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1 MEETING OF SENATE

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

2 NOTICES

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

- (1) That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent this resolution having effect.
- (2) That immediately upon receipt of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2009 and the Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Amendment Bill 2009 from the House of Representatives the bills have precedence over all government business until determined. (*general business notice of motion no. 513*)

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

- (a) concurs with the Opposition Shadow Treasurer, Mr Hockey, that ‘there would have been a legitimate justification for the government to say our debt, you know, our recovery, our economic recovery will be slower if we are running a big deficit and I think it [not proceeding with tax cuts] should have been considered as part of the mix’; and
- (b) calls on the Government to reconsider the tax cuts, in particular those for high-income earners. (*general business notice of motion no. 514*)

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown): To move on 20 August 2009—That the Senate, noting the prominence that the new Australian Security Intelligence Organisation headquarters building near Lake Burley Griffin will have on Canberra’s cityscape and that there was no reference of this proposal to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, requests the Government to provide the Senate with the recommendation from the former Attorney-General, the Honourable Philip Ruddock, that the committee seek an exemption from the Governor-General from scrutiny of this project. (*general business notice of motion no. 515*)

3 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

The Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) moved—That the following government business orders of the day be considered from 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm today:

No. 7 Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Enhancing Supervision and Enforcement) Bill 2009.

No. 8 Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009.

Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2009 Measures No. 2) Bill 2009.

Question put and passed.

4 POSTPONEMENTS

The following items of business were postponed:

Government business notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) for today, proposing the conclusion of the Select Committee on Agricultural and Related Industries, postponed till 18 August 2009.

General business notice of motion no. 508 standing in the name of Senator Humphries for today, relating to former child migrants and children harmed by institutional care, postponed till 7 September 2009.

5 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—CAPITAL WORKS PROPOSAL—APPROVAL

The Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig), at the request of the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Senator Carr) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 2—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the Senate approves the proposal by the Department of Parliamentary Services relating to the Parliament Drive one-way road upgrade project.

Question put and passed.

6 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—EXTENSIONS OF TIME TO REPORT

Senator O'Brien, at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee (Senator Barnett) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 504—That the time for the presentation of reports of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee be extended as follows:

- (a) Australia's judicial system and the role of judges—to 17 September 2009; and
- (b) access to justice—to 30 October 2009.

Question put and passed.

7 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—EXTENSIONS OF TIME TO REPORT

Senator O'Brien, at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Crossin) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 505—That the time for the presentation of the final reports of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee be extended to 20 August 2009:

- (a) Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009; and
- (b) provisions of the Personal Property Securities Bill 2009.

Question put and passed.

8 CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

Senator Bernardi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 471—

- (1) That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent this resolution having effect.
- (2) That from 12.30 pm on 17 August 2009, the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Child Protection from Predatory Tourism Offences) Bill 2008 have precedence over all government business until determined.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 34

Senators—

Abetz	Bushby	Humphries	Payne
Adams	Cash	Johnston	Ronaldson
Back	Colbeck	Kroger	Ryan
Barnett	Coonan	Macdonald	Scullion
Bernardi	Cormann	Mason	Troeth
Birmingham	Eggleston	McGauran	Trood
Boswell	Ferguson	Minchin	Xenophon
Boyce	Fifield	Nash	
Brandis	Fisher	Parry (Teller)	

NOES, 34

Senators—

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

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

9 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS—NORTH KOREA**

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) amended general business notice of motion no. 509 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate aware:

- (a) of reports that approximately 200 000 people are held in hard labour concentration camps in North Korea;
- (b) that prisoners allegedly include people caught listening to foreign radio broadcasts, families of accused persons and those who have failed to show 'proper respect' to the President; and
- (c) that after 12 to 15 hours work daily, a poor diet, no medical care or proper sanitary conditions, thousands of prisoners have allegedly died or are dying,

calls on the Government to report to the Senate within one month, with a full account of all knowledge available on this issue.

Question put and passed.

10 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS—BURMA—DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI**

Senator Ludlam, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 510—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was sentenced to a further 18 months of house arrest in Burma on 11 August 2009,
 - (ii) this sentence will prevent her from participating in the proposed 2010 elections, and
 - (iii) the constitution establishing election procedures is fundamentally flawed and fails to achieve basic democratic standards; and

- (b) calls on the Australian Government to investigate all possible options for progressing a United Nations Commission of Inquiry into war crimes and crimes against humanity in Burma.

