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Senate Daily Summary Monday, 29 February 2016

The Senate met from 10 am until 10.30 pm

Senators

The President <u>announced</u> the resignation, on 28 February 2016, of Senator Ronaldson, a senator for the state of Victoria

Legislation

Bills and related documents

Bills considered

The following bill was debated

Dairy Produce Amendment (Dairy Service Levy Poll) Bill 2016–second reading commenced [<u>first speaker</u>]-LDP second reading <u>amendment</u> to be determined

The following bills were debated and passed

- Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment (Injury Compensation Scheme) Bill 2016 [second reading - <u>first speaker</u>]-bill passed without amendments
- Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business Restructure Roll-over) Bill 2016 [second reading <u>first speaker</u>]—bill passed without amendments

Bill introduced

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016 [passed by the House of Representatives 24 February 2016]-<u>debate</u> commenced on the question that the bill may proceed without formalities [<u>first speaker</u>]

Notices of motion

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration during this period of sittings]–

 Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Increasing Consumer Choice) Bill 2016, Corporations Amendment (Life Insurance Remuneration Arrangements) Bill 2016, Migration Amendment (Character Cancellation Consequential Provisions) Bill 2016, Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016, and Tax Laws Amendment (Norfolk Island CGT Exemption) Bill 2016 [<u>statements of reasons</u>]notice given by the Minister for Vocational Education and Skills (Senator Ryan) • Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2016 [<u>statement of reasons</u>]-notice given by the Minister for Vocational Education and Skills (Senator Ryan)

To introduce a bill

Restoring Territory Rights (Dying with Dignity) Bill 2016–notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) and Senator Gallagher

Private senators' bills to be debated

On Thursday, 3 March 2016, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security Amendment Bill 2015 [homepage] and the Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted Suicide Legislation) Bill 2015 [homepage] are scheduled for debate

Committees

Scheduled <u>public committee hearings</u> <u>Committee reports</u>

Meetings during the sittings of the Senate

The Senate <u>authorised</u> meetings of committees to be held while the Senate is sitting [statements were made in respect of the Electoral Matters Joint Committee – <u>first</u> <u>speaker</u>]

Membership

The Senate agreed to vary the membership of committees

New inquiry

<u>Australian Defence Force's resistance to interrogation training</u>–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 10 May 2016

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended the reporting dates for various inquiries of committees [Journals entries nos $\underline{12}$ and $\underline{15}$ refer]

Documents

Delegated legislation

See <u>Disallowance Alert</u> for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

<u>Clerk's documents</u> were tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

<u>Documents</u> relating to the outsourcing of work to foreign businesses [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on 24 February 2016]

Motions agreed to

The Senate ordered:

- the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation or the Minister representing the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science to table documents relating to the <u>restructuring of the CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere division</u>-no later than 9.30 am on 3 March 2016
- the Minister representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport to table documents relating to the <u>Infrastructure Investment program–communications</u> <u>campaign</u>–no later than 3.30 pm on 15 March 2016 [a <u>statement</u> was made]

Orders with continuing effect

Entity contracts

<u>Letters of advice</u> were tabled [Lists of all grants approved are required to be tabled 7 days before the commencement of budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings]

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

<u>Statements of compliance</u> were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are required to be tabled twice a year]

Ministerial statement

The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) tabled a <u>ministerial statement and</u> <u>documents</u> relating to the Defence White Paper [a motion to take note of the documents was agreed to - <u>first speaker</u>]

Documents tabled [and considered – first speaker]

Other business

Questions without notice and issues arising during question time – <u>first question</u> Adjournment debate – <u>first speaker</u>

Matter of public importance discussed

Taxation-Tax policy-proposed by Senator Moore [first speaker]

Motions agreed to

- Children-Child poverty-moved by Senator Siewert [a statement was made]
- Health–<u>National breastfeeding hotline</u>–moved by Senators Moore and Siewert [a <u>statement</u> was made]
- Primary industries-Agricultural export subsidies-moved by Senator Williams

• Taxation-<u>Impact of tax policy on house prices</u>-moved by Senator Ludlam [statements were made - <u>first speaker</u>]

Motions negatived

- Health–<u>Immunisation</u>–No-fault vaccine injury compensation system–moved by the Senator Di Natale [a <u>statement</u> was made]
- Tourism–Western Australia–<u>Coolcalalaya Station</u>–moved by Muir [a <u>statement</u> was made]

Statement by President

The President made a <u>statement</u> concerning the use of inappropriate language by way of quotation [statements were made – <u>first speaker</u>]

Notices of motion

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