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1 MEETING OF SENATE

The Senate met at 12.30 pm.

2 ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT

The Clerk informed the Senate of the temporary absence of the President (Senator the Honourable John Hogg). The Deputy President (Senator Ferguson) took the chair and read prayers.

3 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled:

ASC Pty Ltd—Report for 2008-09—Addendum.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997—Live-stock mortalities during exports by sea—Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2009.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Counter-terrorism: Securing Australia, protecting our community—White Paper, 2010.

Treaty—*Bilateral*—Agreement between Australia and the Czech Republic on Social Security, done at Canberra on 16 September 2009—Text, together with national interest analysis.

4 DEPUTY MANAGER OF OPPOSITION BUSINESS IN THE SENATE

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Minchin), by leave, informed the Senate of the appointment of Senator Fifield as Deputy Manager of Opposition Business in the Senate.

5 COMMITTEES—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTINGS

Senator O'Brien, by leave, moved—That—

- (a) the Community Affairs Legislation Committee be authorised to hold public meetings during the sittings of the Senate today, and Wednesday, 10 March 2010, from 3.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Healthcare Identifiers Bill 2010 and a related bill; and
- (b) the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate today, from 4 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiries into the provisions of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Offences Against Children) Bill 2010 and the Criminal Code Amendment (Misrepresentation of Age to a Minor) Bill 2010.

Question put and passed.

6 NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK—SELECT COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING

Senator Parry, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Select Committee on the National Broadband Network (Senator Macdonald), moved—That the Select Committee on the National Broadband Network be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate today from 3.30 pm.

Question put and passed.

7 HOURS OF MEETING AND ROUTINE OF BUSINESS—VARIATION

The Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner), by leave, moved—That, on Wednesday, 10 March 2010:

- (a) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to noon and 4 pm to 8 pm;
- (b) consideration of government documents shall not be proceeded with;
- (c) the routine of business from 4 pm shall be:
 - (i) petitions,
 - (ii) notices of motion,
 - (iii) postponement and rearrangement of business,
 - (iv) discovery of formal business,
 - (v) any proposal pursuant to standing order 75,
 - (vi) tabling and consideration of committee reports, and
 - (vii) government business; and
- (d) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 7.20 pm.

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

Paragraph (c), after “be”, insert “questions without notice for not less than 1 hour, followed by”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 6

Senators—

Brown, Bob
Hanson-Young

Ludlam
Milne

Siewert (Teller)

Xenophon

NOES, 35

Senators—

Adams (Teller)
Barnett
Bernardi
Bilyk
Birmingham
Brown, Carol
Bushby
Cash
Colbeck

Cormann
Crossin
Farrell
Faulkner
Feeny
Ferguson
Fielding
Fierravanti-Wells
Forshaw

Furner
Humphries
Hurley
Johnston
Lundy
Macdonald
McEwen
Moore
Nash

O'Brien
Parry
Pratt
Stephens
Sterle
Trood
Williams
Wortley

Question negatived.

Main question put and passed.

8 FAIRER PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE INCENTIVES BILL 2009 [NO. 2]

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

Debate resumed.

At 2 pm: Debate was interrupted.

9 MINISTRY AND MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans), by leave, informed the Senate of changes to the Rudd Ministry.

Document: Senator Evans tabled a document showing all members of the Rudd Ministry and ministerial representation, dated 9 March 2010.

10 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were answered.

Distinguished visitors: The President welcomed members of a parliamentary delegation from Rwanda led by the President of the Senate, the Honourable Mr Vincent Biruta, MP, and, with the concurrence of honourable senators, invited Mr Biruta to take a seat on the floor of the chamber.

Further questions without notice were answered.

11 MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS

Senator Humphries moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Employment Participation (Senator Arbib) to questions without notice asked by Senators Cormann and Boyce today relating to the home insulation program.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12 NOTICES

Notices of motion:

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

(a) notes that:

- (i) 9 March is an international day of action to raise awareness about the new military offensive against Karen civilians by the Burmese Army in Karen State, eastern Burma,
- (ii) since mid January 2010 more than 2 000 civilians have been forced to flee new attacks in eastern Burma with villagers being shot on sight, more than 70 homes have been destroyed, schools and health clinics burnt down and the blocking of aid to people hiding in the jungle,
- (iii) human rights abuses in Burma are widespread and systematic with the main perpetrator being the Burmese military,
- (iv) gender-based violence, including rape against women and girls, is used as a weapon by the Burmese military,
- (v) in the week beginning 28 February 2010, in New York, an International Tribunal on Crimes against Women in Burma, presided over by two Nobel Peace Prize winners and human rights experts, recommended that the United Nations Security Council refer Burma to the International Criminal Court and that countries in the Asia-Pacific not invest in Burma's oil and gas industry, and

(vi) Burma's oil and gas industry is the regime's largest source of income and directly contributes to the financial stability of the military regime; and

(b) calls on the Australian Government to:

