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1 MEETING OF SENATE

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

2 NOTICES

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

- (a) acknowledges that drug use within Australian prisons poses a considerable health risk to prisoners and the broader community;
- (b) notes that:
 - (i) the Australian National Council on Drugs report, *Supply, demand and harm reduction strategies in Australian prisons: Implementation, cost and evaluation*, found that many injecting drug users spend considerable periods behind bars and that a history of drug use is far more common amongst prisoners than in the general population,
 - (ii) the report also identified a high prevalence of injecting drug use during incarceration and that high proportions of prison inmates report injecting drug use in the community once released, and
 - (iii) levels of hepatitis C in prisons are estimated to be up to 17 times greater than those in the general community; and
- (c) calls on the Government to work collaboratively with the states and territories to:
 - (i) ensure that all suitable prisoners are provided with free hepatitis B vaccinations,
 - (ii) ensure that testing for HIV and other blood-borne viral infections is available and voluntary in all jurisdictions, and
 - (iii) provide funding for the introduction and rigorous evaluation of a trial needle and syringe exchange program in an Australian prison. (*general business notice of motion no. 15*)

Senator Stott Despoja: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matters be referred to the Legal and Constitutional References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 June 2005:

- (a) the overall effectiveness and appropriateness of the *Privacy Act 1988* as a means of protecting the privacy of Australians and any legislative changes that may help to provide more comprehensive protection or improve the current regime in any way;
- (b) the resourcing of the Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner and whether current levels of funding enable the Federal Privacy Commissioner to properly fulfil her mandate;
- (c) the potential implantation of human beings with microchips (for example, as recently authorised in the United States of America (US) by the US Food and Drug Administration) and the implications of such technology for individual privacy;
- (d) proposals for a national ‘Smart Card’ identification regime, whether private sector or government proposals, any consultation that the Government may have undertaken in relation to such proposals, and the implications of such a regime for individual privacy;

- (e) the extensive use of voter databases by political parties, including whether political acts and practices should continue to be exempted from the Privacy Act and/or whether voters should be afforded basic access to, and the right to correct information held about them by political parties;
- (f) the extent of surveillance within the Australian community by both government agencies and the private sector, the purposes for which surveillance is undertaken and whether those purposes justify the significant invasion of privacy that results from surveillance;
- (g) access by government agencies to stored communications such as e-mail, SMS and voicemail;
- (h) telecommunications interception, including the increasing rate of interception by law enforcement agencies and whether or not the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation should be required to provide basic information regarding its interception activities to the Parliament;
- (i) Australia's participation in the global ECHELON interception program, as documented in the report of the European Parliament, dated 11 July 2001; and
- (j) the lack of legislative protection for sensitive genetic information, including the Government's failure to implement the recommendations of the Australian Law Reform Commission and the Australian Health Ethics Committee in their 2003 report, *Essentially yours: The protection of human genetic information in Australia*.

Senator Brown: To move on 1 December 2004—That the Senate calls on the Government to evaluate Tasmania's Tarkine wilderness, including its temperate rainforest, coastline and Aboriginal heritage, for World Heritage listing. (*general business notice of motion no. 16*)

Senator Brown: To move on 30 November 2004—That the Senate calls on the Government to give immediate protection to the 240 000 hectares of forests in Tasmania which have been identified by environment groups and experts as having high conservation value. (*general business notice of motion no. 17*)

3 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) moved—That the order of general business for consideration today be as follows:

- (a) general business notice of motion no. 13 standing in the name of Senator Conroy, relating to telecommunications service standards in rural and regional Australia; and
- (b) consideration of government documents.

Question put and passed.

4 POSTPONEMENTS

The following items of business were postponed:

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of Senator Ridgeway for today, proposing the disallowance of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 1), postponed till 8 February 2005.

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 2 standing in the name of the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett) for today, proposing the disallowance of the Customs (Prohibited Imports) Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 3), postponed till 29 November 2004.

General business notice of motion no. 2 standing in the name of Senator Allison for today, relating to human rights in Western Sahara, postponed till 29 November 2004.

General business notice of motion no. 3 standing in the name of Senator Allison for today, relating to high-intensity active naval sonar, postponed till 29 November 2004.

General business notice of motion no. 9 standing in the name of Senator Nettle for today, relating to Iraq, postponed till 29 November 2004.

5 DEATH OF YASSER ARAFAT

Senator Nettle amended general business notice of motion no. 6 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the passing of the President of the Palestinian Authority Yasser Arafat;
- (b) extends its condolences to the Palestinian people who mourn the loss of Mr Arafat; and
- (c) calls on all parties to the Middle East peace process to renew their efforts as a matter of urgency for the negotiation of a just, enduring and comprehensive peace settlement based on the principle of two states – an Israeli state within secure and recognised borders and the right of self-determination for the Palestinian people, including their right to their own independent state.

Question put and passed.

6 SCRAFTON EVIDENCE—SELECT COMMITTEE—REAPPOINTMENT

Senator Ludwig, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 1—That—

- (a) the Select Committee on the Scrafton Evidence, appointed by resolution of the Senate on 30 August 2004, be reappointed with the same powers and provisions for membership, except as otherwise provided by this resolution;
- (b) the committee have power to consider and use for its purposes the minutes of evidence and records of the select committee appointed on 30 August 2004; and
- (c) the committee report by 2 December 2004.

