polley	

Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

6 DO NOT CALL REGISTER BILL 2006**DO NOT CALL REGISTER (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2006**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz)—That these bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Senator Stott Despoja moved the following amendment in respect of the Do Not Call Register Bill 2006:

At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate notes that:

- (a) the bill does not apply to registered political parties, independent members of parliament, candidates, government departments, religious organisations, charities or educational institutions; and
- (b) these exemptions risk seriously undermining the value of the Do Not Call Register”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 8

Senators—

Allison	Brown, Bob	Murray	Siewert
Bartlett (Teller)	Milne	Nettle	Stott Despoja

NOES, 48

Senators—

Adams (Teller)	Fielding	Macdonald, Sandy	Polley
Bernardi	Fierravanti-Wells	Marshall	Ray
Brandis	Fifield	Mason	Ronaldson
Brown, Carol	Forshaw	McEwen	Scullion
Chapman	Hogg	McGauran	Stephens
Colbeck	Humphries	McLucas	Sterle
Coonan	Hurley	Moore	Troeth
Crossin	Hutchins	Nash	Trood
Eggleston	Joyce	O'Brien	Watson
Faulkner	Kirk	Parry	Webber
Ferguson	Ludwig	Patterson	Wong
Ferris	Macdonald, Ian	Payne	Wortley

Question negatived.

Main question put and passed.

Bills read a second time.

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After 12.45 pm—

7 MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Matters of public interest were discussed.

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Document: Senator Crossin, by leave, tabled the following document:

Indigenous Australians—Northern Territory Government's Chief Executives' Taskforce—Agenda for action: A whole of government approach to Indigenous affairs in the Northern Territory 2005-2009.

Further matters of public interest were discussed.

At 2 pm—

8 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were answered.

Distinguished visitors: The President welcomed members of a parliamentary delegation from Malaysia led by the President of the Senate, His Excellency the Honourable Tan Sri Dr Abdul Hamid bin Pawanteh, and, with the concurrence of honourable senators, invited His Excellency to take a seat on the floor of the chamber.

Further questions without notice were answered.

9 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Senator Wong 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.

10 ENVIRONMENT—MARINE LIFE—ENTANGLEMENTS—ANSWER TO QUESTION

Senator Siewert moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz) to a question without notice asked by Senator Siewert today relating to marine life entanglements.

Question put and passed.

11 PETITION

The following petition, lodged with the Clerk by Senator Heffernan, was received:

From 98 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to restrict children's exposure to Internet pornography.

12 NOTICES

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

- (a) that the Harvard Stem Cell Institute (HSCI) researchers at Harvard University – the world’s richest university – and the Children’s Hospital Boston have been given approval to begin experiments using somatic cell nuclear transfer to create disease-specific stem cell lines in order to develop treatments for diseases such as diabetes; and
- (b) that the HSCI’s research will be privately funded because the Government of the United States of America does not allow funding for research on embryonic stem cells created after 2001. (*general business notice of motion no. 466*)

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

- (a) notes the death of the former Taoiseach of Ireland, Mr Charles Haughey, on 13 June 2006, having served three terms as Taoiseach between 1979 and 1992;
- (b) acknowledges Mr Haughey’s significant contribution to the economic revival of the Republic of Ireland;
- (c) recognises Mr Haughey’s commitment to the peace process and to positioning Ireland as an integral member of the European Community; and
- (d) expresses the sympathies of the Australian people to the people of Ireland, the Irish diaspora and Mr Haughey’s family. (*general business notice of motion no. 467*)

Senator Crossin: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee for inquiry and report:

The Indigenous visual arts industry, with particular reference to:

- (a) the economic impact and value of the industry with regard to diverse communities throughout Australia through business development and job creation and the value of the industry as an export;
- (b) the extent and effect of unscrupulous or unethical conduct in the Indigenous visual art trade, and the effect of this conduct on artists and their communities;
- (c) the extent and effect of the importation of fakes and copies of Indigenous art and craft; and
- (d) strategies to address the exploitation of Indigenous visual artists including the role of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, and relevant measures to maintain and appropriately regulate the Indigenous visual arts industry.

