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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 PETITIONS

The following 3 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the senators indicated, were received:

Senator Bartlett, from 163 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to implement necessary reforms to the *Migration Act 1958* to ensure proper independent oversight of the use of ministerial powers and to provide adequate protections against politically motivated decisions, violations of natural justice, due process and the presumption of innocence.

Senator Sandy Macdonald, from 107 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to adopt a 10-year moratorium on Muslim immigration and review immigration policy to ensure priority for Christians from all races, as both immigrants and refugees.

Senator McLucas, from 430 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to ensure that the changes to industrial relations do not adversely affect Australian employees.

3 NOTICES

Notices of motion:

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) is an intergovernmental body concerned with reducing nuclear proliferation by controlling the export and re-transfer of materials, including uranium, that may be applicable to the development of nuclear weapons,

(ii) the NSG was founded in 1975 in response to the Indian nuclear test of the previous year, a test which demonstrated that certain non-weapons specific nuclear technology could be readily used for weapons development, and

(iii) the NSG makes decisions by consensus, which means that each of the 45 NSG members, including Australia, must agree to the change of any rule, including those rules which prevent the export of uranium to non-Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty states such as India; and

(b) calls on the Government to use its position in the NSG to block the submission to exempt India from the NSG rules preventing the supply of uranium to states which have not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. (*general business notice of motion no. 856*)

The Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz): To move on the next day of sitting—That—

(1) On Monday, 13 August 2007:

(a) the hours of meeting shall be 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm to adjournment;

(b) the routine of business from 7.30 pm shall be government business only;

(c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 10 pm; and

- (d) standing order 54(5) shall apply to the adjournment debate as if it were Tuesday.
- (2) On Tuesday, 14 August 2007:
- (a) the hours of meeting shall be 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm to 11.40 pm;
 - (b) the routine of business from 7.30 pm shall be government business only; and
 - (c) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 11 pm.
- (3) On Thursday, 16 August 2007:
- (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm to adjournment;
 - (b) consideration of general business and consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports under standing order 62(1) and (2) shall not be proceeded with;
 - (c) the routine of business from 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm, and from not later than 4.30 pm, shall be government business only;
 - (d) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm; and
 - (e) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed after the Senate has finally considered the bills listed below, including any messages from the House of Representatives:
 - APEC Public Holiday Bill 2007
 - Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007
 - Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Bill 2007
 - Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007
 - Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Northern Territory National Emergency Response and Other Measures) Bill 2007
 - Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008
 - Appropriation (Northern Territory National Emergency Response) Bill (No. 2) 2007-2008
 - Water Bill 2007
 - Water (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007
 - Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007.

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

- (a) notes with regret:
 - (i) news of the extinction of the Yangtze River dolphin, and
 - (ii) that this is the first large vertebrate to be forced to extinction by human activity in 50 years and only the fourth time since the year 1500 that an entire evolutionary line of mammals has vanished from the face of the earth; and
- (b) calls on the Government to ensure the implementation of Australian law, requiring management plans to lift creatures facing extinction to greater safety in Australia. (*general business notice of motion no. 857*)

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

- (a) notes that:
- (i) the acceptance and celebration of diversity, including sexual orientation and gender diversity, is essential for genuine social justice and equality, and
 - (ii) discrimination against same-sex couples continues to be a significant cause of distress in the community; and
- (b) calls on the Government to:
- (i) remove all forms of discrimination against same-sex couples from current federal legislation, and
 - (ii) legislate to allow marriage between two people, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. (*general business notice of motion no. 858*)

Intention to withdraw: The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson), pursuant to standing order 78, gave notice of his intention, at the giving of notices on next day of sitting, to withdraw business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in his name for 2 sitting days after today for the disallowance of the Australian Federal Police Amendment Regulations 2006 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2006 No. 326 and made under the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979*.