Question put and passed.

7 FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REFERENCE

Senator Forshaw, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 3—

- (1) That the following matter be referred to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for inquiry and report by 22 June 2005:
 - (a) the level of expenditure on, and the nature and extent of, Commonwealth government advertising since 1996;
 - (b) the processes involved in decision-making on Commonwealth government advertising, including the role of the Government Communications Unit and the Ministerial Committee on Government Communications;

- (c) the adequacy of the accountability framework and, in particular, the 1995 guidelines for government advertising, with reference to relevant reports, guidelines and principles issued by the Auditor-General and the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit;
 - (d) the means of ensuring the ongoing application of guidelines based on those recommended by the Auditor-General and the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit to all government advertising; and
 - (e) the order of the Senate of 29 October 2003 relating to advertising projects, and whether the order is an effective mechanism for parliamentary accountability in relation to government advertising.
- (2) That the committee have power to consider and use the records of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee appointed in the previous Parliament.

Question put and passed.

8 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—HUMAN RIGHTS—CHILDREN

The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 11—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) 20 November 2004 marks the 15th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCROC),
 - (ii) UNCROC is the most widely ratified human rights convention of all time, ratified by 192 countries,
 - (iii) millions of children worldwide suffer from preventable diseases and malnutrition,
 - (iv) numerous children have no hope of even receiving a basic education,
 - (v) numerous children work in inhumane conditions and are exploited as cheap labour,
 - (vi) children are the sad victims of trafficking, including for heinous purposes of prostitution and sexual exploitation, and
 - (vii) children are affected by armed conflict and the ravages of war; and
- (b) expresses the view that an important way for Australia to demonstrate its commitment to UNCROC is to ensure that Australia's domestic laws comply with the spirit and terms of the treaty.

Question put and passed.

9 SPORT—USE OF WORD 'ANZACS'

Statement by leave: Senator Harris, by leave, made a statement relating to general business notice of motion no. 7 standing in his name for today concerning the use of the word 'ANZACS'.

Senator Harris amended general business notice of motion no. 7 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the Tri-nations Rugby League series is currently being played in the United Kingdom,

- (ii) one of the composite teams is made up of players from Australia and New Zealand, and
 - (iii) this team is being reported by Channel 9 and possibly others as ‘The ANZACS’;
- (b) further notes that the use of the word ‘ANZACS’ is contrary to Commonwealth legislation unless there is approval given by the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs;
 - (c) requests the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs to advise the Senate whether an application for the use of the word ‘ANZACS’ has been received from Channel 9 and, if so, whether the Minister granted such approval, or, if not, whether the Minister will ensure that such reference by Channel 9 ceases immediately; and
 - (d) if the word has been used without approval, calls on the Minister to request a public apology from the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Rugby League for the misuse of the word ‘ANZACS’.

Question put and passed.

10 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—SUDAN

The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett), at the request of Senator Stott Despoja and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 12—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
 - (i) the briefing provided to the United Nations Security Council by the Secretary-General’s Special Representative for Sudan on 4 November 2004, indicating that ‘the Sudanese Government made no progress last month in either stopping militia attacks against civilians in Darfur, disarming those armed groups or prosecuting the individuals responsible for the worst atrocities’,
 - (ii) there are now approximately 1.45 million internally displaced persons within Sudan and the number of Sudanese refugees in Chad has risen to 200 000,
 - (iii) there have been fresh reports of attacks against internally displaced persons in the Darfur region,
 - (iv) UNICEF has reported that armed militias continue to rape women and girls in the Darfur region with impunity, including numerous reports of gang rapes,
 - (v) the suffering of those affected by the conflict is being prolonged, and the death toll is rising, as a result of international inaction,
 - (vi) the Secretary-General of the United Nations has called on all Member States to provide urgent and generous support to the African Union to enable it to expand its mission in Sudan, and
 - (vii) the Security Council has proposed to meet in Nairobi on 18 and 19 November 2004, at which time it will discuss the crisis in Darfur;
- (b) welcomes the signing of humanitarian and security accords between the Sudanese Government and rebels on 10 November 2004;
- (c) acknowledges the Australian Government’s provision of \$20 million in humanitarian assistance to Sudan and its offer to assist the African Union mission by providing the use of two C-130 Hercules transport aircraft;

- (d) calls on the Australian Government to:
 - (i) as a matter of urgency, provide additional, generous support to help facilitate the expansion of the African Union mission, and
 - (ii) make immediate representations to Security Council members, prior to the meeting in Nairobi, regarding the need for urgent action to prevent further loss of life and suffering within Sudan and neighbouring Chad; and
- (e) calls on the Sudanese Government to take immediate action to disarm militia groups, prevent further attacks against civilians, and prosecute the perpetrators of atrocities.

Question put and passed.

11 ESTIMATES—ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Senator Harradine, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 14—That answers be provided by 31 January 2005 to:

- (a) estimates questions on notice lodged with legislation committees in the course of the estimates hearings in May and June 2004; and
- (b) estimates questions on notice lodged with legislation committees by 2 December 2004.

