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1 MEETING OF SENATE

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

2 DEFENCE—INTERCEPTION OF MV TAMPA COMMUNICATIONS—ANSWER TO QUESTION—STATEMENT BY LEAVE

The Minister for Defence (Senator Hill), by leave, made a statement clarifying an answer he gave to a question without notice asked by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner) on 13 February 2002 relating to the interception of communications by the Defence Signals Directorate and the MV *Tampa*.

3 PETITION

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

From 1 441 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to repeal Schedule 2 of the *Migration Amendment (Excision from Migration Zone) (Consequential Provisions) Act 2001*.

4 NOTICES

Contingent notices of motion:

The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja) gave contingent notices of motion as follows—

No. 1—To move (contingent on the President presenting a report of the Auditor-General on any day or notifying the Senate that such a report had been presented under standing order 166)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion to take note of the report and any senator speaking to it for not more than 10 minutes, with the total time for the debate not to exceed 60 minutes.

No. 2—To move (contingent on the Senate on any day concluding its consideration of any item of business and prior to the Senate proceeding to the consideration of another item of business)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the conduct of the business of the Senate or to provide for the consideration of any other matter.

No. 3—To move (contingent on the Senate proceeding to the consideration of government documents)—That so much of the standing orders relating to the consideration of government documents be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order in which the documents are called on by the President.

No. 4—To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion that a bill be considered an urgent bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent debate taking place on the motion.

No. 5—To move (contingent on a minister moving a motion to specify time to be allotted to the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent the motion being debated without limitation of time and each senator speaking for the time allotted by standing orders.

No. 6—To move (contingent on the chair declaring that the time allotted for the consideration of a bill, or any stage of a bill, has expired)—That so much of standing order 142 be suspended as would prevent further consideration of the bill, or the stage of the bill, without limitation of time or for a specified period.

No. 7—To move (contingent on the moving of a motion to debate a matter of urgency under standing order 75)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving an amendment to the motion.

No. 8—To move (contingent on the President proceeding to the placing of business on any day)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion relating to the order of business on the *Notice Paper*.

No. 9—To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to make a statement to the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent that senator making that statement.

No. 10—To move (contingent on a minister at question time on any day asking that further questions be placed on notice)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving a motion that, at question time on any day, questions may be put to ministers until 28 questions, including supplementary questions, have been asked and answered.

No. 11—To move (contingent on any senator being refused leave to table a document in the Senate)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the senator moving that the document be tabled.

Notices of motion:

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

- (a) notes the serious problem of overcrowding in New South Wales public schools, especially when compared with other states across the country;
- (b) acknowledges the shameful results of a New South Wales Teachers Federation survey showing 20 per cent of all classes in each of the first 3 years of primary school being over the Carr Government's own limit, and 32 per cent of all kindergarten classes exceeding suggested class sizes during 2001;
- (c) condemns the Carr Government for putting New South Wales children's education at risk by increasing class numbers and not reducing them as other states are now doing;
- (d) congratulates the Howard Government for increasing funding to New South Wales government schools by 5.2 per cent in 2001, as opposed to Premier Carr's paltry 2.6 per cent; and
- (e) recognises the low priority given to education by the Carr Government, as evidenced by the fact that the amount spent on education as a percentage of total state budget has dropped from 25.5 per cent to 22 per cent in the 7 years since Labor came to power in New South Wales. (*general business notice of motion no. 17*)

Senator Bourne: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to provide for parliamentary scrutiny of appointments to the ABC Board and for related purposes. ***Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2002.*** (*general business notice of motion no. 18*)

5 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell) moved—That government business order of the day no. 2 (Governor-General's Opening Speech—Address-in-reply) be considered from 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm today.

Question put and passed.

Senator Ian Campbell moved—That the order of general business for consideration today be as follows:

- (a) general business notice of motion no. 12 standing in the name of Senator Conroy, relating to public liability insurance; and
- (b) consideration of government documents.

Question put and passed.

6 POSTPONEMENTS

Items of business were postponed as follows:

General business notice of motion no. 2 standing in the name of Senator Allison for today, relating to the establishment of a select committee on superannuation, postponed till 11 March 2002.

