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1 **Meeting of Senate**

The Senate met at 9.30 am. The President (Senator the Honourable Scott Ryan) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

2 **Documents**

The Clerk tabled the following documents pursuant to statute:

[Legislative instruments are identified by a Federal Register of Legislation (FRL) number. An explanatory statement is tabled with an instrument unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk.]

- **Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1983**—Statement under section 24X.
- **Civil Aviation Act 1988**—Civil Aviation Regulations 1988—
  - Number of Cabin Attendants (Virgin Australia Airlines) Direction 2018—CASA 44/18 [F2018L00796].
  - Number of Cabin Attendants (Virgin Australia International Airlines) Direction 2018—CASA 45/18 [F2018L00800].
- **Export Market Development Grants Act 1997**—
  - Determination of the Balance Distribution Date for Grant Year 2016-17.
  - Determination of the Initial Payment Ceiling Amount for Grant Year 2017-18.
- **Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910**—National Land (Road Transport) Ordinance 2014—
  - Parking Permit Fees Rule 2018 [F2018L00799].
  - Pay Parking Fees Rule 2018 [F2018L00798].
- **Social Security (Administration) Act 1999**—Social Security (Administration) (Non-Compliance) Determination 2018 (No. 1) [F2018L00795].

3 **Committees—Leave to meet during sittings**

Committees were authorised to meet during the sittings of the Senate, as follows:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—public meeting on Wednesday, 27 June 2018, from 9.30 am, for the committee’s consideration of the 2018-19 Budget estimates.
- Environment and Communications References Committee—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) today, from 1.05 pm.
- Migration—Joint Standing Committee—public meeting on Wednesday, 27 June 2018, from 10 am.
4 Treasury Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Plan) Bill 2018—Consideration

Leave refused: The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) sought leave to move a motion relating to consideration of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Plan) Bill 2018. An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Proposed suspension of standing orders: Senator Wong, pursuant to contingent notice, moved—that so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent her moving a motion to provide for the consideration of a matter, namely a motion to vary the order of the Senate of 20 June 2018 relating to consideration of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Plan) Bill 2018.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 33

Senator Bilyk
Senator Brown
Senator Cameron
Senator Carr
Senator Chisholm
Senator Collins
Senator Di Natale
Senator Dodson
Senator Farrell

Senator Gallacher
Senator Hanson-Young
Senator Keneally
Senator Ketter*
Senator Kirchin
Senator Lines
Senator Marshall
Senator McAllister

Senator McCarthy
Senator McKim
Senator Moore
Senator O’Neill
Senator Pratt
Senator Rhiannon
Senator Rice
Senator Siewert

Senator Singh
Senator Smith, David
Senator Steele-John
Senator Sterle
Senator Storer
Senator Watt
Senator Whish-Wilson
Senator Wong

NOES, 36

Senator Abetz
Senator Anning
Senator Bernardi
Senator Birmingham
Senator Brockman
Senator Burston
Senator Bushby*
Senator Cash
Senator Colbeck

Senator Cormann
Senator Duniam
Senator Fawcett
Senator Fierravanti-Wells
Senator Fifield
Senator Georgiou
Senator Gichuhi
Senator Griff

Senator Hinch
Senator Hume
Senator Macdonald
Senator Martin
Senator McGrath
Senator McKenzie
Senator Molan
Senator O’Sullivan

Senator Patrick
Senator Payne
Senator Reynolds
Senator Ruston
Senator Ryan
Senator Scullion
Senator Smith, Dean
Senator Stoker

Senator Williams

* Tellers

Question negatived.

5 Senator Hanson—Proposed censure and personal explanation

Leave refused: Senator Hanson-Young sought leave to move a motion of censure of the Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson). An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Proposed suspension of standing orders: Senator Hanson-Young, at the request of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) and pursuant to contingent notice, moved—that so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Senator Di Natale moving a motion to provide for the consideration of a matter, namely a motion of censure of Senator Hanson.

Closure: The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) moved—that the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 36

Senators—
Abetz  Cormann  Hinch  Paterson
Anning  Duniam  Hume  Patrick
Bernardi  Fawcett  Leyonhjelm  Payne
Birmingham  Fierravanti-Wells  Macdonald  Reynolds
Brockman  Fifield  Martin  Ruston
Burston  Georgiou  McGrath  Ryan
Bushby*  Gichuhi  McKenzie  Scullion
Cash  Griff  Molan  Smith, Dean
Colbeck  Hanson  O’Sullivan  Stoker

NOES, 32

Senators—
Bilyk  Farrell  McAllister  Siewert
Brown  Gallacher  McCarthy  Singh
Cameron  Hanson-Young  McKim  Smith, David
Carr  Keneally  Moore  Steele-John
Chisholm  Ketter*  O’Neill  Storer
Collins  Kitching  Pratt  Watt
Di Natale  Lines  Rhiannon  Whish-Wilson
Dodson  Marshall  Rice  Wong

* Tellers

Question agreed to.