Question put and passed.

12 HUMAN RIGHTS—SEXUALITY DISCRIMINATION—DOCUMENT

Senator Nettle, by leave, tabled the following document:

Human rights—Sexuality discrimination—Petitioning document from 1 358 signatories, requesting support for the Same Sex Relationship (Ensuring Equality) Bill 2004.

13 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (THAILAND-AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION) BILL 2004

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (THAILAND-AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION) BILL 2004

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Family and Community Services (Senator Patterson)—That these bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Senator Conroy moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate notes the Government’s failure to include provisions in the Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement covering labour and the environment”.

Debate ensued.

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

Senator Nettle moved the following amendment:

Omit all words after “That”, substitute:

- (a) further consideration of the bills be postponed and the bills be made an order of the day for the next day of sitting after the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties reports on the Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement; and

- (b) senators who have spoken to the motion “That these bills be now read a second time” may speak again to that motion for up to 20 minutes each when debate on the bills resumes.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 10

Senators—

Allison (Teller)	Cherry	Murphy	Nettle
Bartlett	Greig	Murray	Ridgeway
Brown	Harris		

NOES, 46

Senators—

Barnett	Denman	Johnston	Payne
Bishop	Eggleston	Knowles	Ray
Boswell	Ellison	Ludwig	Santoro
Brandis	Faulkner	Lundy	Scullion
Buckland	Ferguson	Macdonald, Sandy	Stephens
Calvert	Ferris	Mackay	Tchen
Campbell, George	Fifield	Marshall	Troeth
Carr	Forshaw	Mason	Watson
Chapman	Heffernan	McGauran (Teller)	Webber
Colbeck	Hogg	Moore	Wong
Collins	Humphries	O’Brien	
Crossin	Hutchins	Patterson	

Question negatived.

Main question, as amended, 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 Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) the bills were read a third time.

14 GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S OPENING SPEECH—ADDRESS-IN-REPLY

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Knowles—That the address-in-reply be agreed to (*see entry no. 9, 17 November 2004*)—and on the amendment moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett):

That the following words be added to the address-in-reply:

“, but the Senate is of the opinion that:

- (a) Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second is to be commended for her reported public support for implementation of the Kyoto Protocol; and
- (b) the Government’s failure to ratify the Kyoto Protocol, to take strong action to reduce Australia’s greenhouse emissions and to urge the United States of America to do likewise, is putting at risk international efforts on climate change”.

Debate resumed.

Senator Stott Despoja, by leave, amended Senator Bartlett's proposed amendment to read as follows:

“, but the Senate is of the opinion that the Government's failure to ratify the Kyoto Protocol, to take strong action to reduce Australia's greenhouse emissions and to urge the United States of America to do likewise, is putting at risk international efforts on climate change”.

Debate ensued.

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

15 EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—REFERENCE

Senator Ludwig, by leave, moved—That, subject to the appointment of committee members, the Workplace Relations Amendment (Agreement Validation) Bill 2004 be referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 29 November 2004.

Question put and passed.

At 2 pm—

16 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were answered.

17 MINISTERS—ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

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

Debate ensued.

Document: The Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Ian Campbell) tabled the following document:

Politics—Media release—Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)—‘Recreational fishing policy available for all to see’, dated 25 October 2004.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

18 LINDBERG GRIEVANCE—SELECT COMMITTEE—STATEMENT BY LEAVE

Senator Harris, by leave, made a statement informing the Senate of his inadvertent disclosure of unpublished evidence received by the Select Committee on the Lindeberg Grievance, and unreservedly apologised to the Senate.

19 COMMUNICATIONS—TELSTRA—PERSONAL EXPLANATION

The Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell), by leave, made a personal explanation relating to an article in the *Australian Financial Review* of 18 November 2004 concerning Telstra.

20 SPORT—DRUGS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—DOCUMENTS

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

Doping allegations within the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Track Cycling Program—Independent inquiry by the Honourable Robert Anderson, QC—

Ministerial statement by the Minister for the Arts and Sport (Senator Kemp).

Second stage report to the Australian Sports Commission and Cycling Australia dealing with the fourth term of reference, together with second addendum to the report and sequel to second addendum to the report, dated 27 October 2004.

Senator Lundy, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the documents.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

21 SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS—REGISTER 1970-2004—DOCUMENT

The Deputy President (Senator Hogg) tabled the following document:

Senate committee reports—Consolidated register of Senate committee reports 1970-2004.

Document ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator McGauran.

22 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—BUDGET ESTIMATES 2004-05

Senator McGauran, on behalf of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee, tabled additional information received by the committee (Budget estimates 2004-05—vols 1 and 2).

23 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement pursuant to subsection—

34C(6) relating to the extension of specified period for presentation of a report—Department of Employment and Workplace Relations—Report for 2003-04.

34C(7) relating to the delay in presentation of a report—National Occupational Health and Safety Commission—Report for 2003-04.

Higher Education Support Act—Determination under section 36-15, dated 31 August 2004.

Parliamentary Entitlements Act—Parliamentary Entitlements Regulations—

Advice of decision to pay assistance under paragraph 18(a), dated 30 August; and 14 October 2004.

