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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 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT

The following government document was tabled:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997—Live-stock mortalities for exports by sea—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2005.

3 ROUTINE OF BUSINESS—VARIATION—FIRST SPEECHES

The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison), pursuant to notice, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—That consideration of the business before the Senate on the following days be interrupted at 5 pm, but not so as to interrupt a senator speaking, to enable senators to make their first speeches without any question before the chair, as follows:

- (a) Wednesday, 10 August 2005—Senators Ronaldson, Fielding and Milne;
- (b) Thursday, 11 August 2005—Senators Adams, Polley and Siewert;
- (c) Tuesday, 16 August 2005—Senators Trood, Sterle and Joyce; and
- (d) Thursday, 18 August 2005—Senators Nash, Wortley and Parry.

Question put and passed.

4 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) moved—That government business notices of motion nos 2 to 5 standing in the names of the Minister for the Arts and Sport (Senator Kemp) and Senator Lundy, the Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) and the Minister for Defence (Senator Hill), be postponed till a later hour.

Question put and passed.

5 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INCOME TAX REDUCTION) BILL 2005

A message from the House of Representatives was reported insisting on disagreeing to the amendments made and insisted on by the Senate to the following bill:

Message no. 180, dated 9 August 2005—Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2005.

Ordered, on the motion of the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin), that the message be considered in committee of the whole immediately.

In the committee

Senator Minchin moved—That the committee does not further insist on its amendments to which the House of Representatives has insisted on disagreeing.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Kirk) resumed the chair and the Temporary Chair of Committees reported that the committee had considered message no. 180 from the House of Representatives relating to the Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2005 and had resolved not to further insist on the amendments made by the Senate to which the House had insisted on disagreeing.

On the motion of Senator Minchin the report from the committee was adopted.

**6 SUPERANNUATION LAWS AMENDMENT (ABOLITION OF SURCHARGE) BILL 2005—
RESTORATION TO NOTICE PAPER**

The Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin), at the request of the Minister for Family and Community Services (Senator Patterson) and pursuant to notice, moved government business notice of motion no. 6—That the second reading of the Superannuation Laws Amendment (Abolition of Surcharge) Bill 2005 be restored to the *Notice Paper* and be made an order of the day for a later hour.

Question put and passed.

7 SUPERANNUATION LAWS AMENDMENT (ABOLITION OF SURCHARGE) BILL 2005

The Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin) moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

On the motion of Senator Minchin the bill was read a third time.

**8 ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS
REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REPORT—PERFORMANCE OF THE AUSTRALIAN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY REGIME**

Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee (Senator Bartlett), by leave, tabled the following report and documents:

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—The performance of the Australian telecommunications regulatory regime—Report, dated August 2005, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee and submissions [52].

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Bartlett.

Senator Bartlett, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the report.

Debate ensued.

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

9 BORDER PROTECTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DETERRENCE OF ILLEGAL FOREIGN FISHING) BILL 2005

A message from the House of Representatives was reported as follows:

Message no. 181, dated 9 August 2005—Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005, agreeing to amendments nos 3, 5 and 8 made by the Senate, and disagreeing to amendments nos 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9.

Ordered, on the motion of the Special Minister of State (Senator Abetz), that the message be considered in committee of the whole immediately.

In the committee

SCHEDULE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE SENATE TO WHICH
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS DISAGREED

- (1) Schedule 1, item 13, page 8 (line 25) to page 9 (line 3), omit section 3, substitute:

3 Appointment of detention officers

The Minister may, by instrument, appoint:

- (a) an officer or employee of AFMA or of the Commonwealth, or of the administration of a Territory (other than a Territory mentioned in paragraph (b)) or of an authority of the Commonwealth; or
- (b) an officer or employee of a State, the Northern Territory or the Australian Capital Territory, or of an authority of a State or one of those Territories, in relation to whom there is in force an arrangement between the Commonwealth and the State or Territory, as the case may be;

to be a detention officer.

- (2) Schedule 1, item 13, page 9 (lines 16 and 17), omit subsection 5(2).
(4) Schedule 1, item 13, page 9 (lines 23 to 27), omit subsection 6(2).
(6) Schedule 1, item 20, page 54 (lines 2 to 12), omit section 3, substitute:

3 Appointment of detention officers

The Minister may, by instrument, appoint:

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- (b) an officer or employee of a State, the Northern Territory or the Australian Capital Territory, or of an authority of a State or one of those Territories, in relation to whom there is in force an arrangement between the Commonwealth and the State or Territory, as the case may be;

to be a detention officer.

- (7) Schedule 1, item 20, page 54 (lines 26 and 27), omit subsection 5(2).
(9) Schedule 1, item 20, page 55 (lines 6 to 10), omit subsection 6(2).

Senator Abetz moved—That the committee does not insist on its amendments nos 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9 to which the House of Representatives has disagreed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Lightfoot) resumed the chair and the Temporary Chair of Committees reported that the committee had considered message no. 181 from the House of Representatives relating to the Border Protection Legislation Amendment (Deterrence of Illegal Foreign Fishing) Bill 2005 and had resolved not to insist on amendments nos 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9 made by the Senate to which the House had disagreed.