Question put and passed.

11 LAW AND JUSTICE—NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION AND INTEGRITY COMMISSION—PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT

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. 503—That the Senate calls on the Rudd Government to consider the establishment of a National Anti-Corruption and Integrity Commission which has the powers of a standing Royal Commission and the purview to detect, investigate and prevent corruption across all Commonwealth departments and agencies, the activities of Federal Parliament, Federal parliamentarians and Federal law enforcement agencies.

Statements by leave: The Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding) and Senator Bob Brown, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 6

Senators—

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

NOES, 39

Senators—

Adams	Cash	Furner	O'Brien
Arbib	Colbeck	Hogg	Parry (Teller)
Back	Collins	Humphries	Polley
Barnett	Cormann	Hurley	Pratt
Bernardi	Crossin	Hutchins	Ryan
Bilyk	Farrell	Ludwig	Stephens
Birmingham	Feeney	Lundy	Sterle
Bishop	Ferguson	Marshall	Trood
Brown, Carol	Fielding	McEwen	Wortley
Cameron	Fisher	McGauran	

Question negatived.

12 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The President informed the Senate that he had received a letter requesting a change in the membership of a committee.

The Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig), by leave, moved—That Senator Hurley be discharged from and Senator Farrell be appointed to the Standing Committee of Privileges.

Question put and passed.

**13 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—
SOCIAL SECURITY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (PENSION REFORM AND
OTHER 2009 BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2009**

Senator O'Brien, at the request of the Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Moore), tabled the following document:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Report—Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform and Other 2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions]—Additional information.

**14 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—
PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE (NATIONAL JOINT REPLACEMENT REGISTER LEVY)
BILL 2009**

Senator O'Brien, at the request of the Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Moore), tabled the following document:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Report—Private Health Insurance (National Joint Replacement Register Levy) Bill 2009 [Provisions]—Additional information.

**15 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—
LOST INNOCENTS AND FORGOTTEN AUSTRALIANS REVISITED**

Senator O'Brien, at the request of the Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert), tabled the following document:

Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Lost innocents and forgotten Australians revisited: Report on the progress with the implementation of the recommendations of the lost innocents and forgotten Australians reports—Additional information.

**16 SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA BILL 2008 [NO. 2]
VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2009**

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

Message no. 375, dated 12 August 2009—A Bill for an Act to establish Safe Work Australia, and for related purposes.

Message no. 374, dated 12 August 2009—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to veterans' affairs, and for other purposes.

The Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) 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 Ludwig moved—That these bills be now read a second time.

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

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

Question put and passed.

17 CARBON POLLUTION REDUCTION SCHEME BILL 2009
CARBON POLLUTION REDUCTION SCHEME (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS)
BILL 2009
AUSTRALIAN CLIMATE CHANGE REGULATORY AUTHORITY BILL 2009
CARBON POLLUTION REDUCTION SCHEME (CHARGES—CUSTOMS) BILL 2009
CARBON POLLUTION REDUCTION SCHEME (CHARGES—EXCISE) BILL 2009
CARBON POLLUTION REDUCTION SCHEME (CHARGES—GENERAL) BILL 2009
CARBON POLLUTION REDUCTION SCHEME (CPRS FUEL CREDITS) BILL 2009
CARBON POLLUTION REDUCTION SCHEME (CPRS FUEL CREDITS)
(CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2009
EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (CARBON POLLUTION REDUCTION SCHEME)
BILL 2009
CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (CARBON POLLUTION REDUCTION SCHEME)
BILL 2009
CARBON POLLUTION REDUCTION SCHEME AMENDMENT (HOUSEHOLD
ASSISTANCE) BILL 2009

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner)—That these bills be now read a second time—and on the amendment moved by Senator Milne in respect of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009:

At the end of the motion, add “provided that the Government first commits to entering the climate treaty negotiations at the end of 2009 with an unconditional commitment to reduce emissions by at least 25 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020 and a willingness to reduce emissions by 40 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020 in the context of a global treaty”.