General business notice of motion no. 4 standing in the name of Senator Bourne for today, relating to the Dalai Lama, postponed till 11 March 2002.

General business notice of motion no. 13 standing in the name of Senator Allison for today, relating to the shortage of teachers to fill vacancies in Victoria, postponed till 11 March 2002.

General business notice of motion no. 14 standing in the name of Senator Harris for today, relating to the establishment of a select committee on the Lindeberg grievance, postponed till 13 March 2002.

General business notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja) for today, relating to a request to the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security to investigate certain actions in relation to the MV *Tampa*, postponed till 11 March 2002.

7 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—REFERENCE

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 2—That, upon their introduction in the House of Representatives, the provisions of the Proceeds of Crime Bill 2002 and the provisions of the Proceeds of Crime (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002 be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for report by 14 March 2002.

Question put and passed.

8 ABORIGINAL DEATH IN CUSTODY

Senator Brown, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 15—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the death in custody of Aboriginal Australian Douglas Bruce Scott in Darwin on 5 July 1985;

- (b) expresses its regret and condolences to his widow, Mrs Letty Scott, and their family;
- (c) notes that Mrs Scott considers inquiries into her husband's death to have been flawed and inadequate, and that this matter is currently the subject of litigation; and
- (d) calls on the Government to work with Mrs Scott to open a fresh investigation into Mr Scott's death, through which all the evidence can be considered.

Question put and passed.

9 NEW SOUTH WALES—BUSHFIRES

Senator Harris, 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:
 - (i) the recent crisis of bushfires throughout New South Wales and the magnificent effort of the Bush Fire Brigade and associated volunteers and their contribution to averting the worst excesses of that crisis, and
 - (ii) that volunteers from all over Australia, from all walks of life and profession, volunteered their services and risked life and limb in fighting the bushfires; and
- (b) requests that the Government strike a National Services Medal in recognition of the service provided by the volunteers, to be known as the Volunteer Fire Fighters Medal, and that the Government present this medal to all volunteers who gave service in fighting the recent bushfires in New South Wales.

Question put and negatived.

10 INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS—OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

Senator Ridgeway, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 5—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Procedure unanimously recommended in August 2001 in its report, *Balancing tradition and progress: Procedures for the opening of Parliament*, that:
 - ... representatives of the ACT indigenous community be consulted to advise on a suitable indigenous ritual to be included in the opening procedures [of the Australian Parliament],
 - (ii) the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation recommended to the Parliament in its final report in December 2000 that, 'All Parliaments, governments and organisations observe protocols and negotiate with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders or representative bodies to include appropriate Indigenous ceremony into official events', and
 - (iii) the Government has not implemented these recommendations to incorporate Indigenous protocols into the opening ceremony of the Australian Parliament, which remains virtually unchanged since the first Parliament in 1901;
- (b) expresses its disappointment that this opportunity to recognise and honour the unique cultures and identity of Indigenous Australians and include First Nation

Peoples in this official national ceremony has not been embraced as a positive and affirming gesture of reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians; and

- (c) calls on the Government to consider and respond as soon as practicable to the recommendations of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Procedure report, *Balancing tradition and progress: Procedures for the opening of Parliament*, which constructively seeks to modernise the Parliament and open it up to participation by all Australians.

Question put and passed.

11 INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION—106TH CONFERENCE—DOCUMENT

Senator Knowles, by leave, tabled the following document:

Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference—106th, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 9 to 14 September 2001—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, dated February 2002.

Senators Knowles, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the document.

Debate ensued.

Document: Senator McKiernan, by leave, tabled the following document:

Law and justice—International refugee law—*Refugee protection: A guide to international refugee law*, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Inter-Parliamentary (Handbook for Parliamentarians No. 2, 2001).

Question put and passed.