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown): To move on the second sitting day in August 2006—That the Senate calls on the Government to assess Tasmania’s Tarkine wilderness with a view to nomination for listing for its World Heritage values, including those related to its:

- (a) Aboriginal values;
- (b) non-Aboriginal values;
- (c) natural, forest and wildlife values;
- (d) wilderness values; and
- (e) geological values. (*general business notice of motion no. 468*)

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown): To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties for inquiry and report by 15 August 2006:

The proposed security treaty or pact with Indonesia, with particular reference to:

- (a) the long-term defence and security implications for Australia;
- (b) the rights of West Papuans;
- (c) Australia's international treaty obligations; and
- (d) any related matters. (*general business notice of motion no. 469*)

The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison): To move on the next day of sitting—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Bill 2006
 Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006
 Law Enforcement (AFP Professional Standards and Related Measures) Bill 2006.

Document: Senator Ellison tabled the following document:

Consideration of legislation—Statement of reasons for introduction and passage of certain bills in the 2006 winter sittings.

13 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator George Campbell, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senator Bishop from 21 June to 23 June 2006, on account of ill health.

Question put and passed.

14 POSTPONEMENT

The following item of business was postponed:

General business notice of motion no. 460 standing in the name of Senator Bartlett for today, proposing the introduction of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Temporary Protection Visas Repeal) Bill 2006, postponed till 22 June 2006.

15 INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS—ARTWORKS

Senator Crossin, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 464—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the inauguration of the Musée du Quai Branly in Paris on Tuesday, 20 June 2006, and that this museum will have a significant collection of Australian pieces which will feature artworks by high-profile Australian Indigenous artists such as John Mawurndjul, Gulumbu Yunupingu, Paddy Nyunkuny Bedford, Lena Nyadbi, Tommy Watson, Ningura Napurrula, Judy Watson and Michael Riley; and
- (b) commends Indigenous artists across Australia for their contribution to Australian cultural life and the Australia Council for its role in negotiating the display of Australian Indigenous artworks in the Musée du Quai Branly.

Question put and passed.

16 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—IRAQ—CHILDREN

Senator Bartlett, at the request of the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 462—That the Senate—

- (a) recognises that:
 - (i) according to a study conducted by Iraq's Ministry of Planning and Development Cooperation, and also Norway's Institute for Applied International Studies and the United Nations' Development Program, the rate of acute malnutrition among children aged 6 months to 5 years has increased to 7.7 per cent in 2006, up from 4 per cent in 2002, and the problem continues to grow,
 - (ii) this translates into approximately 400 000 Iraqi children suffering from malnutrition,
 - (iii) one in three children in remote areas suffers problems associated with poor diet such as stunted growth and low weight which can irreversibly hamper the young child's optimal physical, mental and cognitive development, and
 - (iv) Iraq's current food rationing program has not been able to meet many families' needs, due to Iraq's continued instability, and the lack of sanitation and clean water; and
- (b) calls on the Government to give this matter its urgent attention in Australia's current deployment in Iraq and in talks with the Administration of the United States of America, other international agencies and with the new Iraqi Government.

Question put and negatived. All Australian Greens senators, by leave, recorded their votes for the ayes.

17 FORMER DEPUTY CLERK OF THE SENATE—MISS ANNE LYNCH, AM

Senator Faulkner, on behalf of all senators, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 465—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that the former Deputy Clerk of the Senate, Miss Anne Lynch, was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) on 12 June 2006 for service to support parliamentary processes, particularly the administration of the practice of the Senate and its committees, to promotion and understanding of the role of the Senate, and to assisting parliaments of Pacific Island states; and
- (b) congratulates Miss Lynch on this award which recognises her dedication to the service of the Senate over 32 and a half years.

Question put and passed.