Question—That the motion to suspend standing orders be agreed to—put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 32

Senators—
Bilyk  Farrell  McAllister  Siewert
Brown  Gallacher  McCarthy  Singh
Cameron  Hanson-Young  McKim  Smith, David
Carr  Keneally  Moore  Steele-John
Chisholm  Ketter*  O’Neill  Storer
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Di Natale  Lines  Rhiannon  Whish-Wilson
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Senators—
Abetz  Cormann  Hinch  Paterson
Anning  Duniam  Hume  Patrick
Bernardi  Fawcett  Leyonhjelm  Payne
Birmingham  Fierravanti-Wells  Macdonald  Reynolds
Brockman  Fifield  Martin  Ruston
Burston  Georgiou  McGrath  Ryan
Bushby*  Gichuhi  McKenzie  Scullion
Cash  Griff  Molan  Smith, Dean
Colbeck  Hanson  O’Sullivan  Stoker

* Tellers

Question negatived.

*Leave refused: Senator Rice sought leave to move a motion to require Senator Hanson to make a personal explanation concerning comments made during debate on 20 June 2018. An objection was raised and leave was not granted.*
Proposed suspension of standing orders: Senator Rice, at the request of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) and pursuant to contingent notice, moved—that so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Senator Di Natale moving a motion to provide for the consideration of a matter, namely a motion to require Senator Hanson to make a personal explanation concerning comments made during debate on 20 June 2018.

Ruling of President: The President ruled that, the Senate having twice rejected proposals that it depart from its routine of business by suspending standing orders, he would not entertain any further proposal, consistent with Senate practice and precedent.

6 Water Amendment Bill 2018

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) moved—that the debate be now adjourned.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 36

Senators—

Abetz  Cormann  Hinch  Paterson
Anning  Duniam  Hume  Patrick
Bernardi  Fawcett  Leyonhjelm  Payne
Birmingham  Fierravanti-Wells  Macdonald  Reynolds
Brockman  Fifield  Martin  Ruston
Burston  Georgiou  McGrath  Ryan
Bushby*  Gichuhi  McKenzie  Scullion
Cash  Griff  Molan  Smith, Dean
Colbeck  Hanson  O’Sullivan  Stoker

NOES, 32

Senators—

Bilyk  Gallacher  McCarthy  Singh
Brown  Hanson-Young  McKim  Smith, David
Carr  Keneally  Moore  Steele-John
Chisholm  Ketter  O’Neill  Sterle
Collins  Kitching  Pratt  Storer
Di Natale  Lines  Rhiannon  Watt
Dodson  Marshall  Rice  Whish-Wilson
Farrell  McAllister*  Siewert  Wong

*Tellers

Question agreed to.

7 Treasury Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Plan) Bill 2018

A message from the House of Representatives was reported disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bill:


Pursuant to order (see entry no. 8, 20 June 2018), the message was considered in committee of the whole immediately.
In the committee

The Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) moved—That the committee does not insist on its amendments to which the House of Representatives has disagreed.

Statements by leave: The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong), the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) and Senator Storer, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Closure: Senator Cormann moved—That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The committee divided—

AYES, 37

Abetz Anning Bernardi Birmingham Brockman Burstion Bushby Cash Colbeck Cormann

Duniam Fawcett* Fierravanti-Wells Fifield Georgiou Gichuhi Griff Hanson Hinch

Hume Leyonhjelm Macdonald Martin McGrath Molan O’Sullivan Paterson

Patrick Payne Reynolds Ruston Ryan Scullion Smith, Dean Stoker

NOES, 33

Bilyk Brown Cameron Carr Chisholm Collins Di Natale Dodson Dodson Farrell

Gallacher Hanson-Young Keneally Ketter Kitching Lines Marshall McCarthy

McKim Moore O’Neill Pratt Rhiannon Rice Stewart Singh

Smith, David Steele-John Sterle Storer Unquhart* Watt Whish-Wilson

* Tellers

Question agreed to.

Question—That the committee does not insist on its amendments to which the House of Representatives has disagreed—put.

