

16 PRIVILEGES—STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE

Senator Nettle, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved matter of privilege notice of motion no. 1—That the following matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges:

Whether false or misleading evidence was given to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee or any other Senate committee concerning the Government's knowledge of the rendition of Mr Mamdouh Habib to Egypt, and whether any contempt was committed in that regard.

Question put and passed.

Statements by leave: The Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz) and Senators Nettle and Stott Despoja, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

17 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—RUSSIA—NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS

The Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 906—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the recommendations of Dr Donald R. Rothwell, Professor of International Law at the Australian National University, on the minimum requirements the Government should pursue in its negotiations with the Russian Federation (Russia) on a nuclear safeguards agreement, which include:
 - (i) Australia requesting Russia to ratify the International Atomic Energy Agency Additional Protocol which it signed in March 2000,
 - (ii) if Russia fails to ratify the Additional Protocol, Australia seeking to incorporate the essential terms and conditions of the Additional Protocol into the bilateral agreement, and
 - (iii) Australia seeking to incorporate binding human rights and democracy clauses into any such agreement; and
- (b) urges the Government to:
 - (i) consider also including a clause stipulating a time frame for disarmament in any bilateral agreement, and
 - (ii) reconcile its wider responsibilities to non-proliferation, disarmament and human rights before any benefits to the Australian economy when negotiating the nuclear safeguards agreement with Russia.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Senators—

Allison	Crossin	Lundy	O'Brien
Bartlett	Evans	Marshall	Polley
Bishop	Fielding	McEwen	Ray
Brown, Bob	Hogg	McLucas	Siewert
Brown, Carol	Hurley	Milne	Sterle
Campbell (Teller)	Hutchins	Moore	Stott Despoja
Carr	Kirk	Murray	Webber
Conroy	Ludwig	Nettle	Wortley