On the motion of the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald) the report from the committee was adopted.

10 CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

The Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Ian Macdonald), at the request of the Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) and pursuant to notice, moved government business notice of motion no. 7—That the government business order of the day for 18 August 2005, relating to the Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 and a related bill, be made an order of the day for a later hour.

Question put and passed.

11 SKILLING AUSTRALIA'S WORKFORCE BILL 2005

SKILLING AUSTRALIA'S WORKFORCE (REPEAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2005

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Ian Campbell)—That these bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Senator Nettle moved the following amendment in respect of the Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005:

At the end of the motion, add "but the Senate:

- (a) condemns the Government for introducing legislation that would undermine the quality of public provision of vocational education and training by:
 - (i) failing to recognise and reward the good will of Australia's Technical and Further Education (TAFE) teachers and support staff and their commitment to the best interests of their students and the community,
 - (ii) attempting to introduce a climate of fear and greed into TAFE colleges, based on both punitive industrial relations arrangements and the entirely impractical requirement for performance-based pay,
 - (iii) compromising the ability of TAFE teachers to work collaboratively by attempting to set them in competition with each other,

- (iv) using TAFE as a beachhead in their assault on Australia's union movement,
 - (v) using TAFE as a pawn in their attempt to centralise decision making in Canberra and undermine the balance of power between the states and the Commonwealth,
 - (vi) substituting financial blackmail of the states for proper negotiation with all interested parties and consensus building,
 - (vii) playing out an agenda of revenge against the Australian Education Union and the New South Wales Teachers Federation for their well-founded criticisms of the Howard Government's failure to adequately fund public provision of vocational education and training, and
 - (viii) further progressing their vision of a privatised vocational education and training sector, despite the massive failure of existing funding of private providers to effectively contribute to quality outcomes; and
- (b) calls on the Government to withdraw this bill because it is fundamentally flawed and will fail to address Australia's growing skills shortage, and instead to:
- (i) develop arrangements for negotiation between the states, the Commonwealth and TAFE teachers and their union on funding of vocational education and training and on the coordination of policy setting in this sector,
 - (ii) recognise the current and potential future role that TAFE colleges and TAFE teachers and support staff play in wealth creation and in building Australia's cultural, social and democratic institutions,
 - (iii) recognise that the Commonwealth Government should play a key role in the funding of public provision of vocational education and training by restoring its per student funding of TAFE to 1996 levels in real terms and providing funding increases to match the growth in demand for vocational education and training over that period and for the next planning period, and
 - (iv) end the funding of private providers that compete with TAFE".

Debate ensued.

At 12.45 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Webber was speaking.

12 MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Matters of public interest were discussed.

At 2 pm—

13 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were answered.

Distinguished visitors: The President welcomed members of a parliamentary delegation from Canada led by the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Honourable Peter Milliken, MP, and, with the concurrence of honourable senators, invited the Speaker to take a seat on the floor of the chamber.

Further questions without notice were answered.

14 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans) moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Coonan) and the Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) to questions without notice asked today.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

15 PETITIONS

The following 4 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the senators indicated, were received:

The President, from 22 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to restrict children's exposure to Internet pornography.

Senator Bartlett, from 270 petitioners, requesting that the Senate support the Defence Amendment (Parliamentary approval for Australian involvement in overseas conflicts) Bill 2003 [2004].

Senator Carr, from 868 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to ban the production, transfer, importation and use of anti-vehicle mines.

Senator Hutchins, from 2 552 petitioners, requesting that the Senate reject any changes to industrial relations legislation which adversely affect working Australians and their families.

16 NOTICES

The Minister for the Arts and Sport (Senator Kemp): To move on 16 August 2005—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Customs Amendment (Extension of Import Cut-over Time) Bill 2005, allowing it to be considered during this period of sittings.

Document: Senator Kemp tabled the following document:

Consideration of legislation—Statement of reasons for introduction and passage of the Customs Amendment (Extension of Import Cut-over Time) Bill 2005 in the 2005 spring sittings.

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

- (a) congratulates the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Discovery crew on their successful mission which involved the resupply of, and maintenance on, the International Space Station; and

- (b) commends the Discovery crew, astronauts Eileen Collins (Commander), Charles Camarda, Wendy Lawrence, Steven Robinson, Soichi Noguchi, James Kelly and South Australian-born Andrew Thomas, on their safe launch into space on 26 July 2005 and return on 9 August 2005. (*general business notice of motion no. 205*)

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

- (1) That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent this resolution having effect.
- (2) That the Truth in Food Labelling Bill 2003 be restored to the *Notice Paper* and that consideration of the bill be resumed at the stage reached in the last session of the Parliament. (*general business notice of motion no. 206*)

Senator Bartlett: To move on 17 August 2005—That the Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of Live-stock to Saudi Arabia) Order 2005 [F2005L01580], made under section 17 of the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997*, be disallowed.