The committee divided—

AYES, 37

Abetz Anning Bernardi Birmingham Brockman Burstion Bushby Cash Colbeck Cormann

Duniam Fawcett* Fierravanti-Wells Fifield Georgiou Gichuhi Griff Hanson Hinch

Hume Leyonhjelm Macdonald Martin McGrath Molan O’Sullivan Paterson

Patrick Payne Reynolds Ruston Ryan Scullion Smith, Dean Stoker

Williams
Question agreed to.

Senator Cormann moved—That the resolution be reported.

Question put.

The committee divided—

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Question agreed to.

The President resumed the chair and the Chair of Committees (Senator Lines) reported that the committee had considered message no. 403 from the House of Representatives relating to the Treasury Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Plan) Bill 2018 and had resolved not to insist on the amendments made by the Senate to which the House had disagreed.

Senator Cormann moved—That the report from the committee be adopted.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 37

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Question agreed to.

8 Notices

The Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move on the next day of sitting—that the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911, and for related purposes. Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment (Restoring the Debt Ceiling) Bill 2018. (general business notice of motion no. 882)

Senator McKim: To move on the next day of sitting—that the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 17 June 2018, The Washington Post published an opinion piece written by Mrs Laura Bush, former First Lady of the United States and wife to former Republican President of the United States, George W. Bush,

(ii) Mrs Bush’s opinion piece was highly critical of the Trump Administration’s policy of separating immigrant families at the Mexico-United States border, and

(iii) in her opinion piece, Mrs Bush wrote:

(A) this zero-tolerance policy [of children being separated from their parents, and children being kept in immigration detention] is cruel – it is immoral – and it breaks my heart,

(B) these images [of children warehoused in converted box stores] are eerily reminiscent of the internment camps for US citizens and non-citizens of Japanese descent during World War II, now considered to have been one of the most shameful episodes in US history, and
(C) we [in the United States] pride ourselves on believing that people should be seen for the content of their character, not the colour of their skin – we pride ourselves on acceptance – if we are truly that country, then it is our obligation to reunite these detained children with their parents – and to stop separating parents and children in the first place; and

(b) agrees with Mrs Laura Bush that governments should not use border protection policies to separate children from their parents or keep children in immigration detention. (general business notice of motion no. 883)

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

(1) That the following matter be referred to the Procedure Committee for inquiry and report by 22 August 2018:

The following proposed amendments to standing order 50:

(a) Omit the heading, substitute “50 Prayer or reflection and acknowledgement of country”; and

(b) First paragraph, omit all words after “following”, substitute “invitation to prayer or reflection: Senators, let us, in silence, pray or reflect upon our responsibilities to all people of Australia, and to future generations”.

(2) That in undertaking the inquiry, the committee:

(a) consult with all senators;

(b) have the power to send for persons and documents, to move from place to place, and to meet and transact business in public or private sessions; and

(c) invite submissions and take evidence in public session.


Senator Hanson-Young: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) a 2016 sub-licensing deal between Optus and the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) allowed Optus to screen all 64 matches of the 2018 FIFA World Cup, 39 of them exclusively,

(ii) Optus charged customers $15 to access its streaming service of the World Cup, and

(iii) technical errors left customers unable to watch matches during the tournament’s opening weekend; and

(b) notes further that the SBS has since arranged to show all remaining group stage matches, for free, to all Australians;

(c) considers this experience has demonstrated, once again:

(i) the importance of our public broadcasters, and

(ii) that the SBS is an invaluable national public institution; and

(d) congratulates SBS for delivering outstanding value for money to taxpayers. (general business notice of motion no. 884)
9 Selection of Bills—Standing Committee—Report no. 6 of 2018

The Chair of the Selection of Bills Committee (Senator Bushby) tabled the following report:

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 6 OF 2018

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 20 June 2018 at 7.54 pm.

2. The committee recommends that—
   (a) the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card Trial Expansion) Bill 2018 be referred immediately to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 August 2018;
   (b) the provisions of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Maintaining Income Thresholds) Bill 2018 be referred immediately to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 August 2018;
   (c) the provisions of the Space Activities Amendment (Launches and Returns) Bill 2018 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 13 August 2018; and
   (d) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Protecting Your Superannuation Package) Bill 2018 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 13 August 2018.