4 SELECTION OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 12 OF 2007

The Chair of the Selection of Bills Committee (Senator Parry) tabled the following report:

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 12 OF 2007

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 8 August 2007 at 4.17 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That the *provisions* of the Water Bill 2007 and Water (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007 be *referred immediately* to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report, **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date.**
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Independent Contractors Amendment Bill 2007
 - Migration (Climate Refugees) Amendment Bill 2007
 - Peace and Non-Violence Commission Bill 2007
 - Public Interest Disclosures Bill 2007.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee considered a proposal to refer the Lobbying and Ministerial Accountability Bill 2007 to the Finance and Public Administration Committee, **but was unable to reach agreement on whether the bill should be referred.**
5. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (Fair Bank and Credit
Card Fees) Amendment Bill 2007
Migration Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Rights and Procedural
Fairness) Bill 2007.

Stephen Parry
Chair
9 August 2007.

Senator Parry moved—That the report be adopted.

The Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz) moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “and, in respect of the provisions of the Water Bill 2007 and the Water (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2007, the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee report by 14 August 2007”.

Debate ensued.

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

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “and, in respect of the Lobbying and Ministerial Accountability Bill 2007, the bill be referred to the Finance and Public Administration Committee for inquiry and report by 31 October 2007”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 33

Senators—

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

NOES, 37

Senators—

Abetz	Colbeck	Joyce	Patterson
Adams	Coonan	Kemp	Payne
Barnett	Cormann	Lightfoot	Ronaldson
Bernardi	Eggleston	Macdonald, Ian	Scullion
Birmingham	Fierravanti-Wells	Macdonald, Sandy	Troeth
Boswell	Fifield	Mason	Trood
Boyce	Fisher	McGauran	Watson
Brandis	Heffernan	Minchin	
Calvert	Humphries	Nash (Teller)	
Chapman	Johnston	Parry	

Question negatived.

Main question, as amended, put and passed.

5 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

Senator Nash, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee (Senator Eggleston), moved—That business of the Senate order of the day no. 2, relating to the presentation of the report of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee on the provisions of the Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007, be postponed till a later hour.

Question put and passed.

Senator Nash, at the request of the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz), moved—That the following government business orders of the day be considered from 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm today:

No. 6 Australian Postal Corporation Amendment (Quarantine Inspection and Other Measures) Bill 2007.

No. 7 Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2007.

National Health Amendment (National HPV Vaccination Program Register) Bill 2007.

No. 8 Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment (Cosmetics) Bill 2007.

No. 9 International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007.

Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007.

Corporations Amendment (Insolvency) Bill 2007.

Question put and passed.

Senator Nash, at the request of the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz), moved—That the order of general business for consideration today be as follows:

(a) general business order of the day no. 102 (Migration (Climate Refugees) Amendment Bill 2007); and

(b) orders of the day relating to government documents.

Question put and passed.

6 POSTPONEMENTS

The following items of business were postponed:

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of Senator Faulkner for today, proposing the reference of a matter to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee, postponed till 13 August 2007.

General business notice of motion no. 836 standing in the name of Senator Murray for today, relating to alcohol abuse in Australia, postponed till 14 August 2007.

General business notice of motion no. 847 standing in the name of the Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell) for today, relating to Queensland local government, postponed till 13 August 2007.

General business notice of motion no. 848 standing in the names of the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison) and Senators Bartlett, Murray and Stott Despoja for today, proposing the introduction of the Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007, postponed till 13 August 2007.

7 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

Senator Bartlett, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 838—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) 9 August 2007 is International Day of the World's Indigenous People,
- (ii) it marks a day that we honour and pay respect to Australia's First Peoples as well as Indigenous peoples across the world for their traditions and knowledge, as well as to the valuable contribution they have made to the cultures of the world and to environmental conservation, and
- (iii) it is appropriate to reflect on the positive advancements that have been made internationally to protect the rights of Indigenous peoples and to guarantee them equal treatment, as well as to provide a reminder of how much more needs to be done; and

(b) calls on the Government to support the adoption of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples when it is considered later in 2007.

Question put and negatived.