18 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MR DAVID HICKS

Senator Stott Despoja amended general business notice of motion no. 463 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
 - (i) that the United Kingdom is prepared to grant Mr David Hicks citizenship and is awaiting permission from United States of America (US) authorities to extend the oath of loyalty to him,

- (ii) that the US military lawyer assigned to defend Australian Guantanamo detainee Mr Hicks, Major Michael Mori, is willing to swear in Mr Hicks as a British citizen in order to expedite his release from the Guantanamo Bay detention facility,
 - (iii) that through attaining British citizenship, Mr Hicks would be accorded British consular access and protection, and
 - (iv) Major Mori has openly stated his concern that Mr Hicks will not be released from Guantanamo Bay soon and that ‘the US is trying to delay Hicks becoming a Brit because they know Britain’s position on the (military) commissions’; and
- (b) urges the Government to:
- (i) follow the lead of the United Kingdom Government and demand a fair trial for Mr Hicks, or
 - (ii) at the very least, support the British Foreign Office moves to intervene on Mr Hicks’ behalf.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 30

Senators—

Allison	Hogg	Milne	Stephens
Bartlett	Hurley	Moore	Sterle
Brown, Bob	Hutchins	Murray	Stott Despoja
Brown, Carol	Ludwig	Nettle	Webber
Campbell, G (Teller)	Lundy	O’Brien	Wong
Crossin	Marshall	Polley	Wortley
Faulkner	McEwen	Ray	
Forshaw	McLucas	Siewert	

NOES, 33

Senators—

Abetz	Coonan	Joyce	Payne
Adams	Eggleston	Lightfoot	Ronaldson
Barnett	Ellison	Macdonald, Ian	Santoro
Bernardi	Ferguson	Macdonald, Sandy	Scullion
Boswell	Ferris (Teller)	Mason	Trood
Brandis	Fierravanti-Wells	McGauran	Watson
Calvert	Fifield	Nash	
Chapman	Heffernan	Parry	
Colbeck	Humphries	Patterson	

Question negatived.

19 PROPOSED MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—WELFARE CHANGES

The Deputy President (Senator Hogg) informed the Senate that Senator Wong had withdrawn the proposed matter of public importance she had submitted to the President today relating to welfare changes.

**20 SCRUTINY OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—4TH REPORT AND ALERT DIGEST
NO. 6 OF 2006**

Senator George Campbell, at the request of the Chairman of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Ray), tabled the following report and document:

Scrutiny of Bills—Standing Committee—

4th report of 2006, dated 21 June 2006.

Alert Digest No. 6 of 2006, dated 21 June 2006.

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator George Campbell.

21 PRIVILEGES—STANDING COMMITTEE—127TH REPORT

The Chair of the Standing Committee of Privileges (Senator Faulkner) tabled the following report:

Privileges—Standing Committee—127th report—Persons referred to in the Senate (Certain persons on behalf of the Exclusive Brethren), dated June 2006.

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Faulkner.

Senator Faulkner moved—That the report be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Response as recommended by the committee incorporated in Hansard accordingly.

**22 SENATORS' INTERESTS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REGISTER OF SENATORS'
INTERESTS—DOCUMENT**

The Chair of the Standing Committee of Senators' Interests (Senator Webber) tabled the following document:

Senators' Interests—Standing Committee—Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 6 December 2005 and 19 June 2006, dated June 2006.

**23 CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—
REPORT—CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY**

The Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services (Senator Chapman) tabled the following report and documents:

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Corporate responsibility: Managing risk and creating value—Report, dated June 2006, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee and submissions [146].

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Chapman.

Senator Chapman moved—That the Senate take note of the report.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

24 PUBLIC WORKS—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—REPORT—11TH REPORT OF 2006

Senator Scullion, on behalf of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, tabled the following report:

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee—11th report of 2006—Proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission at 120 Collins Street, Melbourne, dated June 2006.

Senator Scullion moved—That the Senate take note of the report.

Question put and passed.

25 DEPARTMENT OF THE SENATE—REGISTER OF SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' INTERESTS—DOCUMENT

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Brandis) tabled the following document:

Department of the Senate—Register of senior executive officers' interests incorporating notifications of alterations of interests of senior executive officers lodged between 6 December 2005 and 19 June 2006, dated June 2006.

26 AUDITOR-GENERAL—AUDIT REPORT NO. 47 OF 2005-06—DOCUMENT

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Brandis) tabled the following document:

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 47 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Funding for communities and community organisations: Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

27 AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS AND NORWAY—DOCUMENT

Senator Patterson, by leave, tabled the following document:

European Institutions and Norway—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, 22 April to 6 May 2006, dated June 2006.

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

Question put and passed.