(i) work with other governments to establish a commission of inquiry to investigate crimes against humanity and war crimes being committed in Burma, and

(ii) ensure that Australian companies with links to Burma's oil and gas industry are not contributing to the financial stability of the military regime. (*general business notice of motion no. 719*)

Senators Barnett and Williams: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) the Australian War Memorial is organising an important and unique nationwide tour of nine Victoria Cross medals to coincide with the 95th anniversary of Gallipoli,

(ii) the tour commences in Perth, Western Australia, in March 2010 and is scheduled to visit South Australia, the Northern Territory, Victoria, and to conclude in Brisbane, Queensland, in November 2010, and

(iii) the exclusion of Tasmania and New South Wales is very disappointing and in many ways demeans the fine military service and contribution from both these states;

(b) calls on the Australian War Memorial to extend the tour to both Tasmania and New South Wales; and

(c) requests the Government to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure this objective is achieved. (*general business notice of motion no. 720*)

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

(a) notes:

(i) that 10 March 2010 is the 51st anniversary of the Tibetan uprising and the Dalai Lama's exile to India and the second anniversary of the beginning of widespread unrest across Tibetan areas in 2008,

(ii) the continuing human rights concerns in Tibet, noted publicly in Beijing by our Prime Minister (Mr Rudd) on 9 April 2008,

(iii) the resumption of direct contact between Chinese officials and representatives of the Dalai Lama on 26 January 2010 after a gap of 15 months,

(iv) the meeting, on 18 February 2010, between the Dalai Lama and the President of the United States of America, Barack Obama, in the White House, and later that day, between the Dalai Lama and the Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, and the Under Secretary of State and Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues, Maria Otero,

(v) that the Dalai Lama's Middle-Way policy for the peaceful resolution of the Tibetan situation respects the territorial integrity of the People's Republic of China and seeks to resolve the Tibetan issue within the framework of the Constitution of the People's Republic of China, and

(vi) the right of the Tibetan people to maintain their unique language, religion and culture under international law; and

- (b) calls on the Australian Government to:
- (i) continue to monitor the progress of talks between the Chinese Government and representatives of the Dalai Lama,
 - (ii) follow President Barack Obama in explicitly supporting the Dalai Lama's Middle-Way policy for a peaceful resolution of the Tibetan situation, and
 - (iii) renew and strengthen its support for a peaceful, lasting and mutually-agreeable resolution of the Tibetan situation, including entering into substantive multilateral initiatives with other concerned governments to encourage meaningful negotiations on the points raised in the Memorandum on Genuine Autonomy for the Tibetan People. (*general business notice of motion no. 721*)

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

- (a) congratulates the Western Australian Government on its commitment to negotiate an agreement with the Northern Territory Government so that renal patients living east of Warburton can, once again, access dialysis services in the Northern Territory;
- (b) notes that the Northern Territory Government has expressed a willingness to establish a similar agreement with the South Australian Government so that people from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands with end-stage renal disease can access ongoing dialysis treatment in Alice Springs;
- (c) expresses concern that, to date, the South Australian Government has been unable or unwilling to negotiate such an agreement;
- (d) asks the South Australian Minister for Health, John Hill, to advise what impediments, if any, are preventing his Government from entering into such an agreement;
- (e) calls on the Commonwealth Minister for Health and Ageing, Nicola Roxon, to urge the South Australian Government to commit to the establishment of such an agreement as a matter of priority; and
- (f) highlights the need for the Commonwealth Government to play a more active role in the development of a properly-funded, long-term response to renal disease across Central Australia. (*general business notice of motion no. 722*)

The Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Hurley): To move on the next day of sitting—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Economics Legislation Committee on the Safe Climate (Energy Efficient Non-Residential Buildings Scheme) Bill 2009 be extended to 17 March 2010. (*general business notice of motion no. 723*)

Senator Siewert: To move on 11 March 2010—That the Senate—

- (a) recognises that there were more than 150 work-related fatalities in Australia in 2008-09, an increase of 14 per cent over the previous year;
- (b) acknowledges the right of all workers to a safe and healthy workplace;
- (c) notes that the Government is planning to harmonise occupational health and safety laws across the nation; and
- (d) calls on the Government to ensure that the harmonised occupational health and safety laws will not reduce standards of occupational health and safety in any workplaces or weaken the rights of employees and their representatives with respect to occupational health and safety regulation. (*general business notice of motion no. 724*)

The Chair of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (Senator Polley): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 11 March 2010, from 3.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Governance of Australian Government Superannuation Schemes Bill 2010 and two related bills. (*general business notice of motion no. 725*)

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

- (a) recognises the Australian community's strong interest in the issue of illegal whaling;
- (b) acknowledges the Government's stated interest in pursuing legal action on this issue; and
- (c) requests that the Australian Government send an embassy observer to the trial of Greenpeace activists Junichi Sato and Toru Suzuki who are on trial in Japan for their role in exposing corruption in the government-funded whaling industry. (*general business notice of motion no. 726*)

