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1 MEETING OF SENATE

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

2 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

The following government documents were tabled:

Advance to the Finance Minister—Statement and supporting applications for funds for June 2004.

APEC—Australia's individual action plan 2004.

Australia-Indonesia Institute—Report for 2003-04.

Australian Government Solicitor—Statement of corporate intent 2004-05.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 2003-04.

Australian Institute of Criminology and the Criminology Research Council—Reports for 2003-04.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Report for 2003-04.

Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Report for 2003-04.

Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Report for 2003-04.

Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Corporation—Report for 2003-04.

Commissioner for Superannuation (ComSuper)—Report for 2003-04.

Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board—Report for 2003-04.

Corporate governance—Review of the corporate governance of statutory authorities and office holders—

Government response.

Report by John Uhrig, June 2003.

Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee—Report for 2003-04.

Crimes Act 1914—Reports for 2003-04—

Assumed identities—Australian Federal Police.

Controlled operations.

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2003-04.

Department of Employment and Workplace Relations—Report for 2003-04.

Department of Finance and Administration—Report for 2003-04.

Financial Reporting Council and Australian Accounting Standards Board—Reports for 2003-04.

Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 2003-04.

National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 2003-04.

National Witness Protection Program—Report for 2003-04 on the operation of the *Witness Protection Act 1994*.

Product Stewardship (Oil) Act 2000—Independent review—Final report by the Allen Consulting Group, May 2004.

Product Stewardship for Oil Program—Independent review of the transitional assistance element of the program—Report by Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, March 2004.

Reserve Bank of Australia—Equity and diversity—Report for 2003-04.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission—Report for 2003-04.

Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report for 2003-04.

Tobacco Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2003-04. [Final report]

3 TEMPORARY CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

The President tabled a warrant, dated 17 November 2004, revoking the warrant nominating Senator Collins as a Temporary Chair of Committees and nominating Senator Moore as an additional Temporary Chair of Committees.

4 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 3(4)

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Ian Campbell), pursuant to notice, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—That standing order 3(4) be suspended to enable the Senate to consider business other than that of a formal character before the address-in-reply to the Governor-General's opening speech has been adopted.

Question put and passed.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT BILL 2004

AVIATION SECURITY AMENDMENT BILL 2004

BANKRUPTCY AND FAMILY LAW LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2004

DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT (EDUCATION STANDARDS) BILL 2004

FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (ANNUITIES) BILL 2004

FISHERIES (VALIDATION OF PLANS OF MANAGEMENT) BILL 2004

NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) BILL 2004

NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION (CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2004

POSTAL INDUSTRY OMBUDSMAN BILL 2004

SURVEILLANCE DEVICES BILL 2004

TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) AMENDMENT (STORED COMMUNICATIONS) BILL 2004

WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (AGREEMENT VALIDATION) BILL 2004

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Ian Campbell), at the request of the Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) and pursuant to notice, moved government business notices of motion nos 2 to 13—That the following bills be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*, and for other purposes.

A Bill for an Act to amend laws relating to aviation security, and for related purposes.

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*, and for other purposes.

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, and for related purposes.

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

A Bill for an Act to provide certainty about the validity of certain plans of management under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*, and for related purposes.

A Bill for an Act relating to the protection of certain information from disclosure in federal criminal proceedings, and for related purposes.

A Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts as a consequence of the enactment of the *National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) Act 2004*, and for related purposes.

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Ombudsman Act 1976*, and for related purposes.

A Bill for an Act to set out the powers of Commonwealth law enforcement agencies with respect to surveillance devices, and for related purposes.

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Telecommunications (Interception) Act 1979*, and for other purposes.

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

Senator Ian Campbell presented the bills and moved—That these bills may proceed without formalities, may be taken together and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bills read a first time.

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

Explanatory memoranda: Senator Ian Campbell tabled explanatory memoranda [12] relating to the bills.

Consideration of legislation: Pursuant to order, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next day of sitting which is more than 14 days after today.