3. The committee recommends that the following bills not be referred to committees:
   Aged Care (Single Quality Framework) Reform Bill 2018
   Animal Export Legislation Amendment (Ending Long-haul Live Sheep Exports) Bill 2018
   Australian Research Council Amendment Bill 2018
   Biosecurity Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2018
   Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering Voting Age and Increasing Voter Participation) Bill 2018
   Corporations (Fees) Amendment (ASIC Fees) Bill 2018
   Corporations (Review Fees) Amendment Bill 2018
   Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2018
   Export Legislation Amendment (Live-stock) Bill 2018
   Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2018
   Migration (Validation of Port Appointment) Bill 2018
   National Consumer Credit Protection (Fees) Amendment (ASIC Fees) Bill 2018
   Superannuation Auditor Registration Imposition Amendment (ASIC Fees) Bill 2018
   Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment (ASIC Fees) Bill 2018
   Treasury Laws Amendment (APRA Governance) Bill 2018
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
   Defence Amendment (Sovereign Naval Shipbuilding) Bill 2018
   Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2018
   Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment Bill 2018
   Telecommunications Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

5. Agenda item 3 (Committee membership) deferred until the next committee meeting.

6. The committee agreed to members of the New South Wales Legislative Council’s Selection of Bills Committee attending the next meeting of the committee to observe proceedings.

   David Bushby
   Chair
   21 June 2018.

   Senator Bushby moved—That the report be adopted.
   Debate ensued.
   Question put and passed.

10 Notice of motion withdrawn
   Senator Whish-Wilson, pursuant to notice of intention given on 20 June 2018, withdrew business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in his name for 26 June 2018 for the disallowance of items 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment (Hammerhead Shark) Regulations 2018 [F2018L00191].

11 Order of business—Rearrangement
   The Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham) moved—That—
   (a) the following government business orders of the day be considered from 12.45 pm today:
      No. 6 Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Veteran-centric Reforms No. 2) Bill 2018
      Health Legislation Amendment (Improved Medicare Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2018
      No. 5 Treasury Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2018
      No. 7 Corporations (Fees) Amendment (ASIC Fees) Bill 2018
      National Consumer Credit Protection (Fees) Amendment (ASIC Fees) Bill 2018
      Superannuation Auditor Registration Imposition Amendment (ASIC Fees) Bill 2018
      Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment (ASIC Fees) Bill 2018
      No. 8 Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Amendment Bill 2018
      No. 9 Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Foreign Media Ownership and Community Radio) Bill 2017
No. 10 Australian Astronomical Observatory (Transition) Bill 2018; and
(b) government business be called on after consideration of the bills listed in paragraph (a) and considered till not later than 2 pm today.

Debate ensued.
The question was divided at the request of Senator Collins—
Question—That paragraph (a) of the motion be agreed to—put and passed.
Question—That paragraph (b) of the motion be agreed to—put and passed.

At 12.45 pm—

12 Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (Veteran-centric Reforms No. 2) Bill 2018
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.
On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston) the bill was read a third time.

13 Health Legislation Amendment (Improved Medicare Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2018
A message from the House of Representatives was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bill:

Message no. 399, dated 20 June 2018—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to health, and for related purposes.

The Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston) 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 Ruston moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

Explanatory memorandum: Senator Ruston tabled a revised explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

Debate ensued.
At 2 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Lines was speaking.

14 Questions
Questions without notice were answered.

Question to President: The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) asked a question of the President relating to an alleged incident in Parliament House.
The President indicated that he would consider the question and provide an answer.
Postponement
Senator McKim, by leave, postponed business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in his name for today, proposing the disallowance of the Australian Citizenship Amendment (Concessional Application Fees) Regulations 2018, till the next day of sitting.

Motions to take note of answers
Senator Chisholm moved—that the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) to questions without notice asked by Senators Keneally and Chisholm today relating to the Treasury Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Plan) Bill 2018.

Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale) moved—that the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) to a question without notice asked by Senator Di Natale today relating to the National Energy Guarantee.

Question put and passed.

Leave of absence
Senator Fawcett, by leave, moved—that leave of absence be granted to Senator Canavan for today, on account of parliamentary business.

Question put and passed.

Committee reports and government responses—Tabling and consideration
The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams) tabled the following report:


Senator Williams moved—that the Senate take note of the report.

Question put and passed.

The Acting Chair of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Williams) tabled the following report:


Senator Fawcett, at the request of the chairs of the respective committees, tabled the following documents:

Additional estimates 2016-17—Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 22 November 2017 and 10 May 2018—Employment portfolio.