Senators Moore, Humphries and Siewert: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

- (a) welcomes the British Government's apology made on 24 February 2010 to the thousands of children who were sent to Australia between 1937 and 1967 under child migration schemes; and
- (b) congratulates the British Government on this initiative and the announcement of their commitment to providing support to both the child migrants and their families. (*general business notice of motion no. 727*)

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

- (a) notes:
 - (i) the tragic events of 13 February 2009 when Australian Defence Forces conducted an operation in Afghanistan in which six civilians were killed, including an adult man, a teenage girl, two boys aged 10 and 11 and two babies, aged 1 and 2, and
 - (ii) the Special Broadcasting Service Corporation's *Dateline* program of 7 March 2010 which revealed that it took 6 months for the investigation of this incident to be referred to the Australian Defence Force Investigative Service and that the Afghani individuals involved in the incident have not been interviewed; and
- (b) calls for an independent inquiry into this tragic episode. (*general business notice of motion no. 728*)

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

- (a) notes the International Labour Organization's 'Report of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations' from the 99th Session of the International Labour Council;
- (b) acknowledges that the Committee of Experts has consistently found that the powers and actions of the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC) are contrary to the 'Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948' (No. 87) and the 'Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949' (No. 98) and in its most recent report found the actions of the ABCC inconsistent with the 'Labour Inspection Convention, 1947' (No. 81);

- (c) further acknowledges that the Committee of Experts raises concerns about the compliance of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (the Act) with the conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO), notably in respect of the right to strike and collective bargaining; and
- (d) calls on the Government to:
 - (i) implement its election promise and abolish the ABCC, and
 - (ii) review the Act to ensure its compliance with ILO conventions. (*general business notice of motion no. 729*)

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

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) in 2000 the Payments System Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) conducted a study into one aspect of the Australian payments system, the networks for automated teller machines (ATMs), credit cards and debit cards to determine the economic efficiency of these networks and whether they were delivering the best possible service at the lowest cost to end-users,
 - (ii) the study found that the actual cost of ATM transactions was around 50 cents, and
 - (iii) the current average cost of an ATM transaction from a ‘foreign’ ATM directly charged to consumers is up to \$2;
- (b) recommends that, given that the actual operation costs of processing ATM transactions is likely to have decreased in the past decade, the RBA and the ACCC undertake another review of the cost of ATM transactions to update the information on transaction costs to customers; and
- (c) calls on the Government to ban the \$2 ATM fee and instead cap ATM fees at a level that reflects the actual cost of processing the ATM transactions. (*general business notice of motion no. 730*)

Senator Birmingham: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matters be referred to the Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee for inquiry and report by 21 June 2010:

- (a) the Government’s Green Loans Program (the program), with particular reference to:
 - (i) the administration of the program from a pricing, probity and efficiency perspective, including:
 - (A) the basis on which the Government determined the amounts of the loan to be made available and Government subsidy thereof,
 - (B) regulation of Home Sustainability Assessment practices, including the promotion of assessments,
 - (C) accreditation of Home Sustainability Assessors,
 - (D) ensuring value for money for taxpayers,
 - (E) waste, inefficiency and mismanagement within the program,
 - (F) ensuring the program achieves its stated aims of improving water and energy efficiency, and
 - (G) the consultation and advice received from financial institutions regarding their participation,

- (ii) an examination of:
 - (A) employment and investment in Home Sustainability Assessments resulting from the program, including that resulting from Government statements regarding the number of accredited assessors,
 - (B) the effectiveness of the booking system,
 - (C) the effectiveness and timeliness of Home Sustainability Assessment reports being provided,
 - (D) the early reduction by the Government in the number of Green Loans to be offered, and subsequent discontinuation of the loans, including by financial institutions in advance of the Government's announced date of discontinuation,
 - (E) homeowner actions for which Green Loans have been sought and approved,
 - (F) the level of evaluation of homeowner action following any Home Sustainability Assessment, and
 - (G) what advice was provided to the Government on the feasibility and effectiveness of the program, including to what degree the Government acted on this advice, and
- (iii) an analysis of the effectiveness of the program as a means to improve the water and energy efficiency of homes, including comparison with alternative policy measures;
- (b) consideration of measures to reduce or eliminate waste and mismanagement, and to ensure value for money for the remainder of the program, noting the commitment of funding for an additional 600 000 free Home Sustainability Assessments despite the discontinuation of the loans; and
- (c) other related matters.