28 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:

[Legislative instruments are identified by a Federal Register of Legislative Instruments (FRLI) number]

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—Part 105—AD/A320/146 Amdt 3—Airworthiness Limitation Items [F2006L01869]*.

Customs Act—Infringement Notice Guidelines (2006) [F2006L01860]*.

Health Insurance Act—Health Insurance (Diabetes Testing in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Sites) Determination HS/01/2006 [F2006L01822]*.

Migration Act—Select Legislative Instrument 2006 No. 133—Migration Amendment Regulations 2006 (No. 3) [F2006L01781]*.

Motor Vehicle Standards Act—Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule – Definitions and Vehicle Categories) 2005 Amendment 1 [F2006L01833]*.

National Health Act—

Arrangements Nos—

PB 28 of 2006—Highly Specialised Drugs Program [F2006L01875]*.

PB 29 of 2006—Special Authority Program [F2006L01874]*.

Determinations Nos—

PB 26 of 2006 [F2006L01843]*.

PB 27 of 2006 [F2006L01871]*.

Navigation Act—Marine Order No. 6 of 2006—Ship surveys and certification [F2006L01887]*.

* Explanatory statement tabled with legislative instrument.

29 COMMITTEES—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Brandis) informed the Senate that the President had received a letter nominating a senator to be a member of committees.

The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison), by leave, moved—That Senator Wortley be appointed as a participating member to the following committees:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee.

Community Affairs References Committee.

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee.

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee.

Question put and passed.

30 APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS) BILL (NO. 1) 2006-2007

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2006-2007

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) 2006-2007

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 5) 2005-2006

APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 6) 2005-2006

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

Message no. 356, dated 20 June 2006—A Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for expenditure in relation to the Parliamentary Departments, and for related purposes.

Message no. 353, dated 20 June 2006—A Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government, and for related purposes.

Message no. 354, dated 20 June 2006—A Bill for an Act to appropriate money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for certain expenditure, and for related purposes.

Message no. 355, dated 20 June 2006—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. 352, dated 20 June 2006—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 Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) 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 Ellison moved—That these bills be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Ellison the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

31 RENEWABLE ENERGY (ELECTRICITY) AMENDMENT BILL 2006

A message from the House of Representatives was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bill:

Message no. 357, dated 20 June 2006—A Bill for an Act to amend the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000*, and for other purposes.

The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) moved—That this bill may proceed without formalities and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Senator Ellison moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

Explanatory memorandum: Senator Ellison tabled a revised explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

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

32 BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (SUBSCRIPTION TELEVISION DRAMA AND COMMUNITY BROADCASTING LICENCES) BILL 2006

A message from the House of Representatives was reported agreeing to the following bill without amendment:

Message no. 358, dated 20 June 2006—Broadcasting Services Amendment (Subscription Television Drama and Community Broadcasting Licences) Bill 2006.

33 EXCISE LAWS AMENDMENT (FUEL TAX REFORM AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2006

A message from the House of Representatives was reported agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bill:

Message no. 359, dated 21 June 2006—Excise Laws Amendment (Fuel Tax Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2006.

34 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—PROPOSED REFERENCE

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans), pursuant to notice, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1—That the proposals to alter the structure of the Senate committee system, announced by the Leader of the Government on 20 June 2006, be referred to the Procedure Committee for inquiry and report by 17 August 2006.

The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) moved the following amendment:

Omit “17 August”, substitute “10 August”.

Debate ensued.

At 6.50 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Ferguson was speaking.

35 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison), by leave, moved—That consideration of government documents not be proceeded with today and that consideration of the reference of a matter to the Procedure Committee continue till 7.20 pm.

Question put and passed.

36 PROCEDURE—STANDING COMMITTEE—PROPOSED REFERENCE

Order read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans)—*and on the amendment moved by the Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) (see entry no. 34).*

Debate resumed.

At 7.20 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Faulkner was speaking.

37 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Time expired: The debate reached the limit of 40 minutes.

The Senate adjourned at 8.01 pm till Thursday, 22 June 2006 at 9.30 am.

38 ATTENDANCE

Present, all senators except Senators Bishop*, Ian Campbell*, Conroy*, Kemp* and Sherry* (* on leave).

HARRY EVANS
Clerk of the Senate