Consolidated statement of expenditure under paragraph 18(b), dated 16 November 2004.

24 COMMITTEES—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

The Deputy President (Senator Hogg) informed the Senate that the President had received letters nominating senators to be members of various committees.

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Coonan), by leave, moved—That senators be appointed to committees as follows:

Administration of Indigenous Affairs—Select Committee—

Appointed—Senators Carr, Crossin, Heffernan, Johnston, Moore, Nettle, Ridgeway and Scullion

Appropriations and Staffing—Standing Committee—

Appointed—Senators Allison, Boswell, Faulkner, Ferris, Heffernan and Ray

Community Affairs Legislation Committee—

Appointed—

Senators Barnett, Denman, Greig, Humphries, Knowles and Marshall

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Allison, Bishop, Boswell, Buckland, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Harradine, Hogg, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mackay, McGauran, McLucas, Moore, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Tierney, Watson and Webber

Community Affairs References Committee—

Appointed—

Senators Humphries, Hutchins, Knowles, Lees, Marshall and Moore

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Allison, Barnett, Bishop, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Denman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Forshaw, Greig, Harradine, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Murray, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Tierney, Watson and Webber

Economics Legislation Committee—

Appointed—

Senators Brandis, Chapman, Murray, Stephens, Watson and Webber

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Boswell, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Cherry, Colbeck, Conroy, Cook, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fifield, Forshaw, Harradine, Kirk, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Lundy, Mackay, Marshall, Mason, McGauran, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Ridgeway, Sherry, Stott Despoja, Tchen, Tierney and Wong

Economics References Committee—

Appointed—

Senators Brandis, Chapman, Lundy, Ridgeway, Stephens and Webber

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Barnett, Boswell, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Cherry, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fifield, Forshaw, Harradine, Kirk, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, Murray, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Stott Despoja, Tchen, Tierney, Watson and Wong

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—

Appointed—

Senators Barnett, Johnston, Marshall, Stott Despoja, Tierney and Wong

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Boswell, Buckland, Carr, Chapman, Cherry, Colbeck, Collins, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Fifield, Forshaw, Harradine, Humphries, Hutchins, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Sherry, Stephens, Watson and Webber

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—

Appointed—

Senators Barnett, Collins, Crossin, Kirk, Stott Despoja and Tierney

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Boswell, Buckland, Carr, Chapman, Cherry, Colbeck, Coonan, Denman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fifield, Forshaw, Harradine, Humphries, Johnston, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mackay, Marshall, McGauran, McLucas, Mason, Moore, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Sherry, Stephens, Watson, Webber and Wong

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

Appointed—

Senators Allison, Conroy, Eggleston, Mackay, Santoro and Tchen

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Bolkus, Boswell, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Heffernan, Humphries, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, McLucas, Moore, Nettle, O'Brien, Ray, Watson and Wong

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

Appointed—

Senators Bishop, Cherry, Conroy, Mackay, Tchen and Tierney

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Allison, Bolkus, Boswell, Buckland, George Campbell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Humphries, Knowles, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, Nettle, O'Brien, Payne, Ray and Watson

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—

Appointed—

Senators Brandis, George Campbell, Forshaw, Heffernan, Mason and Murray

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fifield, Harradine, Knowles, Ludwig, Mackay, Marshall, McGauran, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Ridgeway, Sherry, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Finance and Public Administration References Committee—

Appointed—

Senators George Campbell, Forshaw, Heffernan, Moore, Ridgeway and Watson

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Brandis, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fifield, Harradine, Knowles, Ludwig, Lundy, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, Murray, O'Brien, Payne, Ray, Sherry, Tchen and Tierney

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—

Appointed—

Senators Ferguson, Hutchins, Marshall, Payne, Sandy Macdonald and Ridgeway

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Conroy, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferris, Fifield, Forshaw, Harradine, Hogg, Johnston, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, Nettle, Ray, Santoro, Stott Despoja, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—

Appointed—

Senators Hogg, Hutchins, Johnston, Sandy Macdonald, Marshall and Ridgeway

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Bartlett, Boswell, Brandis, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Collins, Conroy, Coonan, Denman, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Fifield, Harradine, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Mackay, Mason, McGauran, Nettle, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Stott Despoja, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

House—Standing Committee—

Appointed—Senators Carr, Crossin, Ferris, Lightfoot and Stephens

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—

Appointed—

Senators Bolkus, Greig, Ludwig, Mason, Payne and Scullion

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Barnett, Bartlett, Bishop, Brandis, Buckland, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Harradine, Humphries, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mackay, McGauran, McLucas, Nettle, Ray, Sherry, Stephens, Stott Despoja, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

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Library—Standing Committee—

Appointed—Senators Faulkner, Kirk, Scullion, Stephens, Tchen and Tierney

Privileges—Standing Committee—

Appointed—Senators Faulkner, Humphries, Johnston, Knowles, Payne, Ray and Sherry

Procedure—Standing Committee—

Appointed—Senators Allison, Eggleston, Ellison, Faulkner, Ferguson and Ray

Publications—Standing Committee—

Appointed—Senators Hutchins, Johnston, Kirk, Marshall, Moore, Scullion and Watson