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

Senator Bartlett, pursuant to notice, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1—That upon the introduction of the Regional Forest Agreements Bill 2002, the following matters be referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 21 March 2002:

All aspects of the provisions of the Regional Forest Agreements Bill 2002, including, but not restricted to:

- (a) whether the legislation contravenes Australia's obligations under international agreements, including the Convention for the Protection of Biodiversity, the Framework Convention on Climate Change, the World Heritage Convention, the Ramsar Convention and agreements for the protection of migratory species;
- (b) whether the bill overrides section 42 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, and the implications of this for the protection of World Heritage, the protection of Wetlands of International Importance and the environmental impacts of taking actions whose primary purpose does not relate to forestry;

- (c) the compensation obligations to which the Commonwealth would be exposed if it took action to prevent forestry or mining operations or other activities in Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) areas;
- (d) whether it is fair to provide compensation to an industry whose activities are already heavily subsidised and which has no reverse obligation to compensate the Commonwealth or states for damage to the environment, including water quantity and quality, soils, carbon banks, biodiversity, heritage and landscape;
- (e) the need to ensure that workers entitlements are protected;
- (f) the need to ensure full parliamentary scrutiny of all RFAs before initial ratification and before any proposed renewal;
- (g) the current level of monitoring of RFAs;
- (h) the current status of review of all RFAs that have reached the 5-year review period;
- (i) the current level of compliance of all aspects of RFAs;
- (j) the current level of enforcement of RFAs;
- (k) the current levels of government subsidies to the timber industry; and
- (l) any new data relating to species, habitats, ecosystems, mapping accuracy, social and economic impacts not available when the Comprehensive Regional Assessments were prepared.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 11

Senators—

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

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Senators—

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

Question negatived.

13 PARTICULARS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE 2001-02—DOCUMENTS

The Minister for the Arts and Sport (Senator Kemp) tabled the following documents:

Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister as a final charge for the year ended 30 June 2001.

Particulars of proposed additional expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2002 [Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2001-2002].

Particulars of certain proposed additional expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2002 [Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2001-2002].

Particulars of proposed additional expenditure in relation to the parliamentary departments in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2002 [Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2001-2002].

Statement of savings expected in annual appropriations made by Act No. 64 of 2001 (*Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2001-2002*), Act No. 65 of 2001 (*Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2001-2002*), and Act No. 66 of 2001 (*Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Act (No. 1) 2001-2002*).

Senator Kemp, by leave, moved—That the documents, together with the Final budget outcome 2000-01 (*see entry no. 57, 27 September 2001*), be referred to legislation committees for examination and report.

Question put and passed.

14 ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2001-02—PORTFOLIO ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES STATEMENTS—DEPARTMENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY—DOCUMENT

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

Estimates of proposed additional expenditure for 2001-02—Portfolio additional estimates statements—Department of the Parliamentary Library.

15 ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2001-02—PORTFOLIO ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES STATEMENTS—PORTFOLIOS AND EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS—DOCUMENTS

The Minister for the Arts and Sport (Senator Kemp) tabled the following documents:

Estimates of proposed additional expenditure for 2001-02—Portfolio additional estimates statements—Portfolios and executive departments—

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

Attorney-General's portfolio.

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio.

Defence portfolio—

Department of Defence and Defence Housing Authority.

Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Education, Science and Training portfolio.

Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

Environment and Heritage portfolio.

Family and Community Services portfolio.

Finance and Administration portfolio.

Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

Health and Ageing portfolio.

Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

Industry, Tourism and Resources portfolio.
 Transport and Regional Services portfolio.
 Treasury portfolio.

16 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

The Minister for the Arts and Sport (Senator Kemp) moved—That government business notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer (Senator Ian Campbell) for today, relating to the introduction of the Financial Services Reform (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002, be postponed till a later hour.

Question put and passed.

17 REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENTS BILL 2002

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

Debate resumed.

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

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

Order of the day read for adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Gibson—That the address-in-reply be agreed to (*see entry no. 11, 13 February 2002*)—and on the amendment moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Stott Despoja):

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

“, but the Senate is of the opinion that:

- (a) the Government must move towards a more humane and workable approach to asylum seekers; and
- (b) Woomera detention centre should be closed”.

Debate resumed.