Senator Ian Campbell moved—That the National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) Bill 2004 and the National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2004 be listed on the *Notice Paper* as one order of the day, and the remaining bills be listed as separate orders of the day.

Question put and passed.

6 DAYS OF MEETING

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Ian Campbell), pursuant to notice, moved government business notice of motion no. 14—That the days of meeting of the Senate for 2004 and 2005 be as follows:

Spring sittings (2004):

Tuesday, 16 November to Thursday, 18 November

Monday, 29 November to Thursday, 2 December

Monday, 6 December to Thursday, 9 December

Summer sittings (2005):

Tuesday, 8 February to Thursday, 10 February

Autumn sittings (2005):

Monday, 7 March to Thursday, 10 March

Monday, 14 March to Thursday, 17 March

Budget sittings (2005):

Tuesday, 10 May to Thursday, 12 May

Winter sittings (2005):

Tuesday, 14 June to Thursday, 16 June

Monday, 20 June to Thursday, 23 June

Spring sittings (2005):

Tuesday, 9 August to Thursday, 11 August

Monday, 15 August to Thursday, 18 August

Monday, 5 September to Thursday, 8 September

Monday, 12 September to Thursday, 15 September

Tuesday, 4 October to Thursday, 6 October

Monday, 10 October to Thursday, 13 October

Spring sittings (2) (2005):

Monday, 7 November to Thursday, 10 November

Monday, 28 November to Thursday, 1 December.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7 STANDING COMMITTEES—ALLOCATION OF DEPARTMENTS

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Ian Campbell), pursuant to notice, moved government business notice of motion no. 15—That the continuing order relating to the allocation of departments and agencies to standing committees be amended to read as follows:

Departments and agencies are allocated to the legislative and general purpose standing committees as follows:

Community Affairs

Family and Community Services

Health and Ageing

Economics

Treasury

Industry, Tourism and Resources

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Employment and Workplace Relations

Education, Science and Training

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Environment and Heritage

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Finance and Public Administration

Parliament
Prime Minister and Cabinet
Finance and Administration
Human Services

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Foreign Affairs and Trade
Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)

Legal and Constitutional

Attorney-General
Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Transport and Regional Services
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Question put and passed.

8 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Ian Campbell) moved—That government business notices of motion nos 16 and 17 standing in his name for today, relating to consideration of legislation, be postponed till a later hour.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

Order of the day read for the consideration of the Governor-General's opening speech.

Senator Knowles moved—That the following address-in-reply be agreed to:

To His Excellency the Governor-General

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign and to thank Your Excellency for the speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Senator Fifield seconded the motion.

Debate ensued.

The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett) moved the following amendment:

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

“, but the Senate is of the opinion that:

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

Debate ensued.

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

10 MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Matters of public interest were discussed.

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At 2 pm—

11 MANAGER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT WHIPS

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill), by leave, informed the Senate of the appointment of Senator Ellison as Manager of Government Business in the Senate, and of the reappointment of Senator Ferris as Government Whip in the Senate and Senator Eggleston as Government Deputy Whip.

12 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were answered.

13 COMMUNICATIONS—TELSTRA—ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Senator Conroy moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Coonan) to questions without notice asked by Senators Conroy and Lundy today relating to Telstra.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

14 TAXATION—INCOME TAX THRESHOLDS—IMMIGRATION—ASYLUM SEEKERS—ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett) moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin) and the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (Senator Vanstone) to questions without notice asked by Senator Bartlett today relating to income tax thresholds and to asylum seekers.

Question put and passed.

15 PETITIONS

The following 22 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the senators indicated, were received:

The President, from 53 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to ban the production, transfer, importation and use of anti-vehicle mines.

The President and Senator Nettle, 2 petitions similar in wording, from 16 and 1 002 petitioners, respectively, requesting that the Senate take action to ensure that the Government negotiates a fair and equitable maritime boundary with Timor Leste according to current international law and the provisions of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Senator Bartlett, from 135 petitioners, requesting that the Senate call on the Government to initiate a Royal Commission into sexual assault and the abuse of children.