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

- (a) notes that 126 members of the Iraqi Parliament have signed on to the following statement:

As the National Assembly is the legitimate representative of the Iraqi people and the guardian of its interests, and as the voice of the people, especially with regard to repeated demands for the departure of the occupation, we note that these demands have earlier been made in more than one session but have blatantly been ignored from the Chair. Worse still is the Government's request to the UN Security Council to extend the presence of the occupation forces, made without consultation with the people's representative in the National Assembly who hold the right to make such fateful decisions.

In line with our historic responsibility, we reject the legitimization of the occupation and we repeat our demand for the departure of the occupation forces, especially since our national forces have been able to break the back of terrorism and to notably establish its presence in the Iraqi street and to recover the state's dignity and the citizen's trust in the security forces leading to the noble objectives in an Iraq whose sovereignty is not embellished; and

- (b) calls on the Government to bring Australia's troops home from Iraq. (*general business notice of motion no. 207*)

17 SELECTION OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 7 OF 2005

The Chair of the Selection of Bills Committee (Senator Ferris) tabled the following report:

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 7 OF 2005

1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 9 August 2005 at 6.48 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2005;

- (b) the *provisions* of the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2005;
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005 be *referred immediately* to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 October 2005; and
 - (d) the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2005.
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
- Acts Interpretation Amendment (Legislative Instruments) Bill 2005
 - Arts Legislation Amendment (Maritime Museum and Film, Television and Radio School) Bill 2005
 - Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005
 - Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005
 - Health Insurance Amendment (Medical Specialists) Bill 2005
 - Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Budget Measures) Bill 2005
 - Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 3) Bill 2005
 - Human Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005
 - Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2005
 - National Residue Survey (Customs) Levy Amendment Bill 2005
 - National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Amendment Bill 2005
 - Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment Bill 2005
 - Offshore Petroleum Bill 2005
 - Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Bill 2005
 - Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Bill 2005
 - Offshore Petroleum (Repeals and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005
 - Offshore Petroleum (Royalty) Bill 2005
 - Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment Bill 2005
 - Taxation Laws Amendment (Scholarships) Bill 2005
 - Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 4) Bill 2005
 - Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment (Protection of Submarine Cables and Other Measures) Bill 2005
 - Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee *deferred* consideration of the following bills to the next meeting:
- Bill deferred from meeting of 8 February 2005*
Trade Practices Amendment (Personal Injuries and Death) Bill 2004.
 - Bills deferred from meeting of 9 August 2005*
Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005.
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Safety and Other Measures) Bill 2005.

Jeannie Ferris
Chair
10 August 2005.

Senator Ferris moved—That the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.

18 POSTPONEMENTS

The following items of business were postponed:

General business notice of motion no. 196 standing in the name of the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison) for today, relating to nuclear weapons, postponed till 11 August 2005.

General business notice of motion no. 197 standing in the name of Senator Stott Despoja for today, relating to the Burmese military regime and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, postponed till 11 August 2005.

19 DEATH OF MS AMY GILLETT

The Minister for the Arts and Sport (Senator Kemp), also on behalf of Senator Lundy, the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding), the Australian Democrats and the Australian Greens, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 2—That the Senate—

- (a) conveys its deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Amy Gillett, Australian cyclist, who died tragically in a road accident in Germany while training with the Australian Road Cycling Team on 18 July 2005;
- (b) records its very best wishes for a full recovery to Amy's team mates who were also involved in the accident, Louise Yaxley, Alexis Rhodes, Kate Nichols, Lorian Graham and Katie Brown; and
- (c) records its thanks to the Australian Ambassador to Germany and staff, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Institute of Sport and Cycling Australia for their support provided to family and friends of the cyclists involved in the accident and to the surviving cyclists.

Statements by leave: Senators Kemp and Lundy, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

20 FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFERENCES COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING

The Chair of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee (Senator Forshaw), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 199—That the Finance and Public Administration References Committee be authorised to hold public meetings during the sitting of the Senate on the following days:

- (a) Thursday, 11 August 2005, from 3.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Regional Partnerships program; and
- (b) Thursday, 18 August 2005, from 4 pm to 7 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into government advertising.

Question put and passed.

21 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—MR DAVID HICKS

Senator Brown, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 194—That the Senate calls on the Government of the United States of America to immediately return Australian citizen, Mr David Hicks, to Australia.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 8

Senators—

Allison	Brown	Murray	Siewert (Teller)
Bartlett	Milne	Nettle	Stott Despoja

NOES, 53

Senators—

Abetz	Ellison	Ludwig	Polley
Adams	Ferguson	Lundy	Ronaldson
Barnett	Ferris (Teller)	Macdonald, Ian	Santoro
Boswell	Fierravanti-Wells	Macdonald, Sandy	Scullion
Brandis	Fifield	Mason	Stephens
Calvert	Heffernan	McEwen	Sterle
Campbell, George	Hill	McGauran	Troeth
Campbell, Ian	Humphries	McLucas	Trood
Carr	Hurley	Minchin	Watson
Chapman	Johnston	Moore	Webber
Colbeck	Joyce	Nash	Wortley
Coonan	Kemp	Parry	
Crossin	Kirk	Patterson	
Eggleston	Lightfoot	Payne	

Question negatived.

