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1 MEETING OF SENATE

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

2 PETITIONS

The following 2 petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the senators indicated, were received:

Senator Bartlett, from 108 petitioners, requesting that the Senate support the phasing out of prawn trawling in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area by 2005.

Senator Lundy, from 117 petitioners, requesting that the Senate take action to make public the National Youth Roundtable Outcomes Packages and call on the Government to renew its commitment to implementing Youth Roundtable recommendations.

3 NOTICES

Notices of motion:

Senator Evans: To move on 26 March 2001—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the Minister for Aged Care has directed her department to withhold from the public critical information on the year 2000 allocations of aged care beds and grants, in particular the identities of those providers who won beds and grants, and
 - (ii) without this information there cannot be proper accountability for the allocation of \$200 million of Commonwealth funding; and
- (b) requires that there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Aged Care (Senator Vanstone), no later than 3 pm on 27 March 2001, documents containing a full list of aged care places and grants allocated for 2000, including the name of the provider, the type of residential place allocated and the location of the places.

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

- (a) notes:
 - (i) the difference in petrol prices that motorists in New South Wales and Queensland pay, which in some areas is as high as 20 cents a litre, with the Queensland Government paying \$360 million every year in subsidies to service stations to keep petrol prices down, and
 - (ii) that the New South Wales Government is paid \$707 million in revenue replacements and out of that only \$47 million is refunded to motorists by the Carr Labor Government;
- (b) welcomes the abolition of the indexation of excise on petrol after Labor's record of increasing excise 23 times over 13 years; and
- (c) calls on the New South Wales State Government to at least match the Federal Government, which reduced petrol prices and abolished excise increases, by reducing petrol costs by 1.5 cents a litre.

Senator Brown: To move on the next day of sitting—That the provisions of the Parliamentary (Choice of Superannuation) Bill 2001 be referred to the Select Committee on Superannuation and Financial Services for inquiry and report by 23 May 2001.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

- (i) McGauran (Altona) Pty Ltd applied to the Hobson's Bay City Council for planning approval to increase the number of poker machines installed at the Millers Inn Hotel from 70 to 75,
- (ii) this approval was refused by the council, on the grounds that the proposal would 'result in a negative social and economic impact on the community, and that there are sufficient opportunities for gaming within the city and there is no need for the proposal',
- (iii) Minister McGauran's company was finally given authority, on appeal to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal in a decision on 21 November 2000, to install 5 more poker machines in the Millers Inn Hotel, bringing in an estimated extra revenue stream of \$333 015 per year,
- (iv) this application to the council was lodged by the Minister's company on 10 April 2000, 7 days after Cabinet first considered the issue of interactive gambling and 39 days before the Minister publicly announced the ban on online gambling, and
- (v) the Prime Minister (Mr Howard), during question time on 6 March 2001, offered to investigate any specific allegations of misconduct against Minister McGauran; and

(b) calls on Minister McGauran to fully detail the dealings of McGauran (Altona) Pty Ltd at the earliest opportunity.

Contingent notice of motion: Senator Greig: To move (contingent on the Senate commencing business on Tuesday, 3 April 2001)—That so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent Senator Greig moving a motion to provide that the consideration of the Anti-Genocide Bill 1999 take precedence over all government and general business until proceedings on the bill are concluded.

Intention to withdraw: The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Coonan), pursuant to standing order 78, gave notice of her intention, at the giving of notices on the next day of sitting, to withdraw business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in her name for the next day of sitting for the disallowance of the Civil Aviation Amendment Order (No. 12) 2000, made under subregulation 84A(2) of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988.

Senator Coonan, by leave, made a statement relating to the notice of intention.

Notice of motion withdrawn: Senator Stott Despoja withdrew general business notice of motion no. 831 standing in her name for today, relating to the Glenelg Croquet Club.

4 **ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT**

Senator Calvert, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Economics References Committee (Senator Murphy), moved—That business of the Senate order of the day no. 1, relating to the presentation of the report of the committee on the provisions of the Fair Prices and Better Access for All (Petroleum) Bill 1999 and the practice of multi-site franchising by oil companies, be postponed till a later hour.