Regulations and Ordinances—Standing Committee—

Appointed—Senators Bartlett, Marshall, Mason, Moore, Santoro and Tchen

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—

Appointed—

Senators Buckland, Cherry, Ferris, Heffernan, McGauran and Stephens
Participating members: Senators Abetz, Allison, Bishop, Boswell, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Greig, Harradine, Hutchins, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, Sandy Macdonald, Mackay, Mason, McLucas, Nettle, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Tchen, Tierney, Watson and Webber

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—

Appointed—

Senators Buckland, Heffernan, McGauran, O'Brien, Ridgeway and Stephens
Participating members: Senators Abetz, Allison, Boswell, Carr, Chapman, Colbeck, Coonan, Crossin, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Greig, Harradine, Hutchins, Ludwig, Knowles, Lightfoot, Sandy Macdonald, Mackay, Mason, Nettle, Payne, Ray, Santoro, Tchen, Tierney, Watson and Webber

Scrafton Evidence—Select Committee—

Appointed—Senators Bartlett, Brandis, Collins, Faulkner and Ferguson

Scrutiny of Bills—Standing Committee—

Appointed—Senators Barnett, Johnston, Marshall, Mason, Murray and Ray

Selection of Bills—Standing Committee—

Appointed—Senators Eggleston, Ellison, Ludwig and Webber

Senators' Interests—Standing Committee—

Appointed—Senators Allison, Denman, Forshaw, Humphries, Kirk, Lightfoot, McGauran and Webber.

Question put and passed.

25 JOINT COMMITTEES—APPOINTMENT

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported relating to the appointment of joint committees, as follows:

Message no. 3, dated 18 November 2004—Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission

Message no. 4, dated 18 November 2004—Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services

Message no. 5, dated 18 November 2004—Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

Message no. 6, dated 18 November 2004—Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Message no. 7, dated 18 November 2004—Joint Standing Committee on Migration

Message no. 8, dated 18 November 2004—Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories

Message no. 9, dated 18 November 2004—Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund

Message no. 10, dated 18 November 2004—Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, and transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following resolutions:

Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission

That in accordance with section 54 of the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission shall be as follows:

- (a) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 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 or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (b) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (c) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (d) That the committee elect a 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.
- (e) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
- (f) 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.
- (g) 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.
- (h) 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.
- (i) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
- (j) 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.
- (k) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced.
- (l) That the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings in any place it sees fit.
- (m) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

- (n) That the committee may report from time to time.
- (o) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on the National Crime Authority and the Australian Crime Commission appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (p) That, in carrying out its duties, the committee or any subcommittee, ensure that the operational methods and results of investigations of law enforcement agencies, as far as possible, be protected from disclosure where that would be against the public interest.
- (q) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services

That, in accordance with section 242 of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services shall be as follows:

- (a) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 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 or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority groups or independent Senators.
- (b) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (c) That the committee elect a member nominated by the Government Whips or the Leader of the Government in the Senate as its chair.
- (d) That the committee elect a 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.
- (e) That, in the event of the votes on a question before the committee being equally divided, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
- (f) 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.
- (g) 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.
- (h) 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 a subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.

- (i) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
- (j) 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.
- (k) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced.
- (l) That the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit.
- (m) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (n) That the committee may report from time to time.
- (o) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Corporations and Financial Services and Corporations and Securities appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (p) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters be appointed to inquire into and report on such matters relating to electoral laws and practices and their administration as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister.
- (2) Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:
 - (a) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
 - (b) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
- (3) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 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 or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (5) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.

- (6) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (7) That the committee elect a 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.
- (8) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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.
- (11) 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.
- (12) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
- (13) 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.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced.
- (15) That the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings in any place it sees fit.
- (16) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (17) That the committee may report from time to time.
- (18) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of:
 - (a) submissions lodged with the Clerk of the Senate in response to public advertisements placed in accordance with the resolution of the Senate of 26 November 1981 relating to a proposed Joint Select Committee on the Electoral System, and
 - (b) the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Electoral Reform and Electoral Matters appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (19) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

- (1) (a) That a Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade be appointed to consider and report on such matters relating to foreign affairs, defence and trade as may be referred to it by:
 - (i) either House of the Parliament;

- (ii) the Minister for Foreign Affairs;
 - (iii) the Minister for Defence; or
 - (iv) the Minister for Trade.
- (b) Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:
- (i) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
 - (ii) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
- (2) That the committee consist of 32 members, 12 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 8 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 5 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 5 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 2 Senators to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith 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 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 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 equality of voting, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
- (8) That 6 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, in addition to the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (9), the chair and deputy chair of the committee be *ex officio* members of each subcommittee appointed.
- (11) 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.

- (12) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
- (13) 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.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced.
- (15) That the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit.
- (16) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (17) That the committee may report from time to time.
- (18) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Foreign Affairs and Defence and Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (19) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Joint Standing Committee on Migration

- (1) (a) That a Joint Standing Committee on Migration be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
 - (i) regulations made or proposed to be made under the *Migration Act 1958*;
 - (ii) proposed changes to the *Migration Act 1958* and any related acts; and
 - (iii) such other matters relating to migration as may be referred to it by the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs.
- (b) Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:
 - (i) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
 - (ii) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
- (2) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 1 Senator to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.

- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith 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 standing 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 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 equality of voting, 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 the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 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 public 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 may report from time to time.
- (16) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committees on Migration Regulations and the Joint Standing Committees on Migration appointed in previous Parliaments.
- (17) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories be appointed to inquire into and report on:
 - (a) matters coming within the terms of section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974* as may be referred to it by:
 - (i) either House of the Parliament; or

- (ii) the Minister responsible for administering the *Parliament Act 1974*; or
 - (iii) the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
 - (b) such other matters relating to the parliamentary zone as may be referred to it by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
 - (c) such amendments to the National Capital Plan as are referred to it by a Minister responsible for administering the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988*;
 - (d) such other matters relating to the National Capital as may be referred to it by:
 - (i) either House of the Parliament; or
 - (ii) the Minister responsible for administering the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988*; and
 - (e) such matters relating to Australia's territories as may be referred to it by:
 - (i) either House of the Parliament; or
 - (ii) the Minister responsible for the administration of the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands; the Territory of Christmas Island; the Coral Sea Islands Territory; the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands; the Australian Antarctic Territory, and the Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands, and of Commonwealth responsibilities on Norfolk Island.
- (2) Annual reports of government departments and authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make. Reports shall stand referred to the committee in accordance with a schedule tabled by the Speaker to record the areas of responsibility of each committee, provided that:
- (a) any question concerning responsibility for a report or a part of a report shall be determined by the Speaker; and
 - (b) the period during which an inquiry concerning an annual report may be commenced by a committee shall end on the day on which the next annual report of that Department or authority is presented to the House.
- (3) That the committee consist of 12 members, the Deputy Speaker, 3 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 or by any independent Member, the Deputy President and Chairman of Committees, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (4) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.
- (5) That the members of the committee hold office as a joint standing committee until the House of Representatives is dissolved or expires by effluxion of time.
- (6) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.

- (7) That the committee elect a 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.
- (8) That, in the event of an equality of voting, the chair or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
- (9) That 3 members of the committee (of whom one is the Deputy President or the Deputy Speaker when matters affecting the parliamentary zone are under consideration) 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.
- (10) 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.
- (11) 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.
- (12) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
- (13) That members of the committee who are not members of a subcommittee may participate in the public proceedings of that subcommittee but shall not vote, move any motion or be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced.
- (15) That the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit.
- (16) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (17) That the committee may report from time to time.
- (18) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Standing Committees on the National Capital and External Territories, the Joint Committees on the Australian Capital Territory, the Joint Standing Committees on the New Parliament House, the Joint Standing Committee on the Parliamentary Zone and the Joint Committee on the National Capital appointed during previous Parliaments and of the House of Representatives and Senate Standing Committees on Transport, Communications and Infrastructure when sitting as a joint committee on matters relating to the Australian Capital Territory.
- (19) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund

That, in accordance with section 205 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund shall be as follows:

- (a) That the committee consist of 10 members, 3 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 or by any independent Member, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 2 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority groups or independent Senators.
- (b) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (c) That the committee elect a Government member as its chair.
- (d) That the committee elect a 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.
- (e) That, in the event of the votes on a question before the committee being equally divided, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.
- (f) 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.
- (g) 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.
- (h) 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 a subcommittee the members of the subcommittee present shall elect another member of that subcommittee to act as chair at that meeting.
- (i) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members of that subcommittee, provided that in a deliberative meeting the quorum shall comprise 1 Government member of either House and 1 non-Government member of either House.
- (j) 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.
- (k) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced.
- (l) That the committee have power to examine and report on such annual and related reports as may be referred to it by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

- (m) That the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit.
- (n) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (o) That the committee may report from time to time.
- (p) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

- (1) That a Joint Standing Committee on Treaties be appointed to inquire into and report upon:
 - (a) matters arising from treaties and related National Interest Analyses and proposed treaty actions presented or deemed to be presented to the Parliament;
 - (b) any question relating to a treaty or other international instrument, whether or not negotiated to completion, referred to the committee by:
 - (i) either House of the Parliament, or
 - (ii) a Minister; and
 - (c) such other matters as may be referred to the committee by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and on such conditions as the Minister may prescribe.
- (2) That the committee consist of 16 members, 6 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Government Whip or Whips, 3 Members of the House of Representatives to be nominated by the Opposition Whip or Whips or by any independent Member, 3 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, 3 Senators to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and 1 Senator to be nominated by any minority group or groups or independent Senator or independent Senators.
- (3) That every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith 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 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 to 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 equality of voting, 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 not more than 3 subcommittees each 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, in addition to the members appointed pursuant to paragraph (9), the chair and deputy chair of the committee be ex officio members of each subcommittee appointed.
- (11) 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.
- (12) That the quorum of a subcommittee be 2 members 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.
- (13) 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.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to call for witnesses to attend and for documents to be produced.
- (15) That the committee or any subcommittee may conduct proceedings at any place it sees fit.
- (16) That a subcommittee have power to adjourn from time to time and to sit during any adjournment of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
- (17) That the committee may report from time to time.
- (18) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Standing Committees on Treaties appointed during previous Parliaments.
- (19) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Coonan) moved—That consideration of message no. 4 relating to the proposed Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services be made an order of the day for the next day of sitting.