22 ENVIRONMENT—TASMANIA—TARKINE WILDERNESS

Senator Brown, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 204—That the Senate calls on the Government to investigate the potential for a World Heritage nomination for Tasmania's Tarkine wilderness.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 6

Senators—

Bartlett	Milne	Siewert (Teller)
Brown	Nettle	Stott Despoja

NOES, 49

Senators—

Abetz	Ferguson	Macdonald, Ian	Santoro
Barnett	Ferris (Teller)	Mason	Scullion
Calvert	Fierravanti-Wells	McEwen	Stephens
Campbell, George	Fifield	McGauran	Sterle
Campbell, Ian	Forshaw	McLucas	Troeth
Carr	Humphries	Moore	Trood
Chapman	Johnston	Nash	Watson
Colbeck	Joyce	Parry	Webber
Coonan	Kemp	Patterson	Wong
Crossin	Kirk	Payne	Wortley
Eggleston	Lightfoot	Polley	
Ellison	Ludwig	Ray	
Evans	Lundy	Ronaldson	

Question negatived.

23 ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING

Senator Ferris, at the request of the Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Brandis) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 200—That the Economics Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 11 August 2005, from 4 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005.

Question put and passed.

**24 RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—
EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT**

Senator Ferris, at the request of the Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (Senator Heffernan) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 202—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on the National Animal Welfare Bill 2005 be extended to the last sitting day in June 2006.

Question put and passed.

25 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT (EXTENSION OF IMPORT CUT-OVER TIME) BILL 2005

The Minister for Family and Community Services (Senator Patterson), at the request of the Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 3—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act relating to the implementation of the imports phase of the Integrated Cargo System, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

Senator Patterson presented the bill and moved—That this bill may proceed without formalities and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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

Explanatory memorandum: Senator Patterson tabled an explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

Consideration of legislation: Pursuant to order, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the first day in the next period of sittings.

26 GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OPENING SPEECH—ADDRESS-IN-REPLY

The Minister for Family and Community Services (Senator Patterson), at the request of the Minister for Defence (Senator Hill) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 4—That—

- (a) the address-in-reply be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General by the President and such senators as may desire to accompany him; and
- (b) on Wednesday, 17 August 2005, the Senate adjourn at 5 pm, for the purpose of presenting the address-in-reply to the Governor-General.

Question put and passed.

27 DAYS OF MEETING—VARIATION

The Minister for Family and Community Services (Senator Patterson), at the request of the Minister for Defence (Senator Hill) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 5—That the order of the Senate of 17 November 2004, relating to the days of meeting of the Senate in 2005, be modified to provide that the Senate not meet on Monday, 15 August 2005 to enable senators to fully participate in the 60th anniversary VP Day celebrations in their respective states and territories.

Question put and passed.

28 ECONOMICS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT

The Chair of the Economics References Committee (Senator Stephens), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 201—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Economics References Committee on possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia's current account deficit be extended to 6 October 2005.

Question put and passed.

29 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—WEST PAPUA—HUMAN RIGHTS

Senator Stott Despoja, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 198—That the Senate—

- (a) notes:
 - (i) the failure of the implementation of the Special Autonomy Law in improving the lives of indigenous West Papuans,
 - (ii) the Council for Indigenous Papuans, Dewan Adat Papua, has decided to 'hand back' the Special Autonomy Law to Jakarta on 15 August 2005,

- (iii) the unacceptable escalation of violence and intimidation, particularly in the district of Pyramid, and
 - (iv) the dramatic increase in the number of Indonesian troops deployed in West Papua; and
- (b) calls on the Government to:
- (i) make representations to the Indonesian Government to reassess the implementation of autonomy in West Papua,
 - (ii) make representations to the Indonesian Government to withdraw troops from West Papua,
 - (iii) draw attention to ongoing human rights abuses in West Papua, and
 - (iv) urge both sides to show restraint.

Question put and negatived. All Australian Greens senators, by leave, recorded their votes for the ayes.

30 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—JAPAN—WHALING PROGRAM

Senator Brown, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 195—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that Japan plans to increase its scientific whaling program; and
- (b) calls on the Howard Government to:
 - (i) stop all whaling from occurring in all Australian territorial waters,
 - (ii) send a surveillance vessel to monitor compliance with Australian laws and to take action to ensure laws prohibiting the slaughter of whales in Antarctic waters are not broken,
 - (iii) take immediate steps to prosecute boats detected slaughtering whales within Australian territorial waters under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*,
 - (iv) apply diplomatic pressure to Japan to stop it from expanding its whale killing activity,
 - (v) take immediate action to ensure that Australia's opposition to the proposed expansion of whale killing is clearly conveyed to all International Whaling Commission members, and
 - (vi) reaffirm its commitment to the establishment of a South Pacific whale sanctuary.

