

Senator Singh

Amendment to General Business Notice of Motion No. 466

As listed on page 7 of today's Notice Paper in the name of Senator Singh

I move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that, on 30 August 2017, an agreement regarding the legal status of maritime boundaries in the Timor Sea was concluded between Australia and Timor-Leste;
- (b) acknowledges that this agreement was reached ~~as a result of~~ **through good faith negotiations following** Timor-Leste's invocation of the compulsory conciliation procedures in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);
- (c) further acknowledges:
 - (i) the significance of Australia's ongoing relationship with Timor-Leste,
 - (ii) the capacity for that relationship to contribute positively to regional prosperity and stability, and
 - (iii) the potential for this agreement to resolve more than 40 years of tension and uncertainty between Australia and Timor-Leste, serving as a catalyst for a new era of collaboration and cooperation;
- (d) recognises and affirms:
 - (i) the importance of a rules-based international order to the maintenance of international peace and security,
 - (ii) the capacity for instruments, such as UNCLOS, to contribute to the preservation of that order, by facilitating peaceful resolutions to disputes between states, and
 - (iii) the necessity of cooperative state engagement with the procedures of international law to that law's successful operation; and
- (e) calls upon the Government to adhere to and implement in good faith the terms of this agreement.