Question put and passed.

Senator Coonan, by leave, moved—That the Senate concurs with the resolutions of the House of Representatives contained in messages nos 3 and 5 to 10 relating to the appointment of certain joint committees.

Question put and passed.

General business was called on.

26 COMMUNICATIONS—TELSTRA

Senator Conroy, pursuant to notice, moved general business notice of motion no. 13—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) the Government has failed to ensure that telecommunications service standards are up to scratch in rural and regional Australia,
- (ii) the chief of the Government's telecommunications inquiry, Mr Dick Estens, has said that telecommunications services in the bush remain a 'shemozzle', and

- (iii) selling Telstra will cost the budget \$255 million over the next 4 years; and
- (b) calls on the Government to keep Telstra in majority public ownership to ensure reliable telecommunications services for all Australians.

Debate ensued.

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

27 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS—CONSIDERATION

The following orders of the day relating to government documents were considered:

Australian Law Reform Commission—Report no. 99—Genes and ingenuity: Gene patenting and human health, June 2004. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 April to 30 June 2004. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Reserve Bank of Australia—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2004. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Medibank Private—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Medibank Private—Statement of corporate intent 2004-2007. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Repatriation Medical Authority—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Final Budget Outcome 2003-04—Report by the Treasurer (Mr Costello) and the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin), September 2004. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian War Memorial—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Defence Housing Authority—Statement of corporate intent, 2004-05. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Strategic Policy Institute—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

National Standards Commission—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Housing Assistance Act 1996—Report for 2002-03 on the operation of the 1999 Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement [Final report]. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Reports for 2003-04—Volume 1—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Reports for 2003-04—Volume 2—Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

National Residue Survey—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Bureau of Statistics—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Civil Aviation Safety Authority Australia—Corporate plan 2004-05 to 2006-07. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Indigenous Land Corporation—National Indigenous land strategy 2001-2006—Changes to strategy, February 2004. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Repatriation Medical Authority—Report for 2003-04—Corrigendum. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Trade Commission (AUSTRADE)—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Maritime Industry Finance Company Limited—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Industrial Relations Commission and Australian Industrial Registry—Reports for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Telstra Corporation Limited—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—Reports for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

National Gallery of Australia—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Film, Television and Radio School—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australia Council—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian National Maritime Museum—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Communications Authority—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

NetAlert Limited—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Film Australia Limited—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

National Library of Australia—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

National Museum of Australia—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Equal employment opportunity program—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australia Business Arts Foundation Ltd—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Office of Film and Literature Classification—Classification Board and Classification Review Board—Reports for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Family Law Council—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Film Finance Corporation Australia Limited—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Family Court of Australia—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner—Report for 2003-04 on the operation of the *Privacy Act 1988*. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Industrial Relations Court of Australia—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Government Information Management Office—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Film Commission—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of Family and Community Services—Report for 2003-04—Volumes 1 and 2. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Greenhouse Office—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

PSS Board—Public Sector Superannuation Scheme—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

CSS Board—Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement pursuant to section 34C(6) relating to the extension of specified period for the presentation of a report—Department of Finance and Administration—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Research Council—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Repatriation Commission, Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission, Department of Veterans' Affairs and National Treatment Monitoring Committee—Reports for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of the Environment and Heritage—Report for 2003-04, including the final annual report of the Australian Heritage Commission. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian National Training Authority—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Anindilyakwa Land Council—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Tiwi Land Council—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Central Queensland Land Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Goldfields Land and Sea Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation)—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Kimberley Land Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

North Queensland Land Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Yamatji Marlpa Barna Baba Maaja Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

National Oceans Office—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian National Training Authority—Report for 2003. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

National Australia Day Council—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Commonwealth Ombudsman—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of the Treasury—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Office of Financial Management—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Public Lending Right Committee—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Broadcasting Authority—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Bundanon Trust—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Public Service Commissioner—Report for 2003-04, together with the report of the Merit Protection Commissioner. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of Education, Science and Training—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Enterprise and Career Education Foundation Limited—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Law Reform Commission—Report no. 100—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Federal Magistrates Court—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Government Solicitor—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Administrative Review Council—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Federal Court of Australia—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Food Standards Australia New Zealand—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Comcare Australia—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

CrimTrac Agency—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Customs Service—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Reinsurance Pool Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Inspector-General of Taxation—Report for the period 7 August 2003 to 30 June 2004. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Supervising Scientist—Report for 2003-04 on the operation of the *Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act 1978*. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Employment Advocate—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for the period 29 June 2003 to 26 June 2004. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

International Air Services Commission—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Attorney-General's Department—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Inspector-General in Bankruptcy—Report for 2003-04 on the operation of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement pursuant to section 34C(6) relating to the extension of specified period for the presentation of a report—Department of Transport and Regional Services—Report for 2003-04.

