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1 **MEETING OF SENATE**

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

2 **PETITION**

The following petition, lodged with the Clerk by Senator McGauran, was received:

From 63 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to review procedures relating to political asylum seekers and remove all practices which are manifestly inhumane or in contravention of national obligations.

3 **ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT**

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell) moved—That the following government business orders of the day be considered from 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm today:

No. 4 Taxation Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2002.

No. 5 Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2002.

No. 6 Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002.

No. 7 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2002.

Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002.

No. 8 Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Agents) Bill 2002 and a related bill.

No. 9 Horticulture Marketing and Research and Development Services (Amendment) Bill 2002.

Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2002.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Licence Charges) Amendment Bill 2002.

Question put and passed.

4 **ROUTINE OF BUSINESS—VARIATION**

Leave refused: The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell) sought leave to move a motion relating to the routine of business for today.

An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Suspension of standing orders: Senator Ian Campbell, at the request of the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill) and pursuant to contingent notice, moved—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Senator Hill moving a motion to provide for the consideration of a matter, namely a motion to give precedence to a motion to vary the routine of business today.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Senator Ian Campbell, at the request of Senator Hill, moved—That a motion to vary the routine of business today may be moved immediately and have precedence over all other business today till determined.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Senator Ian Campbell moved—That—

- (a) consideration of general business and consideration of committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports under standing order 62(1) and (2) not be proceeded with; and
- (b) the routine of business from not later than 4.30 pm till the adjournment shall be government business only.

Question put and passed.

5 ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING

Senator Calvert, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Brandis), moved—That the Economics Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Monday, 24 June 2002, from 3.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiries into the New Business Tax System (Consolidation) Bill (No. 1) 2002 and the provisions of the Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2002.

Question put and passed.

6 POSTPONEMENTS

Items of business were postponed as follows:

General business notice of motion no. 92 standing in the name of Senator Allison for today, relating to state legislation to protect marine national parks, postponed till 25 June 2002.

General business notice of motion no. 93 standing in the name of Senator Allison for today, relating to renewable energy measures, postponed till 25 June 2002.

General business notice of motion no. 98 standing in the name of the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja) for today, relating to parliamentary debate on any proposed military involvement by Australia, postponed till 24 June 2002.

Senator Allison, by leave, moved—That general business notice of motion no. 94 standing in her name for today, relating to the shipment of nuclear fuel, be postponed till the next day of sitting.

Question put and passed.

7 ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REFERENCE

Senator Crossin, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 3—That the following matter be referred to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee for inquiry and report by 5 December 2002:

The regulatory, monitoring and reporting regimes that govern environmental performance at the Ranger and Jabiluka uranium operations in the Northern Territory and the Beverley and Honeymoon *in situ* leach operations in South Australia, with particular reference to:

- (a) the adequacy, effectiveness and performance of existing monitoring and reporting regimes and regulations;
- (b) the adequacy and effectiveness of those Commonwealth agencies responsible for the oversight and implementation of these regimes; and
- (c) a review of Commonwealth responsibilities and mechanisms to realise improved environmental performance and transparency of reporting.

Statements by leave: Senators Calvert and Mackay, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

**8 RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES COMMITTEE—
PROPOSED REFERENCE**

Motion determined as not formal: Senator Murphy requested that business of the Senate notice of motion no. 2 standing in his name for today, relating to the reference of matters to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee, be taken as formal.

An objection was raised and the motion was not proceeded with as a formal motion.

9 PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (FOREST PRACTICES) BILL 2002

Senator Brown, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 16—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to provide for a Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry in relation to Forestry Tasmania, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

Senator Brown 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 Brown moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

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

10 CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—

- (1) That a bill shall not be considered in committee of the whole, unless, prior to the resolution of the question for the second reading, any senator has:
 - (a) circulated in the Senate a proposed amendment or request for amendment of the bill; or

(b) required in debate or by notification to the chair that the bill be considered in committee of the whole.

(2) That this order operate as a sessional order.

Question put and passed.

11 SELECT COMMITTEE ON A CERTAIN MARITIME INCIDENT—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT

The Chair of the Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident (Senator Cook), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 95—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident be extended to 21 August 2002.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 38

Senators—

Allison	Conroy	Greig	Murphy
Bartlett	Cook	Harradine	Murray
Bishop	Cooney	Hogg	O'Brien
Bourne	Crossin	Hutchins	Ray
Brown	Crowley	Lees	Ridgeway
Buckland	Denman	Ludwig	Schacht
Campbell, George	Evans	Lundy	Stott Despoja
Carr	Faulkner	Mackay (Teller)	West
Cherry	Forshaw	McKiernan	
Collins	Gibbs	McLucas	

NOES, 34

Senators—

Alston	Eggleston	Knowles	Reid
Barnett	Ellison	Lightfoot	Scullion
Boswell	Ferguson	Macdonald, Ian	Tchen
Brandis	Ferris	Macdonald, Sandy	Tierney
Calvert (Teller)	Harris	Mason	Troeth
Campbell, Ian	Heffernan	McGauran	Vanstone
Chapman	Herron	Minchin	Watson
Colbeck	Hill	Patterson	
Coonan	Kemp	Payne	

Question agreed to.