Senator Bartlett, from 477 petitioners, requesting that the Senate support the Defence Amendment (Parliamentary approval for Australian involvement in overseas conflicts) Bill 2003.

Senators Bartlett, Faulkner and McGauran, from 28, 315 and 8 petitioners, respectively, requesting that the Senate take action to ensure that Mamdouh Habib's rights are acknowledged and that he be returned to Australia and entitled to a civil trial if charged with any crime.

Senator Bartlett, from 63 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to extend the Educational Textbook Subsidy Scheme indefinitely.

Senator Bartlett, from 27 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to release all children from immigration detention centres into the community, and to provide them with psychological counselling, education and medical services.

Senator Bartlett, from 24 petitioners, requesting that the Senate pass legislation to provide a national system of Government-funded paid maternity leave which provides at least a 14-week payment for working women, with minimal exclusions.

Senator Bartlett, from 7 petitioners, requesting that the Senate ensure the powers and responsibilities of the Senate are protected in the interests of ensuring good governance on behalf of the Australian people.

Senator Bartlett, from 25 petitioners, requesting that the Senate oppose the full privatisation of Telstra as the sale is contrary to the public interest.

Senator Bartlett, from 111 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to end the live animal export trade and develop a chilled and frozen carcass trade using humane slaughtering practices.

Senator Bartlett, from 37 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to ensure that pharmaceutical purchasing be exempt from the free trade agreement.

Senators Ian Campbell and Eggleston, from 501 and 203 petitioners, respectively, requesting that the Senate take action to restrict children's exposure to Internet pornography.

Senator Crossin, from 10 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to establish a Medicare office for the City of Palmerston.

Senator Ridgeway, from 22 petitioners, requesting that the Senate oppose any legislation to abolish the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

Senator Webber, from 68 petitioners, requesting that the Senate oppose cuts in the number of places at technical and further education institutions.

Senator Webber, from 9 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to restore bulk billing by general practitioners.

Senator Webber, from 184 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to ensure that wheat growers affected by the Iraqi debt write off are fully compensated.

16 NOTICES

Notices of motion:

The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Bartlett): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) 20 November 2004 marks the 15th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCROC),

- (ii) UNCROC is the most widely ratified human rights convention of all time, ratified by 192 countries,
 - (iii) millions of children worldwide suffer from preventable diseases and malnutrition,
 - (iv) numerous children have no hope of even receiving a basic education,
 - (v) numerous children work in inhumane conditions and are exploited as cheap labour,
 - (vi) children are the sad victims of trafficking, including for heinous purposes of prostitution and sexual exploitation, and
 - (vii) children are affected by armed conflict and the ravages of war; and
- (b) expresses the view that an important way for Australia to demonstrate its commitment to UNCROC is to ensure that Australia's domestic laws comply with the spirit and terms of the treaty. (*general business notice of motion no. 11*)

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

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

- (ii) make immediate representations to Security Council members, prior to the meeting in Nairobi, regarding the need for urgent action to prevent further loss of life and suffering within Sudan and neighbouring Chad; and
- (e) calls on the Sudanese Government to take immediate action to disarm militia groups, prevent further attacks against civilians, and prosecute the perpetrators of atrocities. (*general business notice of motion no. 12*)

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

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the Government has failed to ensure that telecommunications service standards are up to scratch in rural and regional Australia,
 - (ii) the chief of the Government's telecommunications inquiry, Mr Dick Estens, has said that telecommunications services in the bush remain a 'shemozzle', and
 - (iii) selling Telstra will cost the budget \$255 million over the next 4 years; and
- (b) calls on the Government to keep Telstra in majority public ownership to ensure reliable telecommunications services for all Australians. (*general business notice of motion no. 13*)