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate calls on the Government to work with the Government of Indonesia to allow West Papua to participate in the act of self-determination to be carried out in accordance with international practice as determined by the United Nations. (*general business notice of motion no. 731*)

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown): To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Prime Minister, the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister representing the Minister for Environment Protection, Heritage and the Arts and the Minister representing the Minister for Home Affairs, no later than 15 March 2010, any documents relating to the Australian Federal Police's search of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society ships *Bob Barker* and *Steve Irwin* in Hobart on Saturday, 6 March 2010, including, but not limited to, correspondence, whether written or in email form, briefing papers and/or memoranda. (*general business notice of motion no. 732*)

Notices of motion withdrawn:

The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley), pursuant to notice of intention given on 25 February 2010, withdrew business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in her name for 11 sitting days after today for the disallowance of the A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) (Release of Protected Information) (DEEWR) Determination 2009 (No. 1), made under subsection 162(3) of the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999*.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion (Senator Stephens), at the request of the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig), withdrew government business notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of Senator Ludwig for today, proposing a rescission of a resolution of the Senate disallowing the Aviation Transport Security Amendment Regulations.

13 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator O'Brien, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senator Ludwig for today, on account of ministerial business.

Question put and passed.

Senator Parry, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senator Joyce from 9 March to 12 March 2010, for personal reasons.

Question put and passed.

14 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT

Senator O'Brien, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Moore), moved—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee on the provisions of the Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform and Reinstatement of Racial Discrimination Act) Bill 2009 and other bills considered during the inquiry be extended to 10 March 2010.

Question put and passed.

15 POSTPONEMENTS

The following items of business were postponed:

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of Senator Xenophon for today, proposing a reference to the Community Affairs References Committee, postponed till 18 March 2010.

General business notice of motion no. 527 standing in the name of Senator Xenophon for today, proposing the introduction of the Water Licence Moratorium Bill 2009, postponed till 18 March 2010.

General business notice of motion no. 694 standing in the name of the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding) for today, proposing the introduction of the Protection of Personal Information Bill 2010, postponed till 10 March 2010.

16 FOOD IMPORTATION (BOVINE MEAT STANDARDS) BILL 2010

Senator Colbeck, also on behalf of the Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 716—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to ensure equivalence to Australian production standards in the importation of bovine meat and meat products, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

Senator Colbeck presented the bill and 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 Colbeck moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

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

17 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS—BUILDING INDUSTRY—INSURANCE

Senator Milne, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 718—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

- (i) the Federal Government's aim to implement through the Council of Australian Governments a seamless economy,
- (ii) that the Australian building industry is facing a crisis because of the impending withdrawal of four insurers from the home builders' warranty insurance market and the requirement by all state governments, except Tasmania, that this insurance be mandatory,
- (iii) that the remaining insurers are unlikely to be able to meet the market demand post the end of the 2009-10 financial year with the result that many builders will be forced out of business or forced to work illegally,
- (iv) the failure of the New South Wales, Victorian, South Australian and Western Australian state governments to address the ongoing performance problems with this insurance product in spite of 56 inquiries and failed interventions, and
- (v) the need for nationally consistent laws that protect consumers and builders alike; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

- (i) immediately intervene with the states to remove the mandatory requirement for this insurance product as a short-term measure, and
- (ii) facilitate the development of a national regime that gives genuine protection to consumers and the building industry.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 6

Senators—

Brown, Bob	Ludlam	Siewert (Teller)	Xenophon
Hanson-Young	Milne		

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Senators—

Adams	Colbeck	Furner	Parry (Teller)
Back	Collins	Heffernan	Polley
Bernardi	Cormann	Hurley	Pratt
Bilyk	Crossin	Hutchins	Stephens
Birmingham	Farrell	Lundy	Sterle
Bishop	Feeney	Marshall	Troeth
Brown, Carol	Ferguson	McEwen	Williams
Bushby	Fielding	McLucas	Wortley
Cameron	Fierravanti-Wells	Moore	
Cash	Forshaw	O'Brien	

Question negatived.

18 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—IMPORTATION OF BEEF

The Deputy President (Senator Ferguson) informed the Senate that Senator Parry had proposed that the following matter of public importance be submitted to the Senate for discussion:

The Rudd Government's complete mismanagement of implementing revised protocols for the importation of beef into Australia.

The proposal was supported by four senators and the matter was discussed.

19 SOCIAL ISSUES—VOTING FOR ELECTORS WHO ARE BLIND OR VISION IMPAIRED—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—DOCUMENT

The Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry) tabled the following document:

Social issues—Amendments to Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Close of Rolls and Other Measures) Bill 2010—Voting for electors who are blind or have low vision—Ministerial statement by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig), dated 9 March 2010.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

20 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Hurley) tabled the following document received on 26 February 2010:

Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report on GST revenue sharing relativities—2010 review—Volume 1.

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

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended, the Acting Deputy President (Senator Hurley) tabled the following documents received on the dates indicated:

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2009—Statements of compliance—

Austrade. [*Received 26 February 2010*]

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio agencies. [*Received 26 February 2010*]

Health and Ageing portfolio agencies. [*Received 3 March 2010*]

22 DEPARTMENTAL AND AGENCY CONTRACTS—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENTS

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of 20 June 2001, as amended, the Acting Deputy President (Senator Hurley) tabled the following documents received on the dates indicated:

Departmental and agency contracts for 2009—Letters of advice—

Attorney-General's portfolio agencies. [*Received 26 February 2010*]

Defence portfolio agencies. [*Received 26 February 2010*]

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio agencies. [*Received 3 March 2010*]

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio agencies. [*Received 2 March 2010*]

Immigration and Citizenship portfolio agencies. [*Received 26 February 2010*]

Treasury portfolio agencies [2]. [*Received 26 February 2010*]

23 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:

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

Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2009-2010—

Advance to the Finance Minister—No. 3 of 2009-2010 [F2010L00597]*.