12 FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—PROPOSED EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT

Motion determined as not formal: Senator Calvert, at the request of the Chair of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (Senator Mason), asked that general business notice of motion no. 91 standing in the name of Senator Mason for today, relating to an extension of time for the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee to report on the Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2001 [2002], be taken as formal.

An objection was raised and the motion was not proceeded with as a formal motion.

13 FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (JOINT RESIDENCY) BILL 2002

Senator Harris, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 97—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Family Law Act 1975*, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

Senator Harris 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 Harris moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

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

14 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DISABILITY REFORM) BILL 2002

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

Message no. 73, dated 30 May 2002—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social security in its application to disabled persons, and for related purposes.

**15 FINANCIAL SECTOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002
THERAPEUTIC GOODS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002
AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY (LICENCE CHARGES)
AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

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

Message no. 92, dated 19 June 2002—A Bill for an Act to amend certain laws relating to the financial sector, and for related purposes.

Message no. 93, dated 19 June 2002—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to therapeutic goods and industrial chemicals, and for related purposes.

Message no. 94, dated 19 June 2002—A Bill for an Act to amend the *Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Licence Charges) Act 1998*, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Alston) 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 Alston moved—That these bills be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Mackay the debate was adjourned.

On the motion of Senator Alston the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for a later hour.

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

Question put and passed.

16 LAW AND JUSTICE—INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Senator Brown, by leave, moved general business notice of motion no. 96—That the Senate supports the establishment of the International Criminal Court.

Question put and passed.

17 RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES COMMITTEE— PROPOSED REFERENCES

Senator O'Brien, pursuant to notice, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1—That the following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 12 December 2002:

- (a) whether there are impediments to the achievement of the aims of the 'Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision' strategy;
- (b) whether there are elements of the strategy which should be altered in the light of the identification of these impediments; and
- (c) whether other action is desirable in the interests of establishing and maintaining a viable and sustainable plantation forest sector.

On the motion of the Minister for Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald) the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Statement by leave: Senator Ian Macdonald, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Senator Murphy, pursuant to notice, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 2—

- (1) That the following matters be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 12 December 2002:
 - (a) whether there are impediments to the achievement of the aims of 'Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision' strategy;
 - (b) whether or not the initial imperatives, goals and actions of the strategy have been proceeded with;
 - (c) whether there are elements of the strategy which should be altered in light of any impediments identified;
 - (d) whether or not the states are employing world's best practice in sustainability and environmental applications for plantation development;
 - (e) whether there are further opportunities to maximise the benefits from plantations in respect of their potential to contribute environmental benefits, including whether there are opportunities to:
 - (i) better integrate plantations into achieving salinity and water quality objectives and targets,
 - (ii) optimise the environmental benefits of plantations in low rainfall areas, and
 - (iii) address the provision of public good services (environmental benefits) at the private cost of plantation growers;

- (f) whether there is the need for government action to encourage longer rotation plantations, particularly in order to supply sawlogs; and
 - (g) whether other action is desirable to maintain and expand a viable and sustainable plantation forest sector, including the expansion of processing industries to enhance the contribution to regional economic development.
- (2) That the committee provide interim reports on issues of importance as and when they arise and take account of other reports and findings, such as the Private Forests Consultative Committee's review of 'Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision' strategy.

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

18 CHRISTMAS ISLAND SPACE CENTRE—MOTION FOR DISALLOWANCE

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Brown—

- (1) That the Christmas Island Space Centre (APSC Proposal) Regulations 2001, as contained in the Territory of Christmas Island Regulations 2001 No. 1, and made under the Christmas Island Space Centre (APSC Proposal) Ordinance 2001, be disallowed.
- (2) That the Christmas Island Space Centre (APSC Proposal) Ordinance 2001, as contained in the Territory of Christmas Island Ordinance No. 4 of 2001, and made under the *Christmas Island Act 1958*, be disallowed.