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust Fund—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Services Trust Funds—Reports for 2003-04 of the Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund, the Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund and the Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Commissioner for Complaints—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Limited—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Corporate governance—Review of the corporate governance of statutory authorities and office holders—Report by John Uhrig, June 2003. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Corporate governance—Review of the corporate governance of statutory authorities and office holders—Government response. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Tobacco Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2003-04. [Final report]. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Government Solicitor—Statement of corporate intent 2004-05. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Product Stewardship (Oil) Act 2000—Independent review—Final report by the Allen Consulting Group, May 2004. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Product Stewardship for Oil Program—Independent review of the transitional assistance element of the program—Report by Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, March 2004. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Financial Reporting Council and Australian Accounting Standards Board—Reports for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Advance to the Finance Minister—Statement and supporting applications for funds for June 2004. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of Finance and Administration—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Commissioner for Superannuation (ComSuper)—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australia-Indonesia Institute—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Reserve Bank of Australia—Equity and diversity—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Australian Institute of Criminology and the Criminology Research Council—Reports for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Crimes Act 1914—Assumed identities—Australian Federal Police—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Crimes Act 1914—Controlled operations—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

National Witness Protection Program—Report for 2003-04 on the operation of the *Witness Protection Act 1994*. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Department of Employment and Workplace Relations—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

APEC—Australia's individual action plan 2004. Motion of Senator Buckland to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator George Campbell debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

General business concluded.

**28 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:

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Indian Ocean territories: Review of the annual reports of the Department of Transport and Regional Services and the Department of the Environment and Heritage. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator George Campbell. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator George Campbell in continuation.

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Difficult choices: Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority in determining the extent of redevelopment of the Pierces Creek Settlement in the ACT. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator George Campbell. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator George Campbell in continuation.

Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Report—The road to a republic. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Stott Despoja. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Stott Despoja in continuation.

Australian Crime Commission—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Examination of the annual report for 2002-03 of the National Crime Authority and the Australian Crime Commission. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator George Campbell. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator George Campbell in continuation.

Administration of Indigenous Affairs—Select Committee—Interim report. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator George Campbell. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator George Campbell in continuation.

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—Report—Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2004. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Economics Legislation Committee—Report—Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004). Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—Report—Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004). Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—Report—Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004). Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Report—Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004). Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Report—Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004). Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Report—Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004). Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Report—Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004), including final report on the administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Report—Provisions of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Australian forest plantations: A review of *Plantations for Australia: The 2020 vision*. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—Interim report—Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's energy white paper. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—Supplementary report—Provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2004. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Interim report—Inquiry into government advertising and accountability. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Australian forest plantations: A review of *Plantations for Australia: The 2020 vision*—Corrigendum. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Report—Marriage Amendment Bill 2004. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Report—Provisions of the Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2004. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Report—Annual reports (No. 2 of 2004)—Corrigendum. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Interim report—Inquiry into the effectiveness of Australia's military justice system. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Interim report—Provisions of the National Animal Welfare Bill 2003. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—Interim report—Provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Protecting Small Business Employment) Bill 2004. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Report—Tobacco advertising prohibition. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Wong. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Wong in continuation.

Community Affairs References Committee—Interim report—Inquiry into aged care. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Wong. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Wong in continuation.

Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Interim report—Inquiry into Australian expatriates. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Wong. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Wong in continuation.

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—Interim report—Inquiry into lifelong learning. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Wong. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Wong in continuation.

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—Interim report—Inquiry into Indigenous training and employment. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Wong. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Wong in continuation.

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—Interim report—Inquiry into student income support. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—Interim report—Inquiry into the proposed amendment in the form of Schedule 1B to the Workplace Relations Amendment (Codifying Contempt Offences) Bill 2003. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Lindeberg Grievance—Select Committee—Report. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Watson and agreed to.

29 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. 10 of 2004-05—Business support process audit—The Senate order for departmental and agency contracts (calendar year 2003 compliance). Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Auditor-General—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 11 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Commonwealth entities' foreign exchange risk management: Department of Finance and Administration. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 12 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Research project management follow-up audit: Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 13 of 2004-05—Business support process audit—Superannuation payments for independent contractors working for the Australian Government. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 14 of 2004-05—Performance audit—Management and promotion of citizenship services: Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Webber. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Webber in continuation.

30 COMMITTEES—CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

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

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Colbeck), by leave, moved—That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

Economics Legislation Committee—

Appointed—Substitute member: Senator Allison to replace Senator Murray for matters relating to the Resources portfolio

Economics References Committee—

Appointed—Substitute member: Senator Allison to replace Senator Ridgeway for matters relating to the Resources portfolio

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation and References Committees—

Appointed—Substitute members:

Senator Allison to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Schools and Training portfolio

Senator Cherry to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Employment portfolio

Senator Murray to replace Senator Stott Despoja for matters relating to the Workplace Relations portfolio

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

Appointed—Substitute members:

Senator Cherry to replace Senator Allison for matters relating to the Communications portfolio

Senator Greig to replace Senator Allison for matters relating to the Information Technology portfolio

Senator Ridgeway to replace Senator Allison for matters relating to the Arts portfolio

Legal and Constitutional Legislation and References Committees—

Appointed—Substitute member: Senator Ridgeway to replace Senator Greig for matters relating to the Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

Question put and passed.

31 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 6.59 pm till Monday, 29 November 2004 at 12.30 pm.

32 ATTENDANCE

Present, all senators except Senators Bolkus, Cook, McLucas, Sherry and Tierney* (* on leave).

HARRY EVANS
Clerk of the Senate