Budget estimates 2017-18—Education and Employment Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 20 June 2017 and 10 May 2018—Education and Training portfolio.
Employment portfolio.
Budget estimates 2017-18 (Supplementary)—
Economics Legislation Committee—
Additional information received between 20 October 2017 and 31 January 2018—
Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio.
Treasury portfolio.
Hansard record of proceedings and documents presented to the committee.
Education and Employment Legislation Committee—
Additional information received between 4 December 2017 and 28 February 2018—
Education and Training portfolio.
Employment portfolio
Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee and additional information.
Additional estimates 2017-18—
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 27 March and 21 June 2018—
Finance portfolio.
Indigenous matters across portfolios.
Parliamentary departments.
Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 28 March and 8 May 2018—
Defence portfolio.
Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

Senator Fawcett, on behalf of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, tabled the following reports:

Human Rights—Joint Statutory Committee—
Annual report 2016-17, dated 19 June 2018.

Senator Moore moved—that the Senate take note of the annual report.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting. Senator Brown in continuation.

Senator Fawcett, on behalf of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security, tabled the following reports:

Intelligence and Security—Joint Statutory Committee—Reports, dated June 2018—
Review of the re-declaration of Mosul District, Ninewa Province, Iraq.
Review of the re-listing of Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e Jhangvi as terrorist organisations under the Criminal Code.
Senator Fawcett moved—That the Senate take note of the reports.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Fawcett in continuation.

Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Gallacher) tabled the following report and documents:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Australia’s trade and investment relationships with the countries of Africa—Report, dated June 2018, Hansard record of proceedings, document presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.

Senator Gallacher moved—That the Senate take note of the report.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, the Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) in continuation.

19 Order of business—Rearrangement
The Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) moved—That the order of general business for consideration today be as follows:
(a) general business order of the day no. 80 (Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering Voting Age and Increasing Voter Participation) Bill 2018); and
(b) orders of the day relating to documents.
Question put and passed.

General business was called on.

20 Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering Voting Age and Increasing Voter Participation) Bill 2018
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Steele-John—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
At 6 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Ketter was speaking.

21 Thalidomide—Australian survivors—Government responsibility—Order for production of documents—Document
The Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Ruston) tabled the following document:

Thalidomide—Australian survivors—Government responsibility—Order of 19 June 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Regional Communications (Senator McKenzie) responding to the order.

Senator Steele-John, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the document.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Steele-John in continuation.

22 Documents—Orders of the day—Consideration
The following orders of the day relating to documents were considered:

Climate Change Authority—Report for 2016-17. Motion of Senator Rice to take note of document agreed to.
Murray-Darling Basin Authority—Report for 2016-17. Motion of Senator McAllister to take note of document agreed to.

Department of the Treasury—Tax expenditures statement 2017. Motion of Senator Bartlett to take note of document agreed to.

Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Royal Commission—Final report. Motion of Senator Bartlett to take note of document agreed to.

Contamination of defence force facilities—Resolution of 6 December 2017—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath), and attachment. Motion of Senator Rhiannon to take note of documents agreed to.


Regional Forest Agreements between the Commonwealth of Australia and Victoria—Central Highlands Regional Forest Agreement—Amendment no. 1, 26 March 2018. Motion of Senator Rice to take note of document agreed to.

Regional Forest Agreements between the Commonwealth of Australia and Victoria—East Gippsland Regional Forest Agreement—Amendment no. 2, 26 March 2018. Motion of Senator Rice to take note of document agreed to.

Regional Forest Agreements between the Commonwealth of Australia and Victoria—North East Regional Forest Agreement—Amendment no. 1, 26 March 2018. Motion of Senator Rice to take note of document agreed to.

Status of government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 31 March 2018. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 2016-17. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document agreed to.

Wet Tropics Management Authority—State of the Wet Tropics—Report for 2016-17. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document agreed to.
Queensland Teachers’ Union—Resolution of 20 March 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the General Secretary, Queensland Teachers Union (Mr Moloney). Motion of Senator Bartlett to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice—Additional estimates 2017-18—Statements pursuant to the order of the Senate of 25 June 2014—Australian Public Service Commission; Office of National Assessments. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of documents agreed to.


Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telstra’s structural separation undertaking—Report for 2016-17. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document agreed to.


Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Commonwealth Ombudsman’s reports nos 10 to 12 of 2018, and government responses to the reports. Motion of Senator Bartlett to take note of documents called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Murray-Darling Basin Authority—Order of 13 February 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan), responding to the order, and attachments. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of documents agreed to.

Murray-Darling Basin Authority—Adjustment mechanism projects—Order of 9 May 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan) responding to the order, and attachment. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document agreed to.