Debate resumed.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 11

Senators—

Allison	Brown	Lees	Ridgeway
Bartlett	Cherry	Murphy	Stott Despoja
Bourne (Teller)	Greig	Murray	

NOES, 49

Senators—

Barnett	Cooney	Hutchins	Patterson
Bishop	Crossin (Teller)	Kemp	Payne
Boswell	Crowley	Knowles	Ray
Brandis	Denman	Lightfoot	Reid
Buckland	Eggleston	Ludwig	Schacht
Calvert	Ferguson	Lundy	Scullion
Campbell, George	Ferris	Macdonald, Ian	Tchen
Carr	Forshaw	Mackay	Troeth
Chapman	Gibbs	Mason	Watson
Colbeck	Harradine	McGauran	West
Collins	Harris	McKiernan	
Cook	Herron	McLucas	
Coonan	Hogg	O'Brien	

Question negatived.

19 **NATIONAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS—BUDGET MEASURES) BILL 2002**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 30

Senators—

Abetz	Coonan	Knowles	Reid
Alston	Eggleston	Lightfoot	Scullion
Boswell	Ellison	Macdonald, Sandy	Tchen
Brandis	Ferguson	Mason	Tierney
Calvert (Teller)	Ferris	McGauran	Troeth
Campbell, Ian	Heffernan	Minchin	Watson
Chapman	Herron	Patterson	
Colbeck	Hill	Payne	

NOES, 35

Senators—

Allison	Collins	Gibbs	McKiernan
Bartlett	Conroy	Greig	Murphy
Bishop	Cook	Harradine	Murray
Bourne	Cooney	Hogg	O'Brien
Brown	Crossin	Hutchins	Ray
Buckland (Teller)	Crowley	Lees	Ridgeway
Campbell, George	Denman	Ludwig	Stott Despoja
Carr	Evans	Lundy	West
Cherry	Forshaw	Mackay	

Question negatived.

20 **SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' ENTITLEMENTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DISPOSAL OF ASSETS—INTEGRITY OF MEANS TESTING) BILL 2002**

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

Debate resumed.

At 12.45 pm: Debate was interrupted.

21 **TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT (MEDICARE LEVY AND MEDICARE LEVY SURCHARGE) BILL 2002**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell)—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 Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Troeth) the bill was read a third time.

22 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Troeth) moved—That government business order of the day no. 5 (Australian Protective Service Amendment Bill 2002) be postponed till a later hour.

Question put and passed.

23 CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell)—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 Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Troeth) the bill was read a third time.

24 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2002

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald)—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 Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Troeth) tabled a supplementary explanatory memorandum relating to the government amendments to be moved to the bill.

On the motion of Senator Troeth the following amendments, taken together by leave, were agreed to:

Clause 2, page 1 (line 8) to page 2 (line 6), omit the clause, substitute:

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Clause 4, page 2 (lines 13 to 16), omit subclause (1).

Schedule 1, page 10 (after line 8), after item 45, insert:

45A Section 141T

Repeal the section.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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

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

25 FINANCIAL SECTOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2002

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Alston)—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 Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Troeth) the bill was read a third time.

**26 MIGRATION AGENTS REGISTRATION APPLICATION CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 2002
MIGRATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MIGRATION AGENTS) BILL 2002**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell)—That these bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

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 Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Troeth) the bills were read a third time.

**27 HORTICULTURE MARKETING AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
(AMENDMENT) BILL 2002**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell)—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 Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Troeth) the bill was read a third time.

Suspension of sitting: On the motion of Senator Troeth the sitting of the Senate was suspended till 2 pm.

At 2 pm—

28 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were answered.

29 ANTICIPATION OF DEBATE—STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT

The President made a statement relating to anticipation of debate on matters listed on the *Notice Paper* and a matter raised by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner) after question time on 19 June 2002.

30 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Senator Evans moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by ministers to questions without notice asked today.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

31 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE REFERENCES COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—DISPOSAL OF DEFENCE PROPERTIES

The Minister for Defence (Senator Hill) tabled the following document:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Disposal of Defence properties—Government response, dated June 2002.

32 SUPERANNUATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES—SELECT COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—ENFORCEMENT OF THE SUPERANNUATION GUARANTEE CHARGE

The Minister for Defence (Senator Hill) tabled the following document:

Superannuation and Financial Services—Select Committee—Report—Enforcement of the Superannuation Guarantee Charge—Government response.

33 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—LINK BETWEEN AID AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The Minister for Defence (Senator Hill) tabled the following document:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—The link between aid and human rights—Government response, dated 19 June 2002.

34 MIGRATION—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—REVIEW OF STATE-SPECIFIC MIGRATION MECHANISMS

The Minister for Defence (Senator Hill) tabled the following document:

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—Report—New faces, new places: Review of State-specific migration mechanisms—Government response, dated 20 June 2002.