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

Foreign Affairs—Japan—Whaling program—Response to Senator Brown's motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Senators—

Bartlett	Hutchins	Milne	Siewert
Brown	Kirk	Moore	Stephens
Campbell, G (Teller)	Ludwig	Murray	Sterle
Carr	Lundy	Nettle	Stott Despoja
Crossin	Marshall	O'Brien	Webber
Forshaw	McEwen	Polley	Wong
Hurley	McLucas	Ray	Wortley

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Senators—

Abetz	Eggleston	Joyce	Patterson
Adams	Ellison	Kemp	Payne
Boswell	Ferguson	Macdonald, Ian	Ronaldson
Brandis	Ferris (Teller)	Macdonald, Sandy	Santoro
Calvert	Fierravanti-Wells	Mason	Scullion
Campbell, Ian	Heffernan	McGauran	Troeth
Chapman	Humphries	Nash	Trood
Colbeck	Johnston	Parry	Watson

Question negatived.

**31 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2003-04, BUDGET
ESTIMATES 2004-05 AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2004-05**

Senator McGauran, at the request of the Deputy Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (Senator Hutchins), tabled additional information received by the committee (Additional estimates 2003-04—vol. 3; Budget estimates 2004-05—vols 3 and 4; Budget estimates 2004-05 (Supplementary)—vols 1 and 2; Additional estimates 2004-05—vols 1 and 2).

**32 SCRUTINY OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—7TH REPORT AND ALERT DIGEST
NO. 8 OF 2005**

Senator George Campbell, at the request of the Chairman of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Ray), tabled the following report and document:

Scrutiny of Bills—Standing Committee—

7th report of 2005, dated 10 August 2005.

Alert Digest No. 8 of 2005, dated 10 August 2005.

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator George Campbell.

**33 ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—BUDGET ESTIMATES
2004-05 AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2004-05**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Ferguson) tabled the following documents received on 24 June 2005:

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—Additional information received by the committee (Budget estimates 2004-05 (Supplementary)—vol. 7; Additional estimates 2004-05—vols 2 and 3).

**34 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE REFERENCES COMMITTEE—
GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—AUSTRALIA’S RELATIONS WITH PAPUA NEW GUINEA
AND THE ISLAND STATES OF THE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Ferguson) tabled the following document received on 24 June 2005:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—A Pacific engaged: Australia’s relations with Papua New Guinea and the island states of the south-west Pacific—Government response, dated 7 April 2005.

35 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Ferguson) tabled the following documents received on the dates indicated:

Air Passenger Ticket Levy (Collection) Act 2001—Report for 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005. [Received 2 August 2005]

Australian Greenhouse Office—Energy use in the Australian Government’s operations—Report for 2003-04. [Received 13 July 2005]

Department of Defence—Special purpose flights—Schedule for the period July to December 2004. [Received 1 July 2005]

Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2005. [Received 3 August 2005]

IIF Investments Pty Limited, IIF (CM) Investments Pty Limited, IIF BioVentures Pty Limited, IIF Foundation Pty Limited and IIF Neo Pty Limited—Reports for 2003-04. [Received 20 July 2005]

Natural Heritage Trust—Report for 2003-04—Errata. [Received 27 July 2005]

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000—Report for 2004 on the operation of the Act. [Received 11 July 2005]

Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002—National Health and Medical Research Council—NHMRC Licensing Committee—Report for the period 1 October 2004 to 31 March 2005. [Received 29 June 2005]

Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council—Report for 2003-04. [Received 13 July 2005]

**36 AUDITOR-GENERAL—AUDIT REPORTS NOS 56 TO 59 OF 2004-05 AND AUDIT
REPORTS NOS 1 TO 4 OF 2005-06—DOCUMENTS**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Ferguson) tabled the following documents received on the dates indicated:

Auditor-General—

Audit reports for 2004-05—

No. 56—Financial statement audit—Interim phase of the audit of financial statements of general government sector entities for the year ending 30 June 2005. [Received 24 June 2005]

No. 57—Business support process audit—Purchasing procedures and practices. [Received 28 June 2005]

No. 58—Performance audit—Helping carers: the National Respite for Carers Program: Department of Health and Ageing. [Received 29 June 2005]

No. 59—Performance audit—Safe and accessible national collections: National Library of Australia; National Museum of Australia; National Gallery of Australia; National Archives of Australia; Australian War Memorial. [Received 30 June 2005]

Audit reports for 2005-06—

No. 1—Performance audit—Management of detention centre contracts—Part B: Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs. [*Received 7 July 2005*]

No. 2—Performance audit—Bank prudential supervision follow-up audit: Australian Prudential Regulation Authority. [*Received 15 July 2005*]

No. 3—Performance audit—Management of the M113 Armoured Personnel Carrier Upgrade Project. [*Received 28 July 2005*]

No. 4—Performance audit—Post sale management of privatised rail business contractual rights and obligations. [*Received 4 August 2005*]

37 IMMIGRATION—MS CORNELIA RAU—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENT—DOCUMENT

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of 23 June 2005, the Acting Deputy President (Senator Ferguson) tabled the following document received on 14 July 2005:

Immigration—Ms Cornelia Rau—Inquiry into the circumstances of the immigration detention of Cornelia Rau—Report by Mick Palmer, AO, APM, dated July 2005.