National Broadband Network—Order of 9 May 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield), responding to the order. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document debated. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business.


Orders of the day nos 9, 34 and 35 relating to documents were called on but no motion was moved.

General business concluded.

23 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:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Implications of climate change for Australia’s national security—Report. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.


Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Biosecurity risks associated with the importation of seafood and seafood products (including uncooked prawns and uncooked prawn meat) into Australia—Government response. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.


Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Increasing use of so-called Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia—Government response. Motion of Senator Sterle to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.
Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—179th report—Reprocessing Nuclear Fuel—France; PACER Plus Agreement. Motion of Senator Dean Smith to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Provision of services under the NDIS Early Childhood Early Intervention approach—Government response. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Economics References Committee—Foreign bribery—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Ketter) to take note of report agreed to.

Red Tape—Select Committee—Effect of red tape on health services—Fifth interim report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Leyonhjelm) to take note of report debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Adequacy of existing offences in the Commonwealth Criminal Code and of state and territory criminal laws to capture cyberbullying—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Pratt) to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.


Law Enforcement—Joint Statutory Committee—Inquiry into crystal methamphetamine (ice)—Final report. Motion of Senator Singh to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Community Affairs References Committee—Number of women in Australia who have had transvaginal mesh implants and related matters—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert) to take note of report agreed to.

Privileges—Standing Committee—168th report—Parliamentary privilege and the use of intrusive powers. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Collins)—That the report be adopted—agreed to.

Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Delivery of outcomes under the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020 to build inclusive and accessible communities—Government response. Motion of Senator Brown to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Environment and Communications References Committee—Protection of Aboriginal rock art of the Burrup Peninsula—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Rice) to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee—1st report of the 45th Parliament—The rollout of the National Broadband Network—Additional information. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of documents called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Provision of services under the NDIS for people with psychosocial disabilities related to a mental health condition—Government response. Motion of Senator McAllister to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Red Tape—Select Committee—Effect of red tape on pharmacy rules—Fourth interim report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Leyonhjelm) to take note of report agreed to.
National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Transitional arrangements for the NDIS—Report. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Economics References Committee—Interim report—Non-conforming building products: Aluminium composite cladding—Government response. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Education and Employment References Committee—Report—Getting our money’s worth: the operation, regulation and funding of private vocational education and training (VET) providers in Australia—Government response. Motion of Senator Cameron to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Education and Employment References Committee—Report—Penalty rates—Government response. Motion of Senator Cameron to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Community Affairs References Committee—Value and affordability of private health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs—Progress reports [2] and final report. Motion of Senator Urquhart to take note of reports called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Procedure—Standing Committee—1st report of 2017—Hours of meeting and routine of business; Tracking public interest immunity claims; Absence of a senator during a vote due to misadventure; Mode of dress for senators and possible ‘time out’ rule; Parliamentary Code for respecting cultural diversity and proposal to amend standing order 193. Motion of Senator McAllister to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin—Interim report. Motion of Senator O’Sullivan to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Economics References Committee—Australia’s steel industry: forging ahead—Report. Motion of Senator McAllister to take note of report agreed to.


Red Tape—Select Committee—Effect of red tape on environmental assessment and approvals—Third interim report. Motion of Senator Leyonhjelm to take note of report of report agreed to.

Red Tape—Select Committee—Effect of red tape on tobacco retail—Second interim report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Leyonhjelm) to take note of report agreed to.

Red Tape—Select Committee—Effect of red tape on the sale, supply and taxation of alcohol—Interim report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Leyonhjelm) to take note of report agreed to.

Murray-Darling Basin Plan—Select Committee—Report—Refreshing the Plan—Government response. Motion of Senator Leyonhjelm to take note of document agreed to.
24 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. 34 of 2017-18—Performance audit—Defence’s implementation of the First Principles Review: Department of Defence—Report and corrigendum. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of documents agreed to.

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 35 of 2017-18—Performance audit—Management of special appropriations: Across entities. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document agreed to.


Auditor-General—Audit report no. 45 of 2017-18—Performance audit—The integration of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection and the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service: Department of Home Affairs. Motion of Senator Ketter to take note of document agreed to.

Order of the day no. 5 relating to reports of the Auditor-General was called on but no motion was moved.

25 Adjournment

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

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 7.10 pm till Monday, 25 June 2018 at 10 am.

26 Attendance

Present, all senators except Senators Bartlett*, Canavan*, Polley* and Sinodinos* (*on leave).

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