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

19 FINANCIAL SERVICES REFORM (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2002

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Troeth), pursuant to notice, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Retirement Savings Accounts Act 1997* and the *Corporations Act 2001*, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

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

Explanatory memorandum: Senator Troeth 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.

At 2 pm—

20 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were answered.

21 PRIVILEGES—STANDING COMMITTEE—STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT—REFERENCE

The President made a statement relating to a matter of privilege raised by Senator Harris concerning a search of his Mareeba office, conducted by the Queensland police on 27 November 2001.

The President informed the Senate that, pursuant to the procedures provided by standing order 81 and resolutions of the Senate of 25 February 1988, she had determined that a motion relating to the matter may have precedence of all other business today.

Document: The President tabled the following document:

Privileges—Standing Committee—Reference—Letter from Senator Harris to the President, dated 13 February 2002 and attachments [3].

Senator Harris moved—That the following matters be referred to the Committee of Privileges:

- (a) whether any breaches of the immunities of the Senate or contempts were involved in the search and seizure, and continued possession, by the Queensland police of material from the office of Senator Harris, and, if so, what remedies should be applied;
- (b) whether any steps should be taken to ensure that any such material protected from seizure by parliamentary privilege is returned to Senator Harris without further access to the material by the police; and

- (c) whether procedures should be established to ensure that, in cases of the execution of search warrants in senators' premises, material protected by parliamentary privilege is appropriately treated.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

22 ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT—STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT—AUTHORITY OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT

The President informed the Senate that she would be absent from the Senate from 11 March to 14 March 2002, to represent the Parliament at a CPA Conference in London, to mark the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Minister for Defence (Senator Hill), by leave, moved—

- (1) That, during the absence of the President, the Deputy President shall, on each sitting day, take the chair of the Senate and may, during such absence, perform the duties and exercise the authority of the President in relation to all proceedings of the Senate and proceedings of committees to which the President is appointed.
- (2) That the President be granted leave of absence from 11 March to 14 March 2002.

Question put and passed.

23 DEFENCE—OFFICE OF NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS—ASYLUM SEEKERS—ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner) moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Defence (Senator Hill) to questions without notice asked today relating to a report by the Office of National Assessments and asylum seekers.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

24 DEATH OF FORMER SENIOR CLERK OF COMMITTEES ARTHUR HERBERT HIGGINS

The Deputy President (Senator West) informed the Senate of the death, on 10 February 2002, of Arthur Herbert Higgins, former Senior Clerk of Committees.

Statement by leave: Senator Harradine, by leave, made a statement relating to Mr Higgins.

25 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

The Deputy President (Senator West) informed the Senate that the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner) had proposed that the following matter of public importance be submitted to the Senate for discussion:

The Government's deceit and duplicity in the 'children overboard' affair.

The proposal was supported by 4 senators and the matter was discussed.

At 4.30 pm: The Acting Deputy President (Senator Watson) reminded the Senate that the standing orders provided for general business to be called on at this time.

Leave was granted to deal with messages, appoint members to various committees, appoint a member to a statutory body and enable the tabling of certain documents prior to the commencement of general business.

26 JOINT COMMITTEES—APPOINTMENT

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate resolutions for the appointment of joint committees, as follows:

Message no. 1, dated 14 February 2002—Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund

Message no. 2, dated 14 February 2002—Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority

Message no. 3, dated 14 February 2002—Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

Message no. 4, dated 14 February 2002—Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities

Message no. 5, dated 14 February 2002—Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

Message no. 6, dated 14 February 2002—Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories

Message no. 7, dated 14 February 2002—Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Message no. 8, dated 14 February 2002—Joint Standing Committee on Migration,

and transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following resolutions:

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

That, in accordance with section 204 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 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (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 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (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 and any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (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 and any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (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 have leave to 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.

Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority

That, in accordance with section 54 of the *National Crime Authority Act 1984*, matters relating to the powers and proceedings of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Crime Authority 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 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (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 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (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 send for persons, papers and records.
- (l) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (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 have leave to 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 committee 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.

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, shall 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 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (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 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (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 send for persons, papers and records.
- (15) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (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 have leave to 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.