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

- (1) That the following matter be referred to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for inquiry and report by 22 June 2005:
 - (a) the level of expenditure on, and the nature and extent of, Commonwealth government advertising since 1996;
 - (b) the processes involved in decision-making on Commonwealth government advertising, including the role of the Government Communications Unit and the Ministerial Committee on Government Communications;
 - (c) the adequacy of the accountability framework and, in particular, the 1995 guidelines for government advertising, with reference to relevant reports, guidelines and principles issued by the Auditor-General and the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit;
 - (d) the means of ensuring the ongoing application of guidelines based on those recommended by the Auditor-General and the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit to all government advertising; and
 - (e) the order of the Senate of 29 October 2003 relating to advertising projects, and whether the order is an effective mechanism for parliamentary accountability in relation to government advertising.
- (2) That the committee have power to consider and use the records of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee appointed in the previous Parliament.

Senator Harradine: To move on the next day of sitting—That answers be provided by 31 January 2005 to:

- (a) estimates questions on notice lodged with legislation committees in the course of the estimates hearings in May and June 2004; and
- (b) estimates questions on notice lodged with legislation committees by 2 December 2004. (*general business notice of motion no. 14*)

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Ian Campbell): To move on 29 November 2004—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills:

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004
 Bankruptcy and Family Law Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
 Disability Discrimination Amendment (Education Standards) Bill 2004
 Family Law Amendment (Annuities) Bill 2004
 Fisheries (Validation of Plans of Management) Bill 2004.

Documents: Senator Ian Campbell tabled the following documents:

Consideration of legislation—Statements of reasons [5] for introduction and passage of certain bills in the 2004 spring sittings.

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Ian Campbell): To move on 30 November 2004—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills:

Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2004 Election Commitments) Bill 2004
 National Water Commission Bill 2004
 Tax Laws Amendment (Retirement Villages) Bill 2004
 Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business Measures) Bill 2004
 Tax Laws Amendment (Superannuation Reporting) Bill 2004.

Documents: Senator Ian Campbell tabled the following documents:

Consideration of legislation—Statements of reasons [5] for introduction and passage of certain bills in the 2004 spring sittings.

Contingent notices of motion:

Senator Lees 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 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.

17 POSTPONEMENTS

The following items of business were postponed:

Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of Senator Ridgeway for today, proposing the disallowance of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 1), postponed till 18 November 2004.

General business notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of Senator Ludwig for today, proposing the re-establishment of the Select Committee on the Scrafton Evidence, postponed till 18 November 2004.

General business notice of motion no. 2 standing in the name of Senator Allison for today, relating to human rights in Western Sahara, postponed till 18 November 2004.

General business notice of motion no. 3 standing in the name of Senator Allison for today, relating to high-intensity active naval sonar, postponed till 18 November 2004.

General business notice of motion no. 6 standing in the name of Senator Nettle for today, relating to the death of Yasser Arafat, postponed till 18 November 2004.

General business notice of motion no. 7 standing in the name of Senator Harris for today, relating to the use of the word 'ANZACS', postponed till 18 November 2004.

General business notice of motion no. 9 standing in the name of Senator Nettle for today, relating to Iraq, postponed till 18 November 2004.

18 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. 4—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',
- (iii) in February 2002, the Senate agreed to a resolution noting these recommendations, acknowledging that they had not been implemented, and calling on the Government to respond to the standing committee's report to modernise the Parliament and open it up to participation by all Australians, and
- (iv) the government response to the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation's final report, dated September 2002 and some 22 months after the report was released, stated that the Government was not prepared to include Indigenous protocols into opening ceremonies for Parliament;

- (b) expresses its disappointment that the Government has again missed the opportunity to recognise and honour the unique cultures and identity of Indigenous Australians and include First Nation Peoples in the official national ceremony as a positive and inclusive gesture of reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians; and
- (c) calls on the Government to take constructive action, in accordance with its own 2001 House of Representatives committee report, to ensure that the Australian Parliament is accessible to all Australians and representative of all Australians, by incorporating Indigenous protocols into the ceremony for the opening of Parliament.