Debate resumed.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 6

Senators—

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

NOES, 66

Senators—

Abetz	Colbeck	Humphries	Parry
Adams (Teller)	Collins	Hurley	Payne
Arbib	Conroy	Hutchins	Polley
Back	Coonan	Johnston	Pratt
Barnett	Cormann	Joyce	Ronaldson
Bernardi	Crossin	Kroger	Ryan
Bilyk	Eggleston	Ludwig	Scullion
Birmingham	Evans	Lundy	Shery
Bishop	Farrell	Macdonald	Stephens
Boswell	Faulkner	Marshall	Sterle
Boyce	Feeney	Mason	Troeth
Brandis	Ferguson	McEwen	Trood
Brown, Carol	Fielding	McGauran	Williams
Bushby	Fifield	McLucas	Wong
Cameron	Fisher	Minchin	Wortley
Carr	Furner	Nash	
Cash	Hogg	O'Brien	

Question negatived.

Main question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 30

Senators—

Arbib	Crossin	Hutchins	Pratt
Bilyk	Evans	Ludwig	Sherry
Bishop	Farrell	Lundy	Stephens
Brown, Carol	Faulkner	Marshall	Sterle
Cameron	Feeney	McEwen	Wong
Carr	Furner	McLucas	Wortley
Collins	Hogg	O'Brien (Teller)	
Conroy	Hurley	Polley	

NOES, 42

Senators—

Abetz	Cash	Johnston	Payne
Adams (Teller)	Colbeck	Joyce	Ronaldson
Back	Coonan	Kroger	Ryan
Barnett	Cormann	Ludlam	Scullion
Bernardi	Eggleston	Macdonald	Siewert
Birmingham	Ferguson	Mason	Troeth
Boswell	Fielding	McGauran	Trood
Boyce	Fifield	Milne	Williams
Brandis	Fisher	Minchin	Xenophon
Brown, Bob	Hanson-Young	Nash	
Bushby	Humphries	Parry	

Question negatived.

18 **ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT**

The Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig), by leave, moved—That the order of general business for consideration today be as follows:

- (a) a motion relating to the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program; and
- (b) orders of the day relating to government documents.

Question put and passed.

19 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (REMOVAL OF CONCLUSIVE CERTIFICATES AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2008 [2009]**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner)—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.

Senator Ludlam moved the following amendments together by leave:

Schedule 1, page 3 (after line 6), after item 1, insert:

1A Subsection 7(1)

Repeal the subsection.

Schedule 1, page 13 (after line 28), at the end of the Schedule, add:

36 Division 1 of Part I of Schedule 2

Repeal the Division.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.

The committee divided—

AYES, 6

Senators—

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

NOES, 41

Senators—

Adams	Cameron	Fifield	Polley
Back	Carr	Furner	Pratt
Barnett	Cash	Hurley	Ronaldson
Bernardi	Colbeck	Kroger	Ryan
Bilyk	Collins	Ludwig	Stephens
Birmingham	Cormann	Lundy	Sterle
Bishop	Crossin	McEwen	Williams
Boyce	Farrell	McLucas	Wortley
Brandis	Feeney	Nash	
Brown, Carol	Ferguson	Parry	
Bushby (Teller)	Fielding	Payne	

Question negatived.

Senator Ludlam moved the following amendment:

Schedule 1, page 3 (after line 6), after item 1, insert:

1B Subsection 7(2A)

Repeal the subsection.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the bill be agreed to—divided, at the request of Senator Ludlam, in respect of Schedule 1, item 2.

Schedule 1, item 2 debated and agreed to.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

On the motion of the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) the report from the committee was adopted and the bill read a third time.

- 20 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (2009 MEASURES NO. 1) BILL 2009 [NO. 2]**
CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (2009 MEASURES NO. 1) BILL 2009 [NO. 2]
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong)—That these bills be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
At 12.45 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Birmingham was speaking.
- 21 **FINANCIAL SECTOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENHANCING SUPERVISION AND ENFORCEMENT) BILL 2009**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner)—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 for Social Inclusion (Senator Stephens) the bill was read a third time.
- 22 **THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT (2009 MEASURES NO. 1) BILL 2009**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner)—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.
The Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion (Senator Stephens) moved—That this bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time.
- 23 **EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (2009 MEASURES NO. 1) BILL 2009 [NO. 2]**
CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (2009 MEASURES NO. 1) BILL 2009 [NO. 2]
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong)—That these bills be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Statements by leave: The Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce) and the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding), by leave, made statements relating to the bill.
Bills read a second time.

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

On the motion of the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) the bills were read a third time.

24 HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STUDENT SERVICES AND AMENITIES, AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2009

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion (Senator Stephens)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

At 2 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Carol Brown was speaking.

25 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were answered.