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities

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 Securities 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 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (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 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (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 and any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
- (l) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (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 have leave to report from time to time.
- (o) That the committee have power to consider and make use of the evidence and records of the Joint Committee on 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.

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.
- (2) 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, 1 Senator 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 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, shall 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 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
 - (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 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
 - (12) 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.
 - (13) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to send for persons, papers and records.
 - (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.

- (15) 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.
- (16) That the committee have leave to report from time to time.
- (17) 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.
- (18) 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, shall 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 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
 - (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 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.

- (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 send for persons, papers and records.
- (15) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (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 have leave to 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.

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, shall 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 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (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 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (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 send for persons, papers and records.
- (15) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (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 have leave to 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) all 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, shall 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 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (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 member of either House of the Government parties and 1 member of either House of the non-Government parties.
- (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 send for persons, papers and records.
- (14) That the committee or any subcommittee have power to move from place to place.
- (15) That the committee have leave to 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.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Troeth), by leave, moved—That the Senate concurs with the resolutions of the House of Representatives contained in messages nos 1 to 8 relating to the appointment of certain joint committees.

Question put and passed.

27 COMMITTEES—APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

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

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

A Certain Maritime Incident—Select Committee—

Appointed: Senators Bartlett, Collins, Cook, Faulkner and Murphy

ASIO, ASIS and DSD—Joint Statutory Committee—

Appointed: Senators Calvert and Sandy Macdonald

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee—

Appointed: Senator Knowles

Community Affairs Legislation Committee—

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crane, Crowley, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Gibbs, Lightfoot, McGauran, McLucas, Payne, Tierney and Watson

Community Affairs References Committee—

Participating members: Senators Bishop, Carr, Denman, Evans, Faulkner and West

Corporations and Securities—Joint Statutory Committee—

Appointed: Senators Brandis, Chapman, Conroy, Cooney and Murray

Economics Legislation Committee—

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Boswell, Calvert, Carr, Conroy, Coonan, Crane, Eggleston, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, McGauran, Payne, Sherry, Tchen and Tierney

Economics References Committee—

Appointed: Senators Brandis and Chapman

Participating members: Senators Carr, Conroy, Faulkner and Sherry

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—

Appointed: Senators Bartlett, Ferris, Mason, Murray and Ray

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—

Substitute member: Senator Crane to replace Senator Brandis for matters relating to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business portfolio

Participating members: Senators Evans, Faulkner, Gibbs, Hutchins and Sherry

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—

Participating members: Senators Buckland, Crowley, Denman, Faulkner, Hutchins and Sherry

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

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Bolkus, Boswell, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crane, Evans, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Knowles, Lightfoot, McLucas, Mason, McGauran, Tierney and Watson

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

Participating members: Senators Bolkus, Buckland, Carr and Faulkner

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Carr, Chapman, Conroy, Coonan, Crane, Eggleston, Evans, Ferguson, Ferris, Knowles, McGauran, Payne, Sherry, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Finance and Public Administration References Committee—

Participating members: Senators Carr, Conroy, Faulkner and Sherry

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Bishop, Boswell, Brandis, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Crane, Eggleston, Faulkner, Ferris, Hutchins, Knowles, Mason, McGauran, McKiernan, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—

Participating members: Senators Bishop, Carr, Denman, Faulkner and McKiernan

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—

Appointed: Senators Bourne, Calvert, Chapman, Cook, Evans, Ferguson, Gibbs, Harradine, Hutchins, Sandy Macdonald, Payne and Schacht

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Bolkus, Brandis, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Crane, Eggleston, Faulkner, Ferguson, Ferris, Knowles, Lightfoot, Ludwig, McGauran, Sherry, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Legal and Constitutional References Committee—

Appointed: Senators Payne and Scullion

Participating members: Senators Bolkus, Carr, Faulkner and Sherry

Library Committee—

Appointed: Senators Boswell, Scullion and Tierney

Migration—Joint Standing Committee—

Appointed: Senators Bartlett, Eggleston, McKiernan and Tierney

National Capital and External Territories—Joint Standing Committee—

Appointed: Senators Crossin, Greig, Lightfoot, Lundy and Watson

National Crime Authority—Joint Statutory Committee—

Appointed: Senators George Campbell, Denman, Ferris, Greig and McGauran

Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund—Joint Statutory Committee—