Determination to Reduce Appropriations Upon Request (No. 6 of 2009-2010) [F2010L00570]*.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Proposal No. 1 of 2010—Agricultural Resource Management Survey.

Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act—Revocation of Declaration of National Land, dated 8 February 2010 [F2010L00516]*.

Australian National University Act—Programs and Awards Statute 2009—

Graduate Handbook Rules 2010 [F2010L00533]*.

Higher Doctorates Rules 2010 [F2010L00536]*.

Undergraduate Handbook Rules 2010 [F2010L00534]*.

Broadcasting Services Act—Broadcasting Services (Simulcast Period for the Broken Hill, Mount Gambier/South East, Riverland and Spencer Gulf licence areas) Determination (No. 1) 2010 [F2010L00592]*.

Charter of the United Nations Act—

Charter of the United Nations (UN Sanction Enforcement Law) Amendment Declaration 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00579]*.

Select Legislative Instruments 2010 Nos—

31—Charter of the United Nations (Sanctions – Liberia) Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00551]*.

32—Charter of the United Nations (Sanctions – Eritrea) Regulations 2010 [F2010L00573]*.

33—Charter of the United Nations (Dealing with Assets) Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00576]*.

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—

Civil Aviation Order 20.9 Amendment Order (No. 1) 2010 [F2010L00542]*.

Civil Aviation Order 100.16 Amendment Order (No. 1) 2010 [F2010L00507]*.

Instruments Nos CASA—

EX04/10—Exemption – navigation and anti-collision lights [F2010L00140]*.

EX05/10—Exemption – recency requirements for night flying (Skywest Airlines Pty Ltd) [F2010L00142]*.

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—

Airworthiness Directives—

AD/A320/199 Amdt 1—State of Design Airworthiness Directives [F2010L00581]*.

AD/B737/250 Amdt 3—Forward Entry Door Forward and Aft Side Intercostals [F2010L00588]*.

AD/B767/255—Nacelle Strut and Wing Structure – RR Engines [F2010L00582]*.

AD/CESSNA 750/3 Amdt 1—Auxiliary Power Unit Fire Bottle Wiring [F2010L00580]*.

AD/CESSNA 750/6—Roll Feel and Centering Bungee Assembly – Replacement [F2010L00564]*.

AD/LC40/3 Amdt 1—Rudder Hinges and Hinge Brackets [F2010L00528]*.

AD/PFP/17 Amdt 4—Hub Cracking – CANCELLED [F2010L00587]*.

Instruments Nos CASA—

ADCX 001/10—Revocation of Airworthiness Directives [F2010L00504]*.

EX11/10—Exemption – validation flights checks for AA [F2010L00302]*.

EX12/10—Exemption – CASR Part 99 DAMP requirements for foreign aircraft AOC holders [F2010L00379]*.

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Class Rulings CR 2010/3-CR 2010/6.

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Self Managed Superannuation Funds Ruling SMSFR 2010/1.

Superannuation Guarantee Ruling—Addendum—SGR 2009/1.

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Commonwealth Services Delivery Agency Act—Commonwealth Services Delivery Agency (Functions of Chief Executive Officer – Commonwealth Services and Enabling Services) Direction 2010 [F2010L00585]*.

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Crimes Act and Crimes Legislation Amendment (Serious and Organised Crime) Act—Select Legislative Instrument 2010 No. 13—Crimes Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00511]*.

Currency Act—

Currency (Perth Mint) Determination 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00615]*.

Currency (Royal Australian Mint) Determination 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00599]*.

Customs Act—

Select Legislative Instruments 2010 Nos—

14—Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00540]*.

15—Customs (Prohibited Exports) Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00538]*.

16—Customs Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00541]*.

Tariff Concession Orders—

0908902 [F2010L00464]*.

0922171 [F2010L00328]*.

0922444 [F2010L00312]*.

0922794 [F2010L00351]*.

0923088 [F2010L00346]*.

0923656 [F2010L00405]*.

0923920 [F2010L00373]*.

0923922 [F2010L00329]*.

0923923 [F2010L00327]*.

0923925 [F2010L00372]*.

0923930 [F2010L00367]*.

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0926725 [F2010L00419]*.

0926752 [F2010L00415]*.

0926753 [F2010L00483]*.

0926917 [F2010L00413]*.

0927021 [F2010L00416]*.

0927028 [F2010L00487]*.

0927030 [F2010L00421]*.

0927032 [F2010L00414]*.

0927071 [F2010L00480]*.

0927089 [F2010L00498]*.

0927491 [F2010L00428]*.