8 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—IRELAND—HILL OF TARA

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 849—That the Senate requests the Irish Government to inform the Senate about:

- (a) the project to route the M3 motorway through the Royal Demesne of Tara and the unique archaeological, historical and cultural site of the Hill of Tara;
- (b) the current progress of the project; and
- (c) any alternative routes which could be used to protect this unique site.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 4

Senators—

Brown, Bob

Milne

Nettle

Siewert (Teller)

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Senators—

Adams

Crossin

Hutchins

Parry

Barnett

Eggleston

Johnston

Patterson

Bernardi

Evans

Kemp

Payne

Birmingham

Faulkner

Kirk

Polley

Boyce

Fielding

Ludwig

Ray

Brown, Carol

Fierravanti-Wells

Macdonald, Ian

Ronaldson

Calvert

Fifield

Marshall

Stephens

Campbell

Fisher

Mason

Sterle

Carr

Forshaw

McEwen

Troeth

Chapman

Heffernan

McLucas

Trood

Colbeck

Hogg

Moore

Watson

Coonan

Humphries

Nash (Teller)

Webber

Cormann

Hurley

O'Brien

Wortley

Question negatived.

9 SENATE—SENATOR HEFFERNAN

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 850—That the Senate—

- (a) condemns the actions of Senator Heffernan in gatecrashing the press conference of a delegation of Indigenous leaders on 7 August 2007;
- (b) notes that this is now the third time Senator Heffernan has committed such an offence;
- (c) calls on the Prime Minister (Mr Howard) to discipline his close friend, Senator Heffernan, and require him to observe the normal courtesies extended to visiting delegations and fellow parliamentarians; and
- (d) believes that retaliation for Senator Heffernan's actions would not add to the dignity of the parliamentary process.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 33

Senators—

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

NOES, 36

Senators—

Abetz	Chapman	Humphries	Nash (Teller)
Adams	Colbeck	Joyce	Parry
Barnett	Coonan	Kemp	Patterson
Bernardi	Cormann	Lightfoot	Payne
Birmingham	Eggleston	Macdonald, Ian	Ronaldson
Boswell	Fierravanti-Wells	Macdonald, Sandy	Scullion
Boyce	Fifield	Mason	Troeth
Brandis	Fisher	McGauran	Trood
Calvert	Heffernan	Minchin	Watson

Question negatived.

10 AUSTRALIA'S ANTI-TERRORISM LAWS—SELECT COMMITTEE—PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

Senator Stott Despoja, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 844—

- (1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Australia's Anti-terrorism Laws be established to inquire into and report upon Australia's anti-terrorism laws in light of the case of Dr Mohamed Haneef, including whether the laws which enabled the detention and charging of Dr Haneef:
 - (a) adequately safeguard Australian citizens from the threat of terrorism;

- (b) reasonably and adequately define ‘terrorism’ and terrorism-related offences;
 - (c) provide reasonable and adequate guidance on matters of policy, practice and procedure to investigative and enforcement agencies, such as the Australian Federal Police;
 - (d) maintain an appropriate balance between the need to curtail individual freedoms in situations involving a terrorist threat and the fundamental civil liberties and human rights of Australian citizens;
 - (e) have affected fundamental principles of justice such as the presumption of innocence and habeus corpus, and the granting of bail;
 - (f) allow for periods of indefinite detention of suspects while being questioned or contain provisions allowing for periods of ‘dead time’ which require amendment or review;
 - (g) are in accordance with notions of procedural fairness and natural justice;
 - (h) contain or require provisions allowing parliamentary or judicial review;
 - (i) are compatible with Australia’s obligations under international law;
 - (j) interact appropriately with other powers of detention or deportation, for example immigration laws; and
 - (k) any other related matters pertaining to the operation of the laws.
- (2) That the committee present its final report on or before 1 December 2007.
 - (3) That the committee consist of 9 senators, as follows:
 - (a) 4 to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate;
 - (b) 3 to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate; and
 - (c) 2 to be nominated by minority groups or independents.
 - (4) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that all members have not been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
 - (5) That the committee elect as chair one of the members nominated by the non-government parties in the Senate.
 - (6) That the chair of the committee may, from time to time, appoint another member of the committee to be the deputy chair of the committee, and that the member so appointed act as chair of the committee at any time when there is no chair or the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee.
 - (7) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
 - (8) That the quorum of the committee be 5 members.
 - (9) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.
 - (10) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to consider, and that the quorum of a subcommittee be a majority of the senators appointed to the subcommittee.