35 CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—FEES ON ELECTRONIC AND TELEPHONE BANKING

The Minister for Defence (Senator Hill) tabled the following document:

Corporations and Securities—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Fees on electronic and telephone banking—Government response.

36 AUDITOR-GENERAL—AUDIT REPORTS NOS 59 AND 60 OF 2001-02—DOCUMENTS

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

Auditor-General—Audit reports for 2001-02—

No. 59—Performance audit—AusAID contract management: Australian Agency for International Development.

No. 60—Performance audit—Costing of operational activities and services follow-up audit: Centrelink.

37 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

The Minister for Defence (Senator Hill) tabled the following government documents:

Regional Forest Agreements between the Commonwealth and—

New South Wales: Eden region of New South Wales—Interim report on the implementation, 25 August 1999 to 30 April 2001.

New South Wales: North East New South Wales (Upper North East and Lower North East regions)—Interim report on the implementation, 31 March 2000 to 30 April 2001.

New South Wales: Southern New South Wales, 24 April 2001.

Tasmania—

Reports—

1998—Commonwealth Government implementation.

1998—Tasmanian Government implementation.

2000—Commonwealth Government implementation.

2000—Tasmanian Government implementation.

2001—Commonwealth Government implementation.

Variation, 19 July 2001.

Victoria—Reports—

1998.

2000.

38 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act—Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Live Sheep and Goat Exports to Saudi Arabia) Order 2002.

Defence Act—Determination under section 58B—Defence Determination 2002/15.

Public Service Act—Public Service Commissioner's Amendment Directions 2002 (No. 1).

Remuneration Tribunal Act—

Determination—

2002/03: Remuneration and allowances of the Australian Submarine Corporation.

2002/04: Remuneration and allowances for various public office holders.

2002/05: Remuneration and allowances of the Solicitor-General and the Director of Public Prosecutions.

2002/06: Remuneration and allowances for various public office holders.

2002/07: Specified Statutory Officers – Remuneration and allowances.

2002/08: Parliamentary office holders – Additional salary.

2002/09: Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Full-Time Public Office.

2002/10: Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office.

2002/11: Principal Executive Office (PEO) Classification Structure and Terms and Conditions.

Report No. 1 of 2002—Ministers of State: Salaries Additional to the Basic Parliamentary Salary.

39 COMMITTEES—CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

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

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

Economics Legislation Committee—

Participating member: Senator Cook

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

Substitute member: Senator Crossin to replace Senator Mackay for the committee's inquiry into environmental performance at the Ranger, Jabiluka, Beverley and Honeymoon uranium operations.

Question put and passed.

40 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

The Minister for Defence (Senator Hill) moved—That government business order of the day no. 2 (Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Disposal of Assets—Integrity of Means Testing) Bill 2002) be postponed till a later hour.

Question put and passed.

41 SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (TERRORISM) BILL 2002 [No. 2]**SUPPRESSION OF THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM BILL 2002****CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (SUPPRESSION OF TERRORIST BOMBINGS) BILL 2002****BORDER SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002****TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERCEPTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2002**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell)—That these bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

At 8 pm: Debate was interrupted.

42 NOTICES

The Minister for Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald) gave a notice of motion as follows: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matters be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 12 December 2002, taking into account the findings of the Private Forests Consultative Committee's review of the 'Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision' strategy which is due to report to the Primary Industries Ministerial Council in November 2002:

- (a) whether there are impediments to the achievement of the aims of 'Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision' strategy;
- (b) whether there are elements of the strategy which should be altered in light of any impediments identified;
- (c) whether there are further opportunities to maximise the benefits from plantations in respect of their potential to contribute environmental benefits, including whether there are opportunities to:
 - (i) better integrate plantations into achieving salinity and water quality objectives and targets,
 - (ii) optimise the environmental benefits of plantations in low rainfall areas, and
 - (iii) address the provision of public good services (environmental benefits) at the cost of private plantation growers;

- (d) whether there is the need for government action to encourage longer rotation plantations, particularly in order to supply sawlogs; and
- (e) whether other action is desirable to maintain and expand a viable and sustainable plantation forest sector, including the expansion of processing industries to enhance the contribution to regional economic development.

Senator O'Brien gave a notice of motion as follows: To move on the next day of sitting—That—

- (1) The following matter be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 27 June 2002:
Quota management control on Australian beef exports to the United States.
- (2) The committee have power to consider and use for its purposes the minutes of evidence, records and documents of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee in relation to a similar matter, referred on 16 May 2002.
- (3) The reference of a similar matter to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee be withdrawn.

43 ADJOURNMENT

The President proposed the question—That the Senate do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 8.34 pm till Monday, 24 June 2002 at 9.30 am.

44 ATTENDANCE

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

HARRY EVANS
Clerk of the Senate