Appointed: Senators Crossin, Ferris, Lees, Mason and McLucas

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—

Appointed: Senators Colbeck, Murray, Scullion and Watson

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee—

Appointed: Senators Calvert and Ferguson

Regulations and Ordinances—Standing Committee—

Appointed: Senators Brandis, Mason and Tchen

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—

Participating members: Senators Abetz, Boswell, Calvert, Carr, Chapman, Coonan, Eggleston, Faulkner, Ferguson, Hutchins, Knowles, Lightfoot, Mason, Sandy Macdonald, McKiernan, McLucas, Payne, Tchen, Tierney and Watson

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—

Participating members: Senators Carr, Faulkner, Hutchins and McKiernan

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—

Appointed: Senators Bartlett, Cooney, Ludwig, Mason, McGauran, Schacht and Tchen.

Question put and passed.

28 NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA—SENATE MEMBER OF COUNCIL

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Watson) informed the Senate that the President had received a letter from the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill) nominating a senator to be a member of the Council of the National Library of Australia.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Troeth), by leave, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *National Library Act 1960*, the Senate elect Senator Tierney to be a member of the Council of the National Library of Australia on and from 14 February 2002, for a period of 3 years.
Question put and passed.

29 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE IN PREVIOUS PARLIAMENT

Senator Ferris, at the request of the Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Knowles), tabled the following report:

The Committee met and considered references not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament and resolved to **recommend** to the Senate that the following inquiry of the 39th Parliament not be re-adopted:

Disability Services Amendment (Improved Quality Assurance) Bill 2001.

The Committee presents the Hansard record of a public hearing and submissions received in relation to the Bill.

Senator Sue Knowles
Chairman
14 February 2002.

Senator Ferris, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.

30 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—DOCUMENTS—DISABILITY SERVICES AMENDMENT (IMPROVED QUALITY ASSURANCE) BILL 2001

Senator Ferris, at the request of the Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Knowles), tabled the following documents:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Disability Services Amendment (Improved Quality Assurance) Bill 2001—Inquiry, 39th Parliament—*Hansard* record of the committee's proceedings and submissions [20].

31 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE IN PREVIOUS PARLIAMENT

Senator Ferris, at the request of the Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Crowley), tabled the following report:

The Committee met and considered references not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament and resolved to **recommend** to the Senate that—

The following inquiry of the 39th Parliament be re-adopted:

Inquiry into Nursing, with a reporting date of 27 June 2002.

Senator the Hon. Rosemary Crowley
Chair
14 February 2002.

Senator Ferris, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.

32 ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE IN PREVIOUS PARLIAMENT

Senator Ferris, at the request of the Chair of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee (Senator Allison), tabled the following report:

The Committee met and considered a reference not disposed of at the end of the 39th Parliament and resolved to **recommend** to the Senate that—

The following inquiry of the 39th Parliament be re-adopted:

Inquiry into Urban Water Management, with a reporting date of 27 June 2002.

Senator Lyn Allison
Chair.

Senator Ferris, by leave, moved—That the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.

33 AUDITOR-GENERAL—AUDIT REPORTS NOS 31 AND 32 OF 2001-02—DOCUMENTS

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

Auditor-General—Audit reports for 2001-02—

No. 31—Performance Audit—Audit activity report: July to December 2001—Summary of outcomes.

No. 32—Performance audit—Home and community care: Follow-up audit—Department of Health and Ageing.

34 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:

Acts Interpretation Act—Copyright Agency Limited Report for 2000-01—Statement pursuant to subsection 34C(7) relating to the delay in presentation of a report, dated 11 January 2002 and Attorney-General's response to statement, dated 13 February 2002.

Defence Act—Determination under section 52—Determination No. 1 of 2002.

Lands Acquisition Act—Statement describing property acquired by agreement under sections 40 and 125 of the Act for specified public purposes [2].

General business was called on.

35 PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Senator Conroy, pursuant to notice, moved general business notice of motion no. 12—That the Senate—

- (a) expresses its concern about the significant increase in public liability insurance premiums and the effect it is having on the viability of many small businesses and community and sporting organisations;
- (b) condemns the Government for its inaction; and
- (c) urges the Minister to propose a solution to this pressing issue, as quickly as possible, not just look at the problem.

Debate ensued.

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

36 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION

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

Australian Law Reform Commission—Reports—No. 92—The judicial power of the Commonwealth—A review of the *Judiciary Act 1903* and related legislation. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Ludwig. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Ludwig in continuation.

Aged Care Act 1997—Report for 2000-01 on the operation of the Act. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator West and debated. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Bartlett. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Bartlett in continuation.

Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Limited—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland and debated. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator West in continuation.

Tiwi Land Council—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Ludwig. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Ludwig in continuation.

Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Ludwig. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Ludwig in continuation.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for the period 25 June 2000 to 23 June 2001. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Ludwig. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Ludwig in continuation.

Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Ludwig. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Ludwig in continuation.

Northern Land Council—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Ludwig. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Ludwig in continuation.

Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Mackay. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Mackay in continuation.

Centrelink—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator West. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator West in continuation.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs—Report for 2000-01, including reports pursuant to the *Immigration (Education) Act 1971* and the *Australian Citizenship Act 1948*. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Bartlett and debated. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Cooney in continuation.

Department of Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs—Report for the period 30 January to 30 June 2001. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Ludwig. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Ludwig in continuation.

Australian Customs Service—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Ludwig. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Ludwig in continuation.

Australian Federal Police—Report for 2000-01, including a report pursuant to the *Complaints (Australian Federal Police) Act 1981*. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Ludwig. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Ludwig in continuation.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Reports for 2000-01—Volume 1—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Cooney. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Cooney in continuation.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Reports for 2000-01—Volume 2—Australian Agency for International Development (AusAid). Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Cooney. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Cooney in continuation.

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Ludwig. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Ludwig in continuation.

Bankruptcy Act 1966—Inspector-General in Bankruptcy—Report for 2000-01 on the operation of the Act. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Ludwig. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Ludwig in continuation.

Office of Film and Literature Classification—Classification Board and Classification Review Board—Reports for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Ludwig. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Ludwig in continuation.

Department of the Environment and Heritage—Report for 2000-01, including the report of the Supervising Scientist and reports on the operation of the *Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act* and the *Ozone Protection Act 1989*. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Bartlett. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Bartlett in continuation.

National Oceans Office—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Bartlett. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Bartlett in continuation.

Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Authority—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator West. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator West in continuation.

Department of Family and Community Services—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator West. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator West in continuation.

Health Insurance Commission—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator West. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator West in continuation.

Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Bartlett and agreed to.

Crimes Act 1914—Report on controlled operations for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Hogg. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Hogg in continuation.

National Library of Australia—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Tierney. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Tierney in continuation.

Australia New Zealand Food Authority—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator West. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator West in continuation.

Witness Protection Act 1994—Report for 2000-01 on the operation of the Act. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Hogg. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Hogg in continuation.

Refugee Review Tribunal—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Hogg and debated. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Bartlett in continuation.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Bartlett. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Bartlett in continuation.

Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Hutchins. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Hutchins in continuation.

Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator West. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator West in continuation.

Australian Fisheries Management Authority—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Bartlett. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Bartlett in continuation.

Fisheries Research and Development Corporation and Fisheries Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee—Reports for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Bartlett. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Bartlett in continuation.

Grains Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Bartlett. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Bartlett in continuation.

Migration Review Tribunal—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Bartlett. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Bartlett in continuation.

Comcare—Report for 2000-01, including the report of QWL Corporation Pty Limited. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Hogg. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Hogg in continuation.

Attorney-General's Department—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Ludwig. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Ludwig in continuation.

Defence—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator West. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator West in continuation.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Hogg. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Hogg in continuation.

Australian Industrial Relations Commission and Australian Industrial Registry—Reports for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Hogg. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Hogg in continuation.

Federal Court of Australia—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Hogg. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Hogg in continuation.

Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Hogg. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Hogg in continuation.

Department of Health and Aged Care—Report for 2000-01, including a report on the administration and operation of Therapeutic Goods Administration—Volumes 1 and 2. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator West. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator West in continuation.

Australian Research Council—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Tierney. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Tierney in continuation.

Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Bartlett. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Bartlett in continuation.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Bartlett. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Bartlett in continuation.

Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Bartlett. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Bartlett in continuation.

Federal Magistrates Service—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Hogg. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Hogg in continuation.

Family Court of Australia—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Hogg. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Hogg in continuation.

Australian Communications Authority—Report for 2000-01. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Mackay. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Mackay in continuation.

General business orders of the day nos 2, 5-8, 11, 15, 17-20, 22, 25, 29-35, 38-42, 44, 45, 47-53, 57-59, 61-66, 69, 71-79, 82-84, 86, 87, 89-91, 93-96, 98-101, 103-105, 108-112, 115-118, 122, 123, 125-128, 130, 132, 133, 135-137, 139 and 140 relating to government documents were called on but no motion was moved.

General business concluded.

37 COMMITTEES—CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

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

The Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer (Senator Coonan), by leave, moved—That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

A Certain Maritime Incident—Select Committee—

Appointed: Senators Calvert, Ferguson and Payne

ASIO, ASIS and DSD—Joint Statutory Committee—

Appointed: Senator Ray

Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings—Joint Statutory Committee—

Appointed: Senator West

Community Affairs Legislation Committee—

Substitute member: Senator Calvert to replace Senator Herron till 12 noon on 20 February 2002

Economics Legislation Committee—

Substitute member: Senator Mason to replace Senator Chapman from 5.30 pm on 21 February 2002, and 22 February 2002

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—

Substitute members:

Senator Calvert to replace Senator Crane on 20 February 2002

Senator Calvert to replace Senator Brandis on 21 February 2002

Senator Herron to replace Senator Brandis on 22 February 2002

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—

Substitute member: Senator McGauran to replace Senator Sandy Macdonald on 22 February 2002

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—

Appointed: Senators Crowley and Hogg

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee—

Appointed: Senator Forshaw

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—

Substitute member: Senator Colbeck to replace Senator Crane on 18 February and 19 February 2002.

Question put and passed.

**38 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:

Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee—Report—The education of gifted children. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Tierney. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Tierney in continuation.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Report—Recruitment and retention of ADF personnel. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Hogg and debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator West in continuation.

Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Healing our hospitals: Report on public hospital funding—Government response. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator West. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator West in continuation.

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—A watching brief: The nature, scope and appropriateness of ASIO's public reporting activities—Government response. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Sandy Macdonald. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Sandy Macdonald in continuation.

Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee—Report—Universities in crisis: Report into the capacity of public universities to meet Australia's higher education needs—Addendum. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator West. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator West in continuation.

Superannuation and Financial Services—Select Committee—Report—Early access to superannuation benefits. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Sherry and debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Cooney in continuation.

Economics References Committee—Report—Inquiry into mass marketed tax effective schemes and investor protection. Motion to take note of report moved by Senator Cooney. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Cooney in continuation.

Orders of the day nos 3, 5, 7, 9 and 12 relating to committee reports and government responses were called on but no motion was moved.

39 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. 16 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Defence Reform Program management and outcomes: Department of Defence. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Hogg. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Hogg in continuation.

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 24 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Status reporting of major Defence acquisition projects: Department of Defence. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Hogg. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Hogg in continuation.

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 26 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Management of fraud and incorrect payment in Centrelink. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Cooney. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Cooney in continuation.

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 30 of 2001-02—Performance audit—Test and evaluation of major Defence equipment acquisitions: Department of Defence. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Hogg. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Cooney in continuation.

Orders of the day nos 1, 2, 4-11, 13 and 15-17 relating to reports of the Auditor-General were called on but no motion was moved.

40 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 8.27 pm till Monday, 11 March 2002 at 12.30 pm.

41 ATTENDANCE

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

HARRY EVANS
Clerk of the Senate