38 HEALTH—TOBACCO POLICY—DOCUMENTS

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

Health—Tobacco policy—Letters to the President of the Senate responding to the resolution of the Senate of 15 June 2005, from—

Deputy Premier of Tasmania (Mr Llewellyn), dated 25 July 2005.

Minister for Health (SA) (Ms Stevens), dated 14 July 2005.

Premier of New South Wales (Mr Carr), dated 6 July 2005.

Premier of Western Australia (Dr Gallop), dated 29 July 2005.

39 ENVIRONMENT—EARTH CHARTER—DOCUMENTS

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

Environment—Earth Charter—Letters to the President of the Senate responding to the resolution of the Senate of 21 June 2005, from—

Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory (Mr Stanhope), dated 21 July 2005.

Premier of Queensland (Mr Beattie), dated 20 July 2005.

40 ODGERS' AUSTRALIAN SENATE PRACTICE—11TH EDITION (SUPPLEMENT)—DOCUMENT

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Ferguson) tabled the following document:

Odgers' Australian Senate Practice—11th edition—Supplement—Updates to 30 June 2005.

41 BUSINESS OF THE SENATE—1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE 2005—DOCUMENT

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Ferguson) tabled the following document:

Business of the Senate—1 January to 30 June 2005.

42 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUMMARY—DOCUMENT

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Ferguson) tabled the following document:

Questions on notice summary—16 November 2004 to 30 June 2005.

43 WORK OF COMMITTEES—DOCUMENT

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Ferguson) tabled the following document:

Work of Committees—Financial year statistics: 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005; and half-year statistics: 1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005.

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

44 AUDITOR-GENERAL—AUDIT REPORT NO. 1 OF 2005-06—CONSIDERATION

Senator Bartlett, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the document tabled earlier today (*see entry no. 36*).

Debate ensued.

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

At 5 pm—

45 FIRST SPEECHES

Pursuant to order (*see entry no. 3*), Senators Ronaldson, Fielding and Milne made their first speeches.

46 IMMIGRATION—MS CORNELIA RAU—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENT—DOCUMENT—CONSIDERATION

Senator Ludwig, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the document tabled earlier today (*see entry no. 37*).

Debate ensued.

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

47 PARLIAMENTARY ZONE—CAPITAL WORKS PROPOSAL—DOCUMENTS

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Coonan) tabled the following documents:

Parliament Act—Parliamentary Zone—Proposal, together with supporting documentation, relating to the construction of a pathway on the southern foreshore of Lake Burley Griffin, including Australian of the Year Walk.

Notice of motion: Senator Coonan, by leave, gave a notice of motion as follows: To move on 16 August 2005—That, in accordance with section 5 of the *Parliament Act 1974*, the Senate approves the proposal by the National Capital Authority for capital works within the Parliamentary Zone, being the construction of a pathway on the southern foreshore of Lake Burley Griffin, including Australian of the Year Walk.

48 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—REPORT—COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT (FILM DIRECTORS' RIGHTS) BILL 2005

Pursuant to order, Senator Eggleston, at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee (Senator Payne), tabled the following report and documents:

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Provisions of the Copyright Amendment (Film Directors' Rights) Bill 2005—Report, dated August 2005, Hansard record of proceedings and submissions [11].

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Eggleston.

49 EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—REPORT—HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AMENDMENT (ABOLITION OF COMPULSORY UP-FRONT STUDENT UNION FEES) BILL 2005

Pursuant to order, Senator Eggleston, at the request of the Chair of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee (Senator Troeth), tabled the following report and documents:

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—Provisions of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Bill 2005—Report, dated August 2005, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions [192].

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Eggleston.

50 RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—REPORT—MARITIME TRANSPORT SECURITY AMENDMENT ACT 2005

Pursuant to order, Senator Eggleston, at the request of the Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (Senator Heffernan), tabled the following report and documents:

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Regulatory framework under the *Maritime Transport Security Amendment Act 2005*—Report, dated August 2005, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee and submissions [14].

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Eggleston.

51 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:

[Legislative instruments are identified by a Federal Register of Legislative Instruments (FRLI) number]

Australian Bureau of Statistics Act—Proposals Nos—

6 of 2005—New topics in the Monthly Population Survey.

7 of 2005—2004-2005 service industries surveys.

Broadcasting Services Act—Broadcasting Services (HDTV Demonstration Programs) Determination 2005 [F2005L02218]*.

Civil Aviation Act—

Civil Aviation Regulations—Instruments Nos—

CASA 292/05—Designation of airspace – Birdsville race meeting; and Directions – broadcast requirements and radio frequency [F2005L02167]*.

CASA EX31/05—Exemption – carriage of life rafts [F2005L02117]*.

Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directives—Part—105—

AD/AT/26—Horizontal Stabiliser Attachment Eyebolts [F2005L02087]*.

AD/AT 800/6—Horizontal Stabiliser Attachment Eyebolts [F2005L02085]*.

AD/TBM 700/41—Pilot Door Locking Fittings [F2005L02211]*.