26 MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS

Senator Macdonald moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong) and the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Senator Evans) to questions without notice asked by Senator Abetz and the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) today relating to the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

27 TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (GUARANTEED LOWEST PRICES—BLACKTOWN AMENDMENT) BILL 2009—STATEMENT BY LEAVE

Senator Xenophon, by leave, made a statement relating to his second reading speech for the Trade Practices Amendment (Guaranteed Lowest Prices—Blacktown Amendment) Bill 2009.

28 ENVIRONMENT—GLOBAL WARMING—DOCUMENT

The Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding), by leave, tabled the following document:

Environment—Global warming petition to the United States Government signed by 31 478 American scientists—Document.

29 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—CAPITAL WORKS PROPOSAL—DOCUMENTS

The Deputy President (Senator Ferguson) tabled the following documents:

Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—Proposal, together with supporting documentation, relating to the installation of additional CCTV cameras in the parliamentary precinct.

Notice of motion: The Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong), by leave, gave a notice of motion as follows: To move on 19 August 2009—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the Senate approves the proposal by the Department of Parliamentary Services to install additional CCTV cameras in the parliamentary precinct.

30 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:

- Defence Act—Determination under section 58B—Defence Determinations—
2009/46—District allowance – amendment.
- 2009/47—Miscellaneous amendments.
- 2009/48—Post indexes – amendment.
- 2009/49—Web-based tutoring – amendment.
- 2009/50—Salary non-reduction and cadet forces allowance – amendment.

Sydney Airport Demand Management Act—Minister's Direction to the Slot Manager 2009 (No. 1).

31 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 Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government.

32 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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

The Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong), by leave, moved—That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee—

Appointed—

Substitute member: Senator Siewert to replace Senator Ludlam for the committee's inquiry into the impact of mining operations on the Murray-Darling Basin

Participating member: Senator Ludlam

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—

Appointed—

Substitute member: Senator Adams to replace Senator Heffernan for the committee's inquiry into rural and regional access to secondary and tertiary education opportunities

Participating member: Senator Heffernan.

Question put and passed.

General business was called on.

33 INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS—STRATEGIC INDIGENOUS HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Senator Scullion moved—That the Senate notes the failure of the Rudd Labor Government to construct a single new house in remote Northern Territory Indigenous communities due to its mismanagement of the \$672 million Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program.

Debate ensued.

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

34 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION

The following order of the day was considered:

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—Report for 2007-08. Motion of Senator Williams to take note of document debated and agreed to.

Broadcasting Services Act 1992—Digital television transmission and reception—Report, August 2009. Motion of Senator Adams to take note of document agreed to.

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997—Live-stock mortalities during exports by sea—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2009. Motion of Senator Back to take note of document agreed to.

General business orders of the day nos 2 to 5 relating to government documents were called on but no motion was moved.

General business concluded.

35 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:

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—Report—DEEWR tender process to award employment services contracts. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Humphries) to take note of report agreed to.

Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Lost innocents and forgotten Australians revisited: Report on the progress with the implementation of the recommendations of the lost innocents and forgotten Australians reports. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert) to take note of report agreed to.

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—Report 102—Treaties tabled on 12 and 16 March 2009. Motion of Senator Birmingham to take note of report agreed to.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Sealing a just outcome: Report from the inquiry into RAAF F-111 Desal/Reseal workers and their families. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Forshaw) to take note of report agreed to.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Matters relating to the establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Nash) to take note of report agreed to.

Community Affairs; Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; Environment, Communications and the Arts; Finance and Public Administration; Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade; Legal and Constitutional Affairs; and Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Legislation Committees—Reports—Budget estimates 2009-10. Motion of Senator Cormann to take note of reports agreed to.

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Reports—

Advisory report on the Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008

Report on the conduct of the 2007 federal election and matters related thereto

—Motion of Senator Carol Brown to take note of reports agreed to.

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

The following orders of the day relating to reports of the Auditor-General were considered:

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 47 of 2008-09—Performance audit—Management of domestic fishing compliance—Australian Fisheries Management Authority. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Macdonald. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Macdonald in continuation.

Orders of the day nos 1, 3 and 4 relating to reports of the Auditor-General were called on but no motion was moved.

37 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 6.17 pm till Monday, 17 August 2009 at 12.30 pm.

38 ATTENDANCE

Present, all senators except Senators Forshaw* and Moore* (* on leave).

HARRY EVANS
Clerk of the Senate