- (11) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President.
- (12) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 9

Senators—

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

NOES, 59

Senators—

Abetz	Coonan	Kemp	Parry
Adams	Cormann	Kirk	Patterson
Barnett	Crossin	Lightfoot	Payne
Bernardi	Eggleston	Ludwig	Polley
Birmingham	Faulkner	Macdonald, Ian	Ray
Bishop	Fierravanti-Wells	Macdonald, Sandy	Ronaldson
Boswell	Fifield	Marshall	Scullion
Boyce	Fisher	Mason	Stephens
Brandis	Forshaw	McEwen	Sterle
Brown, Carol	Hefferman	McGauran	Troeth
Calvert	Hogg	McLucas	Trood
Campbell	Humphries	Minchin	Watson
Carr	Hurley	Moore	Webber
Chapman	Hutchins	Nash (Teller)	Wortley
Colbeck	Joyce	O'Brien	

Question negatived.

11 ADMINISTRATION—QUEENSLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Senator Campbell, at the request of Senator Lundy and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 855—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

- (i) the stated opposition of Federal Labor leader Mr Kevin Rudd to forced local government amalgamations in Queensland,
- (ii) Mr Rudd's stated view that increased cooperation, including common purchase practices, can achieve improved efficiencies at a local government level, and
- (iii) Mr Rudd's stated support on 17 May 2007 for local ballots ahead of any proposed non-voluntary local government amalgamation; and

(b) welcomes the support of the Prime Minister (Mr Howard) for Mr Rudd's position on local democracy.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 29

Senators—

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

NOES, 40

Senators—

Abetz	Calvert	Heffernan	Minchin
Adams	Chapman	Humphries	Murray
Allison	Colbeck	Johnston	Nash (Teller)
Barnett	Coonan	Joyce	Parry
Bartlett	Cormann	Kemp	Patterson
Bernardi	Eggleston	Lightfoot	Payne
Birmingham	Ferguson	Macdonald, Ian	Ronaldson
Boswell	Fierravanti-Wells	Macdonald, Sandy	Stott Despoja
Boyce	Fifield	Mason	Trood
Brandis	Fisher	McGauran	Watson

Question negatived.

12 EDUCATION—STUDENT INCOME SUPPORT

Senator Stott Despoja, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 851—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) the final report *Australian University Student Finances 2006*, published by Universities Australia, includes the following indicators:
 - (A) 12.8 per cent of students regularly go without food or other necessities due to lack of funds,
 - (B) 14.5 per cent of full-time undergraduate students who are also working during semester are working more than 20 hours per week,
 - (C) 40.2 per cent of full-time undergraduate students believe work is having a significant adverse effect on their studies, and
 - (D) 16.4 per cent of full-time postgraduate coursework students have their applications for income support rejected, and
- (ii) the Government has yet to respond to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee report, *Student income support*, tabled on 23 June 2005;

(b) acknowledges that:

- (i) university graduates are vital for Australia's competitiveness, and
- (ii) significant financial stress is not conducive to a good education outcome;

(c) welcomes the student income support measures contained in the 2007-08 Budget; and

- (d) urges the Government to consider and respond to both the Senate committee report and the recommendations for alleviating student financial stress put forward by Universities Australia, formerly the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee, on 15 March 2007.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 33

Senators—

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

NOES, 36

Senators—

Abetz	Chapman	Heffernan	McGauran
Adams	Colbeck	Humphries	Minchin
Barnett	Coonan	Johnston	Nash (Teller)
Bernardi	Cormann	Joyce	Parry
Birmingham	Eggleston	Kemp	Patterson
Boswell	Ferguson	Lightfoot	Payne
Boyce	Fierravanti-Wells	Macdonald, Ian	Ronaldson
Brandis	Fifield	Macdonald, Sandy	Trood
Calvert	Fisher	Mason	Watson

Question negatived.