0927614 [F2010L00481]*.

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0929263 [F2010L00486]*.

0929452 [F2010L00523]*.

0929454 [F2010L00524]*.

0929535 [F2010L00520]*.

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Evidence Act—Select Legislative Instrument 2010 No. 17—Evidence Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00383]*.

Federal Financial Relations Act—

Federal Financial Relations (General purpose financial assistance) Determinations 2010—

No. 10 (January 2010) [F2010L00616]*.

No. 11 (February 2010) [F2010L00618]*.

Federal Financial Relations (National Partnership payments) Determination No. 15 (February 2010) [F2010L00617]*.

Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act—Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Exemption No. 1 of 2010 [F2010L00537]*.

Fisheries Management Act—

Bass Strait Central Zone Scallop Fishery Management Plan 2002—Bass Strait Central Zone Scallop Fishery Total Allowable Catch Determination 2010 [F2010L00596]*.

Bass Strait Central Zone Scallop Fishery Management Plan Temporary Order 2010 [F2010L00594]*.

Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act—Select Legislative Instrument 2010 No. 30—Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00510]*.

Health Insurance Act—Select Legislative Instrument 2010 No. 27—Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 2) [F2010L00501]*.

Higher Education Support Act—

Explanatory statement and Funding Agreements under section 30-25, in respect of grant years—

2009, 2010 and 2011, dated—

15 December 2009—

Griffith University.

University of Tasmania.

16 December 2009—

Christian Heritage College.

Deakin University.

Queensland University of Technology.

The University of Notre Dame Australia.

The University of Queensland.

University of New England.

University of Newcastle.

University of Southern Queensland.

University of Technology, Sydney.

University of the Sunshine Coast.

University of Wollongong.

17 December 2009—

Australian Catholic University.

Avondale College.

Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.

Charles Darwin University.

Edith Cowan University.

James Cook University.

La Trobe University.

Monash University.

Tabor College Adelaide.

Tabor College Victoria.

The Australian National University.

The University of Adelaide.

- University of Canberra.
- University of South Australia.
- Victoria University.
- 18 December 2009—
 - Central Queensland University.
 - Charles Sturt University.
 - Macquarie University.
 - Murdoch University.
 - Southern Cross University.
 - Swinburne University of Technology.
 - The University of Melbourne.
 - The University of New South Wales.
 - University of Western Sydney.
- 21 December 2009—
 - Curtin University of Technology.
 - The Flinders University of South Australia.
 - The University of Sydney.
- 12 January 2010—
 - Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.
 - University of Ballarat.
- VET Provider Approvals Nos—
 - 2 of 2010—Jazzworx! Pty Ltd [F2010L00593]*.
 - 3 of 2010—Southbank Institute of Technology [F2010L00595]*.
- Lands Acquisition Act—Select Legislative Instrument 2010 No. 22—Lands Acquisition Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00539]*.
- Life Insurance Act—Select Legislative Instrument 2010 No. 24—Life Insurance Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00391]*.
- Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Act—Select Legislative Instrument 2010 No. 20—Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00388]*.
- Medicare Australia Act—Medicare Australia (Functions of Chief Executive Officer – Commonwealth Services and Enabling Services) Direction 2010 [F2010L00586]*.
- Migration Act—Migration Regulations—Instruments IMMI—
 - 10/009—Specification of addresses [F2010L00591]*.
 - 10/010—Specification of addresses [F2010L00590]*.
- National Health Act—Instruments Nos PB—
 - 10 of 2010—Amendment Special Arrangements – Highly Specialised Drugs Program [F2010L00543]*.
 - 11 of 2010—Amendment determination – Pharmaceutical Benefits – Early Supply [F2010L00535]*.
- Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act—Select Legislative Instruments 2010 Nos—
 - 28—Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Management of Greenhouse Gas Well Operations) Regulations 2010 [F2010L00441]*.
 - 29—Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Greenhouse Gas Datum) Regulations 2010 [F2010L00439]*.

Quarantine Act—

Quarantine Amendment Proclamation 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00505]*.

Select Legislative Instrument 2010 No. 12—Quarantine Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00500]*.

Retirement Savings Accounts Act—Select Legislative Instrument 2010 No. 23—Retirement Savings Accounts Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00390]*.

Social Security Act—Social Security (Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment) Determination 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00614]*.

Social Security (Administration) Act—

Social Security (Administration) (Declared relevant Northern Territory areas – Various) Determination 2010 (No. 2) [F2010L00566]*.

Social Security (Administration) (Exempt Northern Territory Person) Determination 2010 [F2010L00561]*.

Social Security (International Agreements) Act—Select Legislative Instrument 2010 No. 21—Social Security (International Agreements) Act 1999 Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00552]*.

Sydney Airport Curfew Act—Dispensation Report 02/10.

Telecommunications Act—Select Legislative Instrument 2010 No. 19—Telecommunications Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00440]*.

Therapeutic Goods Act—

Select Legislative Instruments 2010 Nos—

25—Therapeutic Goods (Medical Devices) Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00469]*.