Question put and passed.

**19 ADMINISTRATION OF INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS—SELECT COMMITTEE—
REAPPOINTMENT**

Senator Ridgeway, also on behalf of Senator Crossin, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 8—
That—

- (a) the Select Committee on the Administration of Indigenous Affairs, appointed by resolution of the Senate on 16 June 2004, be reappointed with the same terms of reference, powers and provisions for membership, except as otherwise provided by this resolution;
- (b) the committee have power to consider and use for its purposes the minutes of evidence and records of the select committee appointed on 16 June 2004; and
- (c) the committee report by 8 March 2005.

Question put and passed.

20 CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

Motion determined as not formal: The Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Ian Campbell) requested that government business notice of motion no. 16 standing in his name for today, relating to consideration of legislation, be taken as formal.

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

21 BILLS—RESTORATION TO NOTICE PAPER

Senator Allison, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 5—

- (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:

Anti-Genocide Bill 1999 [2002]
 Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2002]
 Constitution Alteration (Appropriations for the Ordinary Annual Services of the Government) 2001 [2002]
 Constitution Alteration (Electors' Initiative, Fixed Term Parliaments and Qualification of Members) 2000 [2002]
 Defence Amendment (Parliamentary approval for Australian involvement in overseas conflicts) Bill 2003
 Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2003
 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Invasive Species) Bill 2002
 Euthanasia Laws (Repeal) Bill 2004
 Financial Management and Accountability (Anti-Restrictive Software Practices) Amendment Bill 2003
 Freedom of Information Amendment (Open Government) Bill 2003
 Genetic Privacy and Non-discrimination Bill 1998 [2002]
 Ministers of State (Post-Retirement Employment Restrictions) Bill 2002
 National Animal Welfare Bill 2003
 Patents Amendment Bill 1996 [2002]

Parliamentary Approval of Treaties Bill 1995 [2002]
 Public Interest Disclosure (Protection of Whistleblowers) Bill 2002
 Reconciliation Bill 2001 [2002]
 Republic (Consultation of the People) Bill 2001 [2002]
 Sexuality Anti-Vilification Bill 2003
 Sexuality and Gender Identity Discrimination Bill 2003
 State Elections (One Vote, One Value) Bill 2001 [2002]
 Textbook Subsidy Bill 2003
 Uranium Mining in or near Australian World Heritage Properties
 (Prohibition) Bill 1998 [2002]
 Workplace Relations Amendment (Paid Maternity Leave) Bill 2002.

Question put and passed.

22 POSTPONEMENT

Senator Harradine, by leave, moved—That general business notice of motion no. 10 standing in his name for today, relating to Budget estimates supplementary hearings, be postponed till 18 November 2004.

Question put and passed.

23 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:

Census and Statistics Act—Australian Bureau of Statistics—Statement No. 3 of 2004.

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

105, dated 20, 21 [2] and 29 October; and 1 [4], 4, 8 [7], 9 [6], 10 [5], 11 [3] and 12 [11] November 2004.

106, dated 8 and 9 [2] November 2004.

107, dated 8 and 9 November 2004.

Fisheries Management Act—Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery Management Plan 1995—2004-05 SBT Final TAC Determination.

Higher Education Support Act—

Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines—Amendment No. 1.

Notices of approval of a higher education provider under section 16-50, dated—

29 October 2004—Marcus Oldham College.

1 November 2004—Monash International Pty Ltd.

9 November 2004—

Australian Lutheran College.

Harvest Bible College Inc.

The Australian Institute of Music Limited.

15 November 2004—

Adelaide College of Divinity Incorporated.

Oceania Polytechnic Institute of Education Pty Ltd.

Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act—Request from Minister to APRA, dated 3 February 2004.