107—AD/RAD/84—Honeywell RCZ-83() and RCZ-85() Communications Units [F2005L02237]*.

Class Ruling—Notice of Withdrawal—CR 2005/42.

Corporations Act—ASIC Class Orders—

[CO 05/642] [F2005L02197]*.

[CO 05/643] [F2005L02198]*.

[CO 05/644] [F2005L02202]*.

[CO 05/646] [F2005L02204]*.

Customs Act—Tariff Concession Revocation Instrument 15/2005 [F2005L02205]*.

Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act—Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Regulations—Certificates under regulation 5A, dated 29 July 2005 [2].

Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act—Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Determinations Nos—

65 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 110.0 (2005) [F2005L02126]*.

66 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 112.1 (2005) [F2005L02128]*.

67 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 112.2 (2005) [F2005L02129]*.

68 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 113.0 (2005) [F2005L02130]*.

69 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 113.1 (2005) [F2005L02131]*.

70 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 210.0 (2005) [F2005L02132]*.

71 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 220.0 (2005) [F2005L02133]*.

72 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 220.3 (2005) [F2005L02136]*.

73 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 220.5 (2005) [F2005L02137]*.

74 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 221.0 (2005) [F2005L02138]*.

75 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 222.0 (2005) [F2005L02140]*.

76 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 230.0 (2005) [F2005L02141]*.

77 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 231.1a (2005) [F2005L02142]*.

79 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 231.2 (2005) [F2005L02149]*.

82 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 320.1 (2005) [F2005L02154]*.

83 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 320.2 (2005) [F2005L02155]*.

84 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 320.3 (2005) [F2005L02156]*.

85 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 320.4 (2005) [F2005L02158]*.

86 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 320.5 (2005) [F2005L02162]*.

88 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 320.9 (2005) [F2005L02165]*.

90 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 325.0 (2005) [F2005L02176]*.

92 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 330.0 (2005) [F2005L02178]*.

96 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 331.0 (2005) [F2005L02183]*.

97 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 332.0 (2005) [F2005L02184]*.

99 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 392.0 (2005) [F2005L02186]*.

100 of 2005—Reporting Standard ARS 393.0 (2005) [F2005L02187]*.

Goods and Services Tax Determination—Notice of Withdrawal—GSTD 2000/1.

Motor Vehicle Standards Act—Vehicle Standards Determination No. 1 of 2005 [F2005L02096]*.

Parliamentary Entitlements Act—Parliamentary Entitlements Regulations—Advice of decision to pay assistance under paragraph 18(a), dated 1 August 2005.

Product Rulings—Notices of Withdrawal—PR 2005/94 and PR 2005/95.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act—Guidelines for Rehabilitation Authorities [F2005L02179]*.

Superannuation Act 2005—Superannuation (PSSAP) Unit Pricing Amendment Determinations 2005—

(No. 3) [F2005L02200]*.

(No. 4) [F2005L02249]*.

(No. 5) [F2005L02263]*.

Taxation Determination TD 2005/33.

Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Act—Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Declaration 2005 [F2005L02209]*.

* Explanatory statement tabled with legislative instrument.

52 COMMITTEES—CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Lightfoot) informed the Senate that the President had received a letter from Senator Sandy Macdonald resigning from the Parliamentary Joint Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD, pursuant to the *Intelligence Services Act 2001*.

Senator Lightfoot also informed the Senate that the President had received letters requesting changes in the membership of various committees.

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

Community Affairs Legislation Committee—

Appointed—

Senator Fielding

Participating member: Senator Hurley

Community Affairs References Committee—

Appointed—Participating members: Senators Fielding and Hurley

Economics Legislation and References Committees—

Appointed—Participating member: Senator Fielding

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation and References Committees—

Appointed—Participating member: Senator Fielding

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation and References Committees—

Appointed—Participating member: Senator Fielding

Finance and Public Administration Legislation and References Committees—

Appointed—Participating member: Senator Fielding

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—

Appointed—Participating members: Senators Fielding, Hurley, Sterle and Wortley

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—

Appointed—Participating members: Senators Fielding, Hurley, Sterle and Wortley

Legal and Constitutional Legislation and References Committees—

Appointed—Participating member: Senator Fielding

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—

Discharged—Senator O'Brien

Appointed—Senator Lundy

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation and References Committee—

Appointed—Participating member: Senator Fielding.

Question put and passed.

53 GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S MESSAGES—ASSENT TO LAWS

Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were reported, informing the Senate that he had assented to the following laws:

26 June 2005—Message—

No. 19—

Film Licensed Investment Company Act 2005 (Act No. 57, 2005)

Film Licensed Investment Company (Consequential Provisions) Act 2005 (Act No. 58, 2005)

Aged Care Amendment (Extra Service) Act 2005 (Act No. 59, 2005)

Health Legislation Amendment (Australian Community Pharmacy Authority) Act 2005 (Act No. 60, 2005).