26—Therapeutic Goods Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00470]*.

Therapeutic Goods (Listing) Notice 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00509]*.

Witness Protection Act—Select Legislative Instrument 2010 No. 18—Witness Protection Amendment Regulations 2010 (No. 1) [F2010L00513]*.

* Explanatory statement tabled with legislative instrument.

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:

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2009—Statements of compliance—

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio agencies.

Australian Taxation Office.

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

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

The following document was tabled pursuant to the order of the Senate of 20 June 2001, as amended:

Departmental and agency contracts for 2009—Letter of advice—Department of Veterans' Affairs.

26 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Hurley) informed the Senate that the President had received a letter requesting changes in the membership of a committee.

The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Senator Carr), by leave, moved—That Senator Bushby be discharged from and Senator Fifield be appointed to the Selection of Bills Committee.

Question put and passed.

27 CYBER-SAFETY—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—PROPOSED APPOINTMENT

A message from the House of Representatives was reported proposing the appointment of a joint select committee, as follows:

Message no. 523, dated 9 March 2010—Joint Select Committee on Cyber-Safety, and transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following resolution:

Proposed Joint Select Committee on Cyber-Safety

- (1) (a) That a Joint Select Committee on Cyber-Safety be appointed to inquire into and report on:
 - (i) the online environment in which Australian children currently engage, including key physical points of access (schools, libraries, internet cafes, homes, mobiles) and stakeholders controlling or able to influence that engagement (governments, parents, teachers, traders, internet service providers, content service providers);
 - (ii) the nature, prevalence, implications of and level of risk associated with cyber-safety threats, such as:
 - abuse of children online (cyber-bullying, cyber-stalking and sexual grooming);
 - exposure to illegal and inappropriate content;
 - inappropriate social and health behaviours in an online environment (e.g. technology addiction, online promotion of anorexia, drug usage, underage drinking and smoking);
 - identity theft; and
 - breaches of privacy;
 - (iii) Australian and international responses to current cyber-safety threats (education, filtering, regulation, enforcement) their effectiveness and costs to stakeholders, including business;
 - (iv) opportunities for cooperation across Australian stakeholders and with international stakeholders in dealing with cyber-safety issues;
 - (v) examining the need to ensure that the opportunities presented by, and economic benefits of, new technologies are maximised;
 - (vi) ways to support schools to change their culture to reduce the incidence and harmful effects of cyber-bullying including by:
 - increasing awareness of cyber-safety good practice;
 - encouraging schools to work with the broader school community, especially parents, to develop consistent, whole school approaches; and
 - analysing best practice approaches to training and professional development programs and resources that are available to enable school staff to effectively respond to cyber-bullying;

- (vii) analysing information on achieving and continuing world's best practice safeguards; and
 - (b) such other matters relating to cyber-safety referred by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy or either House.
- (2) That the committee consist of 12 members, 4 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 2 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips and one Member from the independent Members, 3 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
 - (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (4) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint select committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
 - (5) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
 - (6) That the committee elect a non-Government member as its deputy chair who shall act as chair of the committee at any time when the chair is not present at a meeting of the committee, and at any time when the chair and deputy chair are not present at a meeting of the committee the members present shall elect another member to act as chair at that meeting.
 - (7) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
 - (8) That 3 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
 - (9) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of 3 or more of its members and to refer to any subcommittee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
 - (10) That the committee appoint the chair of each subcommittee who shall have a casting vote only and at any time when the chair of a subcommittee is not present at a meeting of the subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
 - (11) That 2 members of a subcommittee constitute the quorum of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall include 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
 - (12) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
 - (13) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced.
 - (14) That the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit.
 - (15) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

- (16) That the committee may report from time to time but that it present its final report no later than 11 February 2011.
- (17) That the provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
- (18) That a message be sent to the Senate acquainting it of this resolution and requesting that it concur and take action accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Senator Carr) consideration of the message was made an order of the day for the next day of sitting.

28 GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGES—ASSENT TO LAWS

Messages from Her Excellency the Governor-General were reported, informing the Senate that she had assented to the following laws:

- 1 March 2010—Message No. 4—*Statute Law Revision Act 2010* (Act No. 8, 2010).
- 3 March 2010—Message—
 No. 5—*National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment Act 2010* (Act No. 9, 2010).
 No. 6—*Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Re-registration of Providers and Other Measures) Act 2010* (Act No. 10, 2010).

29 ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—REPORT—TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (INFRASTRUCTURE ACCESS) BILL 2009

Pursuant to order, Senator McEwen, at the request of the Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Hurley), tabled the following report and documents:

Economics Legislation Committee—Trade Practices Amendment (Infrastructure Access) Bill 2009 [Provisions]—Report, dated March 2010, Hansard record of proceedings and submissions.