24 INDEXED LISTS OF DEPARTMENTAL AND AGENCY FILES—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled pursuant to the order of the Senate of 30 May 1996, as amended:

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2004—Statements of compliance—

- Australian Public Service Commission.
- Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio agencies.
- Department of Education, Science and Training.
- Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs portfolio agencies.
- Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General.

25 CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Ian Campbell), pursuant to notice, moved government business notice of motion no. 16—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the Customs Amendment (Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2004 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2004.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Senator Ian Campbell, pursuant to notice, moved government business notice of motion no. 17—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills:

- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill 2004
- Aviation Security Amendment Bill 2004
- Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004
- Health Insurance Amendment (100% Medicare Rebate and Other Measures) Bill 2004
- Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2004
- National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) Bill 2004 and National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2004
- Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement through Choice and Opportunity) Bill 2004 and States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- Surveillance Devices Bill 2004
- Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment (Stored Communications) Bill 2004
- Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment (Post-2005 Scheme) Bill 2004 and Customs Tariff Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Post-2005 Arrangements) Bill 2004
- Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 2004
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Agreement Validation) Bill 2004.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Message no. 2, dated 17 November 2004—A Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Act 1901*, and for related purposes.

Message no. 1, dated 17 November 2004—A Bill for an Act to amend the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Family and Community Services (Senator Patterson) moved—That these bills may proceed without formalities, may be taken together and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bills read a first time.

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

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

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

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

Debate resumed.

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

28 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS—CONSIDERATION

The following government documents tabled earlier today (see entry no. 2) were considered:

Corporate governance—Review of the corporate governance of statutory authorities and office holders—Report by John Uhrig, June 2003. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Corporate governance—Review of the corporate governance of statutory authorities and office holders—Government response. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Tobacco Research and Development Corporation—Report for 2003-04. [Final report]. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Government Solicitor—Statement of corporate intent 2004-05. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Product Stewardship (Oil) Act 2000—Independent review—Final report by the Allen Consulting Group, May 2004. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Product Stewardship for Oil Program—Independent review of the transitional assistance element of the program—Report by Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, March 2004. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Financial Reporting Council and Australian Accounting Standards Board—Reports for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Securities and Investments Commission—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Statistics Advisory Council—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Murray-Darling Basin Commission—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Advance to the Finance Minister—Statement and supporting applications for funds for June 2004. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Department of Finance and Administration—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Commissioner for Superannuation (ComSuper)—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australia-Indonesia Institute—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Reserve Bank of Australia—Equity and diversity—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Institute of Criminology and the Criminology Research Council—Reports for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

National Native Title Tribunal—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Crimes Act 1914—Assumed identities—Australian Federal Police—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

National Witness Protection Program—Report for 2003-04 on the operation of the *Witness Protection Act 1994*. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Crimes Act 1914—Controlled operations—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Department of Employment and Workplace Relations—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

APEC—Australia's individual action plan 2004. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

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

Australian Law Reform Commission—Report no. 99—Genes and ingenuity: Gene patenting and human health, June 2004. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Sydney Airport Demand Management Act 1997—Quarterly report on the maximum movement limit for Sydney Airport for the period 1 April to 30 June 2004. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Reserve Bank of Australia—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2004. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Medibank Private—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Medibank Private—Statement of corporate intent 2004-2007. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Repatriation Medical Authority—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Final Budget Outcome 2003-04—Report by the Treasurer (Mr Costello) and the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin), September 2004. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian War Memorial—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Defence Housing Authority—Statement of corporate intent, 2004-05. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Electoral Commission—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Strategic Policy Institute—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

National Standards Commission—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Housing Assistance Act 1996—Report for 2002-03 on the operation of the 1999 Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement [Final report]. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Reports for 2003-04—Volume 1—Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade—Reports for 2003-04—Volume 2—Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

National Residue Survey—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Bureau of Statistics—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Civil Aviation Safety Authority Australia—Corporate plan 2004-05 to 2006-07. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Indigenous Land Corporation—National Indigenous land strategy 2001-2006—Changes to strategy, February 2004. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Repatriation Medical Authority—Report for 2003-04—Corrigendum. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Stevedoring Industry Finance Committee—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Trade Commission (AUSTRADE)—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Maritime Industry Finance Company Limited—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Industrial Relations Commission and Australian Industrial Registry—Reports for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Remuneration Tribunal—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Telstra Corporation Limited—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

National Archives of Australia and National Archives of Australia Advisory Council—Reports for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

National Gallery of Australia—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Film, Television and Radio School—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australia Council—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian National Maritime Museum—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Communications Authority—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

NetAlert Limited—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Film Australia Limited—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

National Library of Australia—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

National Museum of Australia—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Equal employment opportunity program—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australia Business Arts Foundation Ltd—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Office of Film and Literature Classification—Classification Board and Classification Review Board—Reports for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Office of Parliamentary Counsel—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Federal Police Disciplinary Tribunal—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Family Law Council—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Film Finance Corporation Australia Limited—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Family Court of Australia—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner—Report for 2003-04 on the operation of the *Privacy Act 1988*. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Industrial Relations Court of Australia—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Government Information Management Office—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Film Commission—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Department of Family and Community Services—Report for 2003-04—Volumes 1 and 2. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Institute of Family Studies—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Director of Public Prosecutions—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Greenhouse Office—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

PSS Board—Public Sector Superannuation Scheme—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

CSS Board—Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Acts Interpretation Act—Statement pursuant to section 34C(6) relating to the extension of specified period for the presentation of a report—Department of Finance and Administration—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Research Council—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Repatriation Commission, Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission, Department of Veterans' Affairs and National Treatment Monitoring Committee—Reports for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Department of the Environment and Heritage—Report for 2003-04, including the final annual report of the Australian Heritage Commission. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian National Training Authority—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Aboriginal Land Commissioner—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Anindilyakwa Land Council—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Indigenous Land Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Tiwi Land Council—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Central Queensland Land Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Goldfields Land and Sea Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Gurang Land Council (Aboriginal Corporation)—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Kimberley Land Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Inc—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

North Queensland Land Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Yamatji Marlpa Barna Baba Maaja Aboriginal Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

National Oceans Office—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian National Training Authority—Report for 2003. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

National Australia Day Council—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Commonwealth Ombudsman—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Department of the Treasury—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Office of Financial Management—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Public Lending Right Committee—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Broadcasting Authority—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Bundanon Trust—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Public Service Commissioner—Report for 2003-04, together with the report of the Merit Protection Commissioner. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Institute of Marine Science—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Department of Education, Science and Training—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Enterprise and Career Education Foundation Limited—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Law Reform Commission—Report no. 100—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Federal Magistrates Court—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Government Solicitor—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Administrative Review Council—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Federal Court of Australia—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Food Standards Australia New Zealand—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Comcare Australia—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

CrimTrac Agency—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Customs Service—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Reinsurance Pool Corporation—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Inspector-General of Taxation—Report for the period 7 August 2003 to 30 June 2004. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Supervising Scientist—Report for 2003-04 on the operation of the *Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act 1978*. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Employment Advocate—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Commissioner of Taxation—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Social Security Appeals Tribunal—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited—Report for the period 29 June 2003 to 26 June 2004. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

International Air Services Commission—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (SBS)—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Attorney-General's Department—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Inspector-General in Bankruptcy—Report for 2003-04 on the operation of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

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

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust Fund—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Services Trust Funds—Reports for 2003-04 of the Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund, the Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund and the Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Commissioner for Complaints—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Limited—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Australian Maritime Safety Authority—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs—Report for 2003-04. Motion to take note of document moved by Senator Buckland. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Buckland in continuation.

29 ADJOURNMENT

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

The Senate adjourned at 6.52 pm till Thursday, 18 November 2004 at 9.30 am.

30 ATTENDANCE

Present, all senators except Senators Cook, Ellison and Tierney* (* on leave).

HARRY EVANS
Clerk of the Senate