13 ENVIRONMENT—NEW SOUTH WALES—WYONG—PROPOSED COAL MINE

Senator Nettle, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 854—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) the Wallarah 2 Coal Project planned by Kores Australia, which is owned by the Government of South Korea, proposes to mine coal in the Wyong area of New South Wales using the longwall mining technique,
- (ii) the proposed site of the mine in the Dooralong and Yarralong valleys includes threatened flora and fauna as well as rivers that make up 50 per cent of the Central Coast water catchment and is close to residential areas,
- (iii) longwall coal mining is wrecking rivers in New South Wales by cracking riverbeds, disturbing aquifers, destabilising sandstone cliff formations, often resulting in cliff collapse and causing serious pollution,
- (iv) residents in nearby areas are concerned about the proposed mine's likely noise pollution, the health effects of coal dust and effect on the local environment, and
- (v) burning the coal extracted by the mine will contribute to global warming; and

- (b) calls on the Government to reject the proposed coal mine under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Question put and negatived.

14 ECONOMICS—STANDING COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING

Senator Nash, at the request of the Chair of the Economics Committee (Senator Ronaldson) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 853—That the Economics Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 9 August 2007, from 4.30 pm to 6 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into private equity markets.

Question put and passed.

15 SOCIAL ISSUES—GLOBAL POVERTY

Senator Barnett, also on behalf of Senator Chapman, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 852—That the Senate—

- (a) acknowledges that 2007 is the half-time progress mark in the global effort to meet the Millennium Development Goals, which aim to halve extreme global poverty by 2015;
- (b) notes that, since the Millennium Declaration was signed by the Prime Minister (Mr Howard) and other world leaders, there has been progress with:
 - (i) an additional 34 million children worldwide afforded the opportunity to enter and complete primary school,
 - (ii) more people than ever receiving treatment for HIV, and
 - (iii) 30 of the world's poorest countries receiving debt cancellation or some reduction;
- (c) affirms the positive contribution that Australia has already made, by:
 - (i) providing up-front, Australia's 10-year contribution to multilateral debt relief for poor nations,
 - (ii) increasing Australia's aid budget to approximately \$4 billion by 2010,
 - (iii) strengthening Australia's commitment to coordinate aid with other donors and better aligning Australia's aid with partner countries own priorities and processes, and
 - (iv) renewing the focus of Australia's aid on education and health;
- (d) notes that, despite significant progress, some of the Millennium Development Goals will not be achieved unless new action is taken and more resources are mobilised;
- (e) affirms the work of the 'Make Poverty History' and 'Micah Challenge' campaigns in raising public awareness and generating new support for international poverty reduction efforts; and
- (f) calls on Australia to continue to play its part in supporting the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals through:
 - (i) a generous, effective and poverty-focused aid program,
 - (ii) a commitment to reducing the unsustainable debt burden of heavily indebted poor countries,
 - (iii) the promotion of good governance in institutions and communities of developing countries,

- (iv) advocacy for fairer international trade rules, and
- (v) addressing the development challenges posed by climate change.

Question put and passed.

16 REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—DOCUMENT

Senator Nash, at the request of the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson), tabled the following document:

Regulations and Ordinances—Standing Committee—Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, June 2006 to June 2007.

17 CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—REPORT—STATUTORY OVERSIGHT OF THE AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION

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

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Report, dated August 2007 and Hansard record of proceedings.

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

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

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

**18 NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (NATIONAL HPV VACCINATION PROGRAM REGISTER) BILL 2007
CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2007
CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT (INSOLVENCY) BILL 2007**

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

Message no. 611, dated 8 August 2007—A Bill for an Act to amend the *National Health Act 1953*, and for related purposes.

Message no. 612, dated 8 August 2007—A Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, and for related purposes.

Message no. 613, dated 8 August 2007—A Bill for an Act to amend the *Corporations Act 2001*, and for other purposes.

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (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 Coonan the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

Consideration of legislation: Senator Coonan moved—That the bills be listed on the *Notice Paper* as separate orders of the day.

Question put and passed.