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

30 FAIRER PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE INCENTIVES BILL 2009 [NO. 2]

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

Debate resumed.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 34

Senators—

Arbib	Evans	Hutchins	Polley
Bilyk	Farrell (Teller)	Ludlam	Pratt
Bishop	Faulkner	Lundy	Sherry
Brown, Bob	Feeney	Marshall	Siewert
Brown, Carol	Forshaw	McEwen	Stephens
Cameron	Furner	McLucas	Sterle
Carr	Hanson-Young	Milne	Wortley
Collins	Hogg	Moore	
Crossin	Hurley	O'Brien	

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Senators—

Adams	Cash	Heffernan	Payne
Back	Colbeck	Humphries	Ronaldson
Barnett	Coonan	Johnston	Ryan
Bernardi	Cormann	Macdonald	Scullion
Birmingham	Eggleston	Mason	Troeth
Boswell	Ferguson	McGauran	Trood
Boyce	Fielding	Minchin	Williams
Brandis	Fierravanti-Wells	Nash	
Bushby (Teller)	Fifield	Parry	

The ayes and noes were equal and so the question was negatived.

31 ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

A message from the House of Representatives was reported informing the Senate of a resolution of that House:

Message no. 524, dated 9 March 2010, inviting senators to attend a meeting of the House for an address by His Excellency, Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia.

**32 CRIMES AMENDMENT (WORKING WITH CHILDREN—CRIMINAL HISTORY)
BILL 2009**

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

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate resolved itself into committee for the consideration of the bill.

In the committee

Bill taken as a whole by leave.

Explanatory memorandum: The Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Senator Evans) tabled a supplementary explanatory memorandum relating to the government amendments to be moved to the bill.

On the motion of Senator Evans the following amendment was debated and agreed to:

Schedule 1, item 6, page 5 (line 31) to page 6 (line 7), omit section 85ZZGG, substitute:

85ZZGG Reviews of operation of this Subdivision

- (1) The Minister must cause 2 reviews of the operation of this Subdivision to be conducted.
- (2) The first review must:
 - (a) start not later than 30 June 2011; and

- (b) be completed within 3 months.
- (3) The 2nd review must:
 - (a) start not later than 30 June 2013; and
 - (b) be completed within 3 months.
- (4) The Minister must cause a written report about each review to be prepared.
- (5) The Minister must cause a copy of each report to be laid before each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days of that House after the day on which the Minister receives the report.

Senator Ludlam moved the following amendments together by leave:

Schedule 1, item 6, page 3 (line 22), after “information”, insert “that relates to sexual offences or offence against children”

Schedule 1, item 6, page 3 (after line 26), before paragraph 85ZZGB(a), insert:
(aa) the information relates to a designated offence; and

Schedule 1, item 6, page 4 (after line 10), before paragraph 85ZZGC(a), insert:
(aa) the information relates to a designated offence; and

Schedule 1, item 6, page 4 (after line 22), before paragraph 85ZZGD(a), insert:
(aa) the information relates to a designated offence; and

Schedule 1, item 6, page 5 (after line 10), after section 85ZZGE, insert:

85ZZGEB Purpose of use or disclosure of information

- (1) Information may be:
 - (a) disclosed to a person or body under section 85ZZGB; or
 - (b) taken into account by a person or body under section 85ZZGC;
or
 - (c) disclosed by a person or body under section 85ZZGD;
 only for the limited purpose of assessing the risk that the person to whom the information relates may pose in working with children.
- (2) Nothing in this Subdivision authorises the disclosure or use of information for the purpose of a general probity or employment suitability check.

Debate ensued.

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

Senator Ludlam moved the following amendment:

Schedule 1, page 6 (after line 13), at the end of the bill, add:

9 At the end of Division 6

Add:

86 Discrimination

Other than as provided for in this Act, it is unlawful for a person to do any act involving a distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on criminal history information, that has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the recognition, enjoyment or exercise, on an equal footing, of any human right or fundamental freedom in the political, economic, social, cultural or any other field of public life.

Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986

10 Subsection 3(1) (at the end of paragraph (c) of the definition of *unlawful discrimination*)

Add “or”.

11 Subsection 3(1) (after paragraph (c) of the definition of *unlawful discrimination*)

Insert:

(caa) Part VIIC of the *Crimes Act 1914*;

Debate ensued.

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

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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

On the motion of Senator Evans the report from the committee was adopted and the bill read a third time.

At 6.50 pm—

33 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS—CONSIDERATION

The following government documents tabled earlier today (*see entries nos 20 and 22*) were considered:

Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report on GST revenue sharing relativities—2010 review—Volume 1. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Cameron and debated. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Macdonald in continuation.

Departmental and agency contracts for 2009—Letters of advice—Documents tabled 9 March 2010. Motion to take note of documents moved by Senator Bushby. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Bushby in continuation.

The government documents tabled earlier today (*see entry no. 3*) were called on but no motion was moved.

34 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 8.48 pm till Wednesday, 10 March 2010 at 9.30 am.

35 ATTENDANCE

Present, all senators except Senators Joyce*, Kroger* and Ludwig* (* on leave).

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate