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Senator Kerry Nettle
Senator for New South Wales
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



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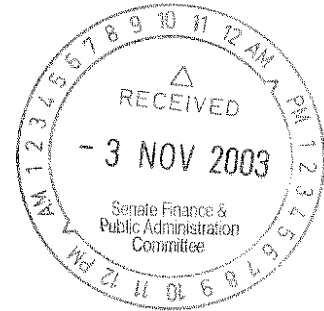


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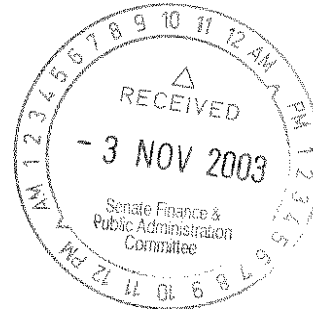


Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Hon Neil Andrew MP

23 October 2003

Senator the Hon Paul Calvert
President of the Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Mr President

On 8 October 2003, the House of Representatives resolved to invite the Honourable George W Bush, President of the United States of America, to attend and address the House, on Thursday, 23 October 2003, and to invite the Senate to meet with the House in the House of Representatives Chamber for that purpose.

On 9 October 2003, the Senate accepted the invitation, and concurred in the provisions of the resolution of the House relating to the conduct of that meeting, including that the Speaker was to preside, and that the procedures of the House were to apply to the meeting so far as they were applicable.

During President Bush's address this morning, Senators Brown and Nettle were each ordered by me, under the provisions of standing order 304A, to withdraw from the Chamber. When each Senator refused to withdraw, I ordered the Serjeant-at-Arms to direct each of them to leave the Chamber. Neither Senator withdrew from the Chamber.

After President Bush had left the Chamber, I named Senators Brown and Nettle for continuing to defy the Chair. A motion was then moved by the Leader of the House, and endorsed by Members and Senators present, to suspend Senators Brown and Nettle. Standing Order 307 provides that a Member (in this case, Senator) suspended is excluded from the Chamber, all its galleries and any room where the Main Committee is meeting. Under standing order 305, the period of suspension is 24 hours, from 11.55am on 23 October 2003.

I ask that you convey the terms of this advice to Senators Brown and Nettle.

Yours sincerely

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