19 SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TRUSTEE BOARD AND OTHER MEASURES) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2007

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

Message no. 614, dated 8 August 2007—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to superannuation, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Coonan) 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 Coonan moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

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

20 TRADE PRACTICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2007

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

Message no. 615, dated 8 August 2007—A Bill for an Act to amend the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Coonan) 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 Coonan moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

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

21 EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—WORKFORCE CHALLENGES IN THE AUSTRALIAN TRANSPORT INDUSTRY

Pursuant to order, Senator Parry, at the request of the Chair of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee (Senator Troeth), tabled the following report and documents:

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education—Standing Committee—Workforce challenges in the transport industry—Report, dated August 2007, Hansard record of proceedings, additional information and submissions [37].

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

22 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS—STANDING COMMITTEE—PROPOSED REFERENCE

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Nettle—That the following matter be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 15 October 2007:

All aspects of the detention and release of Dr Mohamed Haneef, including:

- (a) the source and veracity of information upon which decisions were made;
- (b) the actions of the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Mr Andrews), including his overriding of the decision of the Brisbane Magistrates Court to grant bail to Dr Haneef;
- (c) the role of other ministers, including the Attorney-General (Mr Ruddock) and the Prime Minister (Mr Howard);
- (d) the investigation by the Australian Federal Police and other agencies;
- (e) the decisions taken by the Director of Public Prosecutions;
- (f) the international impact on Australia of the Government's handling of the case; and
- (g) any future decisions to be made in relation to Dr Haneef.

Debate ensued.

Senator Bartlett moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add:

- (h) whether there is merit in changing the law relating to the character and conduct provisions used by the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship to cancel Dr Haneef's visa and the mandatory detention aspects of the *Migration Act 1958* along the lines proposed in the following bills which are currently on the *Notice Paper* in the name of Senator Bartlett:
 - (i) Migration Legislation Amendment (Provisions Relating to Character and Conduct) Bill 2006, and
 - (ii) Migration Legislation Amendment (Duration of Detention) Bill 2006.

Debate ensued.

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

Main question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 5

Senators—

Brown, Bob
Fielding

Milne

Nettle

Siewert (Teller)

NOES, 43

Senators—

Allison	Conroy	Marshall	Polley
Barnett	Crossin	Mason	Ronaldson
Bartlett	Fierravanti-Wells	McEwen	Stephens
Bernardi	Fifield	McGauran (Teller)	Sterle
Birmingham	Fisher	McLucas	Stott Despoja
Bishop	Forshaw	Moore	Troeth
Boyce	Hogg	Murray	Trood
Brown, Carol	Hurley	Nash	Watson
Campbell	Kemp	Parry	Wong
Carr	Kirk	Patterson	Wortley
Colbeck	Ludwig	Payne	

Question negatived.

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After 12.45 pm—

23 AUSTRALIAN POSTAL CORPORATION AMENDMENT (QUARANTINE INSPECTION AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2007

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

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Mason) the bill was read a third time.

24 THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT BILL 2007

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

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Mason) the bill was read a third time.

25 NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (NATIONAL HPV VACCINATION PROGRAM REGISTER) BILL 2007

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Coonan)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Mason) the bill was read a third time.

26 INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS (NOTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT) AMENDMENT (COSMETICS) BILL 2007

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Johnston)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Mason) the bill was read a third time.

27 INTERNATIONAL TAX AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2007

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Johnston)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Mason) the bill was read a third time.

28 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2007

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Coonan)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Mason) the bill was read a third time.

29 CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT (INSOLVENCY) BILL 2007

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Coonan)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Mason) the bill was read a third time.

Suspension of sitting: On the motion of Senator Mason the sitting of the Senate was suspended at 1.28 pm till 2 pm.

At 2 pm—

30 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were answered.

Distinguished visitors: The President welcomed members of a parliamentary delegation from the Republic of Latvia led by the Speaker of the Saeima, His Excellency Mr Indulis Emsis, MP, and, with the concurrence of honourable senators, invited the Speaker to take a seat on the floor of the chamber.

Further questions without notice were answered.

31 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.

32 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES—CENTRELINK—ANSWER TO QUESTION

Senator Siewert moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Human Services (Senator Ellison) to a question without notice asked by Senator Siewert today relating to Centrelink.

Question put and passed.