No. 20—

Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Family Assistance and Related Measures) Act 2005 (Act No. 61, 2005)

Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Act 2005 (Act No. 62, 2005)

Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 3) Act 2005 (Act No. 63, 2005)

New International Tax Arrangements (Foreign-owned Branches and Other Measures) Act 2005 (Act No. 64, 2005)

Payment Systems (Regulation) Amendment Act 2005 (Act No. 65, 2005)

Social Security Amendment (Extension of Youth Allowance and Austudy Eligibility to New Apprentices) Act 2005 (Act No. 66, 2005).

No. 21—

Maritime Transport Security Amendment Act 2005 (Act No. 67, 2005)

Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games (Indicia and Images) Protection Act 2005 (Act No. 68, 2005)

Farm Household Support Amendment (Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment) Act 2005 (Act No. 69, 2005)

Appropriation Act (No. 5) 2004-2005 (Act No. 70, 2005)

Appropriation Act (No. 6) 2004-2005 (Act No. 71, 2005).

29 June 2005—Message—

No. 22—

Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2005-2006 (Act No. 72, 2005)

Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2005-2006 (Act No. 73, 2005)

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act (No. 1) 2005-2006 (Act No. 74, 2005)

Tax Laws Amendment (Improvements to Self Assessment) Act (No. 1) 2005 (Act No. 75, 2005)

Shortfall Interest Charge (Imposition) Act 2005 (Act No. 76, 2005).

No. 23—

Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Act 2005 (Act No. 77, 2005)

Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 2) Act 2005 (Act No. 78, 2005)

Migration Amendment (Detention Arrangements) Act 2005 (Act No. 79, 2005)

Superannuation Act 2005 (Act No. 80, 2005)

Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Act 2005 (Act No. 81, 2005)
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Act 2005 (Act No. 82, 2005).

6 July 2005—Message—

No. 24—

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 2) Act 2005 (Act No. 83, 2005)

Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment (Rice) Act 2005 (Act No. 84, 2005)

Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (2005 Budget Measure) Act 2005 (Act No. 85, 2005)

Civil Aviation Amendment Act 2005 (Act No. 86, 2005)

Crimes Amendment Act 2005 (Act No. 87, 2005)

Customs Tariff Amendment Act (No. 1) 2005 (Act No. 88, 2005).

No. 25—

National Security Information Legislation Amendment Act 2005 (Act No. 89, 2005)

Import Processing Charges Amendment Act 2005 (Act No. 90, 2005)

Customs Legislation Amendment (Import Processing Charges) Act 2005 (Act No. 91, 2005)

Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Act 2005 (Act No. 92, 2005)

AusLink (National Land Transport) Act 2005 (Act No. 93, 2005)

AusLink (National Land Transport—Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 2005 (Act No. 94, 2005).

No. 26—

Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Interception and Other Measures) Act 2005 (Act No. 95, 2005)

Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Act 2005 (Act No. 96, 2005)

Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Act 2005 (Act No. 97, 2005)

Family Law Amendment Act 2005 (Act No. 98, 2005)

Fisheries Legislation Amendment (International Obligations and Other Matters) Act 2005 (Act No. 99, 2005)

Statute Law Revision Act 2005 (Act No. 100, 2005).

54 AUSTRALIAN TECHNICAL COLLEGES (FLEXIBILITY IN ACHIEVING AUSTRALIA'S SKILLS NEEDS) BILL 2005

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

Message no. 174, dated 23 June 2005—A Bill for an Act to introduce business, industry and community leadership in the flexible provision of skills training and education for young Australians through granting financial assistance for establishing and operating Australian Technical Colleges, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Coonan) moved—That this bill may proceed without formalities and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

55 MEDICAL INDEMNITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY) BILL 2005

**MEDICAL INDEMNITY (COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE PAYMENT) BILL 2005
HUMAN SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2005**

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

Message no. 182, dated 9 August 2005—A Bill for an Act to amend the *Medical Indemnity Act 2002* and the *Medical Indemnity (UMP Support Payment) Act 2002*, and for related purposes.

Message no. 183, dated 9 August 2005—A Bill for an Act to impose a tax on certain medical indemnity insurers, and for related purposes.

Message no. 184, dated 10 August 2005—A Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to the delivery of Commonwealth services, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Coonan) moved—That these bills may proceed without formalities, may be taken together and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bills read a first time.

Senator Coonan moved—That these bills be now read a second time.

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

Consideration of legislation: Senator Coonan moved that the Human Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 be listed on the *Notice Paper* as a separate order of the day.

Question put and passed.

56 MIGRATION AMENDMENT REGULATIONS—PROPOSED DISALLOWANCE

Senator Bartlett, pursuant to notice, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1—That the Migration Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 6), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 171 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*, be disallowed.

At 6.50 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Bartlett was speaking.

57 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS—CONSIDERATION

The following government documents tabled earlier today (*see entries nos 2 and 35*) were considered:

Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1997—Live-stock mortalities for exports by sea—Report for the period 1 January to 30 June 2005. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Bartlett and agreed to.

Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2005. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Bartlett. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Bartlett in continuation.

58 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 7.31 pm till Thursday, 11 August 2005 at 9.30 am.

59 ATTENDANCE

Present, all senators except Senator Vanstone (on leave).

HARRY EVANS
Clerk of the Senate