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**1 MEETING OF SENATE**

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

**2 NOTICES**

The Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Knowles): To move on the next day of sitting—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee on the provisions of the Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Special Benefit Activity Test) Bill 2002 be extended to 2 December 2002. (*general business notice of motion no. 225*)

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

- (a) notes on this Remembrance Day that 2002 is the centenary year of the conclusion of the Anglo-Boer War, which lasted from 1899 to 1902;
- (b) remembers:
  - (i) the 16 000 Australians who served in the Anglo-Boer War as soldiers of the colonies of Australia and, after 1901, as soldiers of the newly federated Commonwealth of Australia, as well as the 8 000-odd Australians who served with irregular South African units like Thorneycroft's and Bethune's Mounted Infantry,
  - (ii) the 518 young Australians who lost their lives serving their country during the war, and
  - (iii) the 28 000 Boer women and children who died in British concentration camps;
- (c) notes that the Anglo-Boer War was the first war:
  - (i) that the Australian Army participated in as a unitary force, fighting under the badge of the Rising Sun, and
  - (ii) in which Australian nurses and doctors served as members of the Australian Army Medical Corps; and
- (d) recognises the importance of the Anglo-Boer War in the development of Australian culture, nationhood and the legend of the ANZAC. (*general business notice of motion no. 226*)

The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett): To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table, no later than 4 pm on 19 November 2002:

- (a) all documents relating to the acquisition of the north-east margin search and rescue (SAR) data, including but not limited to the authorisation for acquisition, and any related internal correspondence;
- (b) briefing documents or briefing notes relating to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority interest in SAR data, as referenced in Dr Trevor Powell's letter to the authority, dated 18 September 2002;
- (c) covering letter accompanying the Shell/Woodside Consortium proposal, May 2000;
- (d) all materials distributed at the Bali 2000 conference attended by Geoscience Australia;

- (e) outputs leading to the outcome listed in the 2001-02 workplan under section 2, Geoscience for Oceans and Coasts, subsections 2.9, Petroleum and Regional Geology and 2.11 Eastern Region, as 'A geological overview of the east coast basins in order that decisions can be made regarding petroleum exploration opportunities and acreage release; and
- (f) all documents and materials relating to the outcome and outputs described above, including preliminary discussions for the outcome and outputs, discussions, memorandums, budget materials, notes of phone conservations and e-mails. (*general business notice of motion no. 227*)

The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett): To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table, no later than 2 pm on 19 November 2002:

- (a) all documents from 2002 relating to any approaches made by Sudaw Developments Ltd (or its agents) to the Government seeking funding or other support for the Nathan Dam on the Fitzroy River in Queensland;
- (b) any documents or comments provided to Environment Australia in response to the referral, Ref. No. 2002/770—Sudaw Developments Ltd—Water management and use—Dawson River—QLD—Nathan Dam, central Queensland;
- (c) any report or document prepared by Environment Australia in response to referral 2002/770; and
- (d) the report, *Literature review and scoping study of the potential downstream impacts of the proposed Nathan Dam on the Dawson River, Fitzroy River and offshore environments*, prepared by the Australian Centre for Tropical Freshwater Research. (*general business notice of motion no. 228*)

The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett): To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table, no later than 2 pm on 18 November 2002, the October 2002 report of the Independent Reference Group on the options for improving the welfare record of Australia's live animal export trade. (*general business notice of motion no. 229*)

The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Tchen): To move 15 sitting days after today—That the Public Service Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 214 and made under the *Public Service Act 1999*, be disallowed.

Senator Tchen, by leave, made a statement relating to the notice of motion.

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

- (1) That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent this resolution having effect.
- (2) That the following bills be restored to the *Notice Paper* and that consideration of each of the bills be resumed at the stage reached in the last session of the Parliament:
  - Convention on Climate Change (Implementation) Bill 1999
  - Customs Amendment (Anti-Radioactive Waste Storage Dump) Bill 1999.*(general business notice of motion no. 230)*

**3 ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to order, to enable senators to attend a memorial service for the victims of terrorist attacks in Bali, the Senate adjourned at 9.32 am till Monday, 11 November 2002 at 9.30 am.

**4 ATTENDANCE**

Present, all senators except Senators Alston, Bishop, Collins, Coonan, Denman\*, Ellison, Harris, Kemp, Ian Macdonald, Minchin, Ridgeway, Stott Despoja, Troeth and Vanstone (\* on leave).

**HARRY EVANS**  
Clerk of the Senate