**33 ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS—
STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT—COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION
AMENDMENT (INFORMATION SHARING AND DATACASTING) BILL 2007**

Pursuant to order, Senator Parry, at the request of the Chair of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee (Senator Eggleston), tabled the following report and documents:

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Standing Committee—Communications Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing and Datacasting) Bill 2007 [Provisions]—Report, dated August 2007, Hansard record of proceedings, document presented to the committee, additional information and submissions [5].

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

34 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:

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

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Proposal No. 9 of 2007—Survey of Financial Information: Venture Capital and Later Stage Private Equity.

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—Part—

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AD/A109/59—Overhead Panel Circuit Breakers [F2007L02348]*.

AD/A320/204 Amdt 1—Centre and Outer Wing Box at level of Rib 1 Junction [F2007L02433]*.

AD/A320/207—Flight Controls – Trimmable Horizontal Stabilizer Actuator [F2007L02349]*.

AD/A320/208—MLG Door Keel Beam Hinge and Actuator Fitting [F2007L02432]*.

AD/AS 355/85 Amdt 3—Sliding Door Rear Fitting Pin [F2007L02434]*.

AD/AT 600/4 Amdt 1—Engine Mount [F2007L02435]*.

AD/AT 800/9 Amdt 1—Engine Mount [F2007L02436]*.

AD/ATR 42/13—MLG Swinging Lever Spacer [F2007L02437]*.

AD/ATR 42/14—Structural Fatigue Tests – Inspection Requirements [F2007L02438]*.

AD/ATR 42/15—Wing Inner Skin Surface at Rear Spar Junction [F2007L02439]*.

AD/ATR 42/16—Windshield Frame [F2007L02441]*.

AD/ATR 42/17—Thermal/Acoustic Insulation Blankets [F2007L02442]*.

AD/B717/22—First Officer Pitot Static Heater System [F2007L02354]*.

AD/B717/23—Fuel Boost Pump Container [F2007L02355]*.

AD/B737/141 Amdt 1—Forward Pressure Bulkhead [F2007L02444]*.

AD/B737/305—Fuel Crossfeed Valve [F2007L02356]*.

AD/B747/358—Integrated Display System and Fuel Tank Safety [F2007L02358]*.

AD/BEECH 90/103—Flight Control System [F2007L02446]*.

AD/BELL 206/161 Amdt 1—Power Turbine RPM Steady State Operation [F2007L02360]*.

AD/BELL 222/34 Amdt 1—Tail Rotor Counterweight Bellcrank [F2007L02450]*.

AD/BELL 222/39—Flapping Bearing-to-Yoke Attachment Bolts [F2007L02451]*.

AD/BELL 222/40—Vertical Fin Attachment [F2007L02452]*.

AD/BELL 222/41—Main Rotor Grips and Flapping Bearing Assemblies [F2007L02454]*.

AD/CL-600/42 Amdt 1—Lower Wing Plank [F2007L02457]*.

AD/CL-600/79—Aileron Power Control Unit Links [F2007L02371]*.

AD/CL-600/81—Vertical Beams on Pressure Bulkheads at FS 409+128 and FS 559 [F2007L02458]*.

AD/CL-600/82—Aft Fuselage Frame at FS 640 [F2007L02459]*.

AD/CL-600/83—Wing Anti-Ice Ducts [F2007L02460]*.

AD/CL-600/84—Fuselage Pressure Floor Skin [F2007L02461]*.

AD/CL-600/85—Fuselage Frame FS409+128 Bulkhead Web [F2007L02462]*.

AD/DO 328/69—Passenger Door and Service Doors [F2007L02426]*.

AD/TBM 700/48—Main Landing Gear Wheel Axle [F2007L02453]*.

106—

AD/ARRIEL/24 Amdt 1—Constant Delta Pressure Valve Diaphragm [F2007L02352]*.

AD/ARRIUS/11 Amdt 1—Fuel Control Unit “Delta P” Diaphragm [F2007L02353]*.

107—AD/RAD/88—Honeywell Communications and Mode S Transponder Units [F2007L02412]*.

Currency Act—Currency (Royal Australian Mint) Determination 2007 (No. 4) [F2007L02285]*.

Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act—Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Amendment No. 92 – 2007 [F2007L02406]*.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Licence Eligibility) Notice 2007 (2) [F2007L02423]*.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Licence Eligibility) Notice 2007 (No. 3) [F2007L02424]*.

* Explanatory statement tabled with legislative instrument.

35 COMMITTEES—CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

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

The Minister for Community Services (Senator Scullion), by leave, moved—That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Standing Committee—

Appointed—

Substitute member: Senator O’Brien to replace Senator Lundy for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Water Bill 2007 and a related bill

Participating member: Senator Lundy

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—

Appointed—Participating member: Senator Adams.

Question put and passed.

General business was called on.

36 MIGRATION (CLIMATE REFUGEES) AMENDMENT BILL 2007

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Nettle—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

At 6 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Humphries was speaking.

37 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION

The following order of the day relating to government documents was considered:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997—Live-stock mortalities for exports by sea—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2006. Motion of Senator Ian Macdonald to take note of document debated. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Ian Macdonald in continuation.

General business concluded.

38 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION

The following orders of the day relating to committee reports and government responses were considered:

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—The structure and operation of the superannuation industry. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Chapman) to take note of report agreed to.

Economics—Standing Committee—Report—Petrol prices in Australia—Government response. Motion of Senator Sherry to take note of document agreed to.

Regulations and Ordinances—Standing Committee—113th report—Consultation under the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*: Interim report. Motion of the chairman of the committee (Senator Watson) to take note of report debated and agreed to.

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 84—Treaty tabled on 6 December 2006. Motion of Senator Trood to take note of report debated and agreed to.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee—Report—Administration of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Biosecurity Australia and AQIS in relation to the final import risk analysis report for apples from New Zealand. Motion of Senator Nash to take note of report agreed to.

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report—Indigenous art – securing the future: Australia's Indigenous visual arts and craft sector. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Eggleston) to take note of report debated and agreed to.

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Civics and electoral education. Motion of Senator Fierravanti-Wells to take note of report agreed to.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Review of Australia-New Zealand trade and investment relations—Government response. Motion of Senator Webber to take note of document agreed to.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Expanding Australia's trade and investment relations with North Africa—Government response. Motion of Senator Webber to take note of document agreed to.

Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Report—Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958*—Government response. Motion of Senator Bartlett to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Bartlett in continuation.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Mr Chen Yonglin's request for political asylum—Government response. Motion of Senator Bartlett to take note of document agreed to.

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Standing Committee—Report—Conserving Australia: Australia's national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas. Motion of Senator Bartlett to take note of report debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Siewert in continuation.

Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Beyond petrol sniffing: Renewing hope for Indigenous communities—Additional information. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Humphries) to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Bartlett the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 83—Treaties tabled on 20 June (2), 17 October, 28 November (2) 2006 and CO₂ sequestration in sub-seabed formations. Motion of Senator Wortley to take note of report agreed to.

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Antarctica: Australia's pristine frontier: The adequacy of funding for Australia's Antarctic Program—Government response. Motion of Senator Campbell to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator McGauran the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report—Transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure. Motion of Senator Nash to take note of report agreed to.

Finance and Public Administration—Standing Committee—Report—Departmental and agency contracts: Second report on the operation of the Senate order for the production of lists of departmental and agency contracts (2003-06). Motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Mason) to take note of report agreed to.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs—Standing Committee—Report—Unfinished business: Indigenous stolen wages. Motion of Senator Payne to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Bartlett in continuation.

39 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION

The following order of the day relating to reports of the Auditor-General was considered:

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 20 of 2006-07—Performance audit—Purchase, chartering and modification of the new fleet oiler: Department of Defence; Defence Materiel Organisation. Motion of Senator Hogg to take note of document agreed to.

Orders of the day nos 2 to 38 relating to reports of the Auditor-General were called on but no motion was moved.

40 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 7.31 pm till Monday, 13 August 2007 at 12.30 pm.

41 ATTENDANCE

Present, all senators except Senators Lundy and Sherry* (* on leave).

HARRY EVANS
Clerk of the Senate