Question put and passed.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Ian Campbell) moved—That government business order of the day no. 5 (Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000) be considered from 12.45 pm till not later than 2 pm today.

Question put and passed.

Senator Ian Campbell moved—That the order of general business for consideration today be as follows:

- (a) general business order of the day no. 92 (Excise Tariff Amendment (Petrol Tax Cut) Bill 2001 and a related bill); and
- (b) consideration of government documents.

Question put and passed.

5 POSTPONEMENT

The Chair of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee (Senator George Campbell), by leave, moved—That general business notice of motion no. 845, proposing an order for the production to the committee by the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Abetz) of certain documents, be postponed till the next day of sitting.

Question put and passed.

6 GENETICALLY-MODIFIED CROPS—TASMANIA—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENT—DOCUMENT

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of 7 March 2001, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Ian Campbell) tabled the following document:

Genetically-modified crops—Tasmania—Response to the order of the Senate of 7 March 2001.

7 PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2001

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Ian Campbell), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act relating to the application of the *Criminal Code* to certain offences, and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

Senator Ian Campbell presented the bill and 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 Ian Campbell moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

Explanatory memorandum: Senator Ian Campbell tabled an explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

Consideration of legislation: Pursuant to order, the debate was adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the first day of the 2001 budget sittings.

8 ENVIRONMENT—BIODIESEL FUEL

Senator Brown, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate, aware of the high cost of fuel, the continued availability of petroleum from a troubled middle-east, the necessity to employ Australians in growth industries, and the need to reduce Greenhouse emissions, calls on the Government to:

- (a) examine the costs and benefits of:
 - (i) amending the Excise Tariff Act to grant biodiesel fuel the same excise-free status as fuel ethanol,
 - (ii) giving the biodiesel fuel industry the same start-up status as the ethanol industry had with a new 'Biodiesel Bounty Act', and
 - (iii) granting biodiesel the status of an alternative fuel under the Diesel and Alternative Fuels Grant Scheme Act; and
- (b) report to the Senate on its findings before 4 April 2001.

Leave refused: Senator Allison sought leave to move an amendment to the motion.

An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Question put and passed.

9 INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Senator Bourne, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on 21 March, and
 - (ii) the reason it is observed annually on 21 March is because on that day in 1960, police opened fire and killed 69 people who were protesting against the apartheid system at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa;
- (b) acknowledges that the horrors of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and ethnic cleansing are problems which have not gone away, but which persist in many parts of the world today, such that racism remains one of the most significant human rights challenges confronting society;
- (c) commends the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for its efforts in preparing for this year's World Conference Against Racism and for its devotion to the promotion of equality and non-discrimination; and

- (d) urges the international community to confront the problem of racism and to redouble its efforts in seeking to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination in accordance with the United Nations Charter as well as the principles of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

Question put and passed.

10 **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY—AUSTRALIAN WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE**

Senator Bourne, at the request of Senator Woodley and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

- (a) notes, on International Women's Day, the contribution of the organisation, Australian Women in Agriculture, to the well-being of agricultural communities;
- (b) acknowledges that rural and regional Australia would cease to function without the contribution of women to their communities; and
- (c) calls on the Government to continue funding this organisation as a high priority in the May 2001 Budget.

Question put and passed.

11 **ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTINGS**

Senator Calvert, at the request of Senator Mason and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters be authorised to hold two public meetings during the sittings of the Senate on 27 March 2001 and 3 April 2001, from 5 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the integrity of the electoral roll.

Question put and passed.

12 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS—SOUTH AFRICA**

Senator O'Brien, at the request of Senator Cook and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

- (a) notes the perilous human health situation in South Africa, and elsewhere in Africa, and the right of the Government of South Africa to take action to make health care more accessible to its citizens;
- (b) supports the South African Government in its effort to provide much needed medicines at affordable prices to poor South Africans though the Medicines and Related Substances Control Amendment Act passed by the South African Parliament in 1997;
- (c) further notes that the South African Government's right to take action in matters of national emergency and to source drugs from legitimate suppliers, so-called parallel importation, is not precluded by the World Trade Organization Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights; and
- (d) calls upon the major pharmaceutical companies and the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Association to end their action in the South African High Court against the legitimate actions of the South African Government to deal with a major health crisis.

Statement by leave: Senator O'Brien, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

13 PUBLICATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—23RD REPORT

Senator Calvert, at the request of the Chair of the Standing Committee on Publications (Senator Lightfoot), tabled the following report:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**23RD REPORT**

The Publications Committee reports that it has met in conference with the Publications Committee of the House of Representatives.

The Committee, having considered documents presented to Parliament since 8 February 2001, recommends that the following be printed.

Australian Electoral Commission—2000 Redistribution into electoral divisions—Northern Territory—Report, together with maps showing proposed boundaries and names and compact disc containing suggestions and comments, objections and comments and transcripts of proceedings at inquiry into objections.

Commonwealth Grants Commission—Report—State revenue sharing relativities—2001 update.

Commissioner of Taxation—Data-matching program—ATO's interaction with the program—Report for 1999-2000.

Copyright Agency Limited—Report for 1999-2000.

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation—Reconciliation: Australia's challenge—Final report of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation to the Prime Minister and the Commonwealth Parliament, December 2000.

Defence 2000: Our future defence force—White paper, December 2000.

National Environment Protection Council and NEPC Service Corporation—Reports for 1999-2000.

Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995—National Office of Local Government—Report for 1999-2000 on the operation of the Act.

Natural Heritage Trust—Report for 1999-2000.

Senator Ross Lightfoot

Chairman

8 March 2001.

Senator Calvert moved—That the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.

14 ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—REPORT—ANNUAL REPORTS

Pursuant to order, Senator Calvert, at the request of the Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Gibson), tabled the following report:

Economics Legislation Committee—Report on annual reports referred to legislation committees—No. 1 of 2001, dated March 2001.

Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Calvert.

15 PIG INDUSTRY BILL 2000

A message from the House of Representatives was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bill:

Message no. 656, dated 7 March 2001—A Bill for an Act relating to the pig industry.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Ian Campbell) 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 Ian Campbell moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator O'Brien the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

16 **TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2000**

Order of the day read for the further consideration of the bill in committee of the whole.

In the committee

Consideration resumed of the bill—and of the amendment moved by Senator Murray:

Schedule 1, page 3 (after line 5), before item 1, insert:

1A At the end of section 46

Add:

- (8) In an action brought against a corporation by the ACCC under subsection (1), if the ACCC can show that the corporation:
 - (a) has a substantial degree of market power; and
 - (b) has taken advantage of that power;
 the onus rests with the corporation to show that the corporation has not taken advantage of its power for a purpose referred to in subsection (1).

1B After section 50

Insert:

50AA Action where ownership situation has effect of substantially lessening competition

- (1) If a corporation:
 - (a) owns shares in the capital of a body corporate; or
 - (b) owns assets of a person;
 and the ownership has the effect of substantially lessening competition in a market, the ACCC may apply to the Court for an order that the corporation divest itself of the shares or assets.
- (2) If a person:
 - (a) owns shares in the capital of a corporation; or
 - (b) owns assets of a corporation;
 and the ownership has the effect of substantially lessening competition in a market, the ACCC may apply to the Court for an order that the person divest himself or herself of the shares or assets.
- (3) Without limiting the matters that may be taken into account for the purposes of subsections (1) and (2) in determining whether the ownership has substantially lessened competition in a market, the matters mentioned in subsection 50(3) may be taken into account.

Debate resumed.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to—put and negatived.

On the motion of Senator Collins the following amendments, taken together by leave, were debated and agreed to:

Schedule 1, item 28, page 9 (line 21), after “Part IV”, insert “(other than section 45D or 45E)”.

Schedule 1, item 28, page 10 (line 3), after “Part IV”, insert “(other than section 45D or 45E)”.

Bill, as amended, further debated and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The Deputy President (Senator West) resumed the chair and the Temporary Chair of Committees (Senator Calvert) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Ian Campbell) the report from the committee was adopted and the bill read a third time.

17 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (NEW ZEALAND CITIZENS) BILL 2001

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Ian Campbell)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate resolved itself into committee for the consideration of the bill.

In the committee

Bill taken as a whole by leave.

Senator Bartlett moved the following amendments together by leave:

Schedule 1, item 3, page 4 (line 5), omit “3 months”, substitute “6 months”.

Schedule 1, page 6 (after line 32), after item 10, insert:

10A After subparagraph 729(2)(f)(i)

Insert:

(ia) is the holder of a special category visa who is likely to remain permanently in Australia; or

Debate ensued.

Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put and negatived.

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The Deputy President (Senator West) resumed the chair and the Temporary Chair of Committees (Senator Chapman) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Minister for Family and Community Services (Senator Vanstone) the report from the committee was adopted and the bill read a third time.

18 AIRCRAFT NOISE LEVY COLLECTION AMENDMENT BILL 2001

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to Cabinet (Senator Heffernan)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate resolved itself into committee for the consideration of the bill.

In the committee

Bill, taken as a whole by leave, agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The Acting Deputy President (Senator George Campbell) resumed the chair and the Temporary Chair of Committees (Senator Calvert) reported accordingly.

On the motion of Senator Heffernan the report from the committee was adopted and the bill read a third time.

19 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

The Parliamentary Secretary to Cabinet (Senator Heffernan) moved—That intervening business be postponed till after consideration of government business order of the day no. 5 (Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000).

Question put and passed.

20 VETERANS' AFFAIRS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2000

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Ian Campbell)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Senate resolved itself into committee for the consideration of the bill.

In the committee

Bill, taken as a whole by leave, agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The Acting Deputy President (Senator George Campbell) resumed the chair and the Chair of Committees (Senator West) reported accordingly.

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (Senator Patterson) the report from the committee was adopted and the bill read a third time.

Suspension of sitting: On the motion of Senator Patterson the sitting of the Senate was suspended till 2 pm.

At 2 pm—

21 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were answered.

Document: The Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government (Senator Ian Macdonald) tabled the following document:

Transport and regional services—Copies of pages from Senator Mackay's web site [www.suemackay.tassie.net.au] including linked documents from the Department of Transport and Regional Services web site [3], printed 6 March 2001.

22 SENATORS' INTERESTS—ANSWER TO QUESTION

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Faulkner) moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Alston) to a question without notice asked by Senator Ferris today relating to a directorship in a registered club held by Senator Lundy.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

23 EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS, SMALL BUSINESS AND EDUCATION REFERENCES COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) tabled the following document:

Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee—Report—Katu Kalpa: Report on the inquiry into the effectiveness of education and training programs for Indigenous Australians—Government response, dated March 2001.

- 24 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA**
The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) tabled the following document:
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Australian Government loan to Papua New Guinea—Government response.
- 25 TREATIES—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—31ST REPORT**
The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) tabled the following document:
Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—31st report: Three treaties tabled on 7 March 2000—Government response, dated March 2001.
- 26 CORPORATIONS AND SECURITIES—JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEE—REPORT—REGULATION OF PROPRIETARY COMPANIES**
Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities (Senator Chapman) tabled the following report and documents:
Aspects of the regulation of proprietary companies, dated March 2001, *Hansard* record of the committee's proceedings [2 vols] and submissions [14].
Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Chapman.
Senator Chapman, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the report.
Question put and passed.
- 27 ECONOMICS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REPORT—FAIR PRICES AND BETTER ACCESS FOR ALL (PETROLEUM) BILL 1999 AND MULTI-SITE FRANCHISING BY OIL COMPANIES**
Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Economics References Committee (Senator Murphy) tabled the following report and documents:
Fair Prices and Better Access for All (Petroleum) Bill 1999 and the practice of multi-site franchising by oil companies, dated March 2001, *Hansard* record of the committee's proceedings [6 vols] and submissions [57].
Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Murphy.
Senator Murphy, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the report.
Question put and passed.
- 28 EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS, SMALL BUSINESS AND EDUCATION REFERENCES COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE—EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS—CONSIDERATION**
Senator Collins, by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the document tabled earlier today (*see entry no. 23*).
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Collins in continuation.
- 29 DOCUMENTS**
The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:
Defence Act—Determination under section 52—Determination No. 1 of 2001.
Parliamentary Entitlements Act—Parliamentary Entitlements Regulations—Advice under paragraph 18(a), dated 7 March 2001.

Remuneration Tribunal Act—Determination 2001/01: Remuneration, Allowances and Other Related Matters of the Chief Executive of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.

Veterans' Entitlements Act—Instrument under section 90—Veterans' Entitlements (Treatment Principles – Unlisted Medicare Benefits Schedule Services) Instrument 2/2001.

30 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 3 December 1998:

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2000—Statements of compliance—

Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

31 COMMITTEES—CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

The Deputy President (Senator West) informed the Senate that the President had received letters requesting changes in the membership of various committees.

The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison), by leave, moved—That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

Economics Legislation and References Committees—

Participating member: Senator Brandis

Finance and Public Administration References Committee—

Participating member: Senator Brandis

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation and References Committees—

Participating member: Senator Brandis

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—

Participating members:

Senator Brandis

Senator Murray for the consideration of the provisions of the Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Bill 2000 and 2 related bills

Substitute member: Senator Lundy replace Senator McKiernan for the consideration of the provisions of the Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Bill 2000 and 2 related bills

Legal and Constitutional References Committee—

Participating member: Senator Brandis.

Question put and passed.

32 ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL CODE) BILL 2000 [2001]

THERAPEUTIC GOODS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4) 2000 [2001]

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported agreeing to the following bills without amendment:

Message no. 657, dated 8 March 2001—Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000 [2001].

Message no. 663, dated 8 March 2001—Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2000 [2001].

33 BROADCASTING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2001

A message from the House of Representatives was reported agreeing to the following bill with an amendment:

Message no. 662, dated 8 March 2001—Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2001.

On the motion of the Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) consideration of the message in committee of the whole was made an order of the day for the next day of sitting.

34 REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT BILL 2000

A message from the House of Representatives was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bill:

Message no. 658, dated 8 March 2001—A Bill for an Act to amend the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) 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 Ellison moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator O'Brien the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

General business was called on.

**35 EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (PETROL TAX CUT) BILL 2001 (NO. 2)
CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (PETROL TAX CUT) BILL 2001 (NO. 2)**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Cook—That these bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

At 6 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Crane was speaking.

36 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION

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

Employment National Limited—Statement of corporate intent 2000/01. Motion of Senator Collins to take note of document debated and agreed to.

Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995—National Office of Local Government—Report for 1999-2000 on the operation of the Act. Motion of Senator Mackay to take note of document debated and agreed to.

General business concluded.

37 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION

The following order of the day relating to committee reports and government responses was considered:

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Report—Deregulation of the Australian dairy industry—Government response. Motion of Senator Forshaw to take note of document debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator O'Brien in continuation.

38 AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION

The following order of the day relating to reports of the Auditor-General was considered:

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 21 of 2000-01—Performance audit—Management of the National Highways System Program: Department of Transport and Regional Services. Motion of Senator O'Brien to take note of document agreed to.

39 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

Documents:

Senator Woodley, by leave, tabled the following document:

Social issues—Brisbane City Mission—Copy of letter from Chief Executive Officer, Mission Australia to Senator Woodley, dated 28 February 2001.

Senator Tambling, by leave, tabled the following document:

Aborigines—Traditional medicine—Copy of paper by Dr Dayalan Devanesen, *Traditional Aboriginal medicine practice in the Northern Territory*—Presented at International Symposium on Traditional Medicine, Awaji Island, Japan, 11-13 September 2000.

The Senate adjourned at 6.58 pm till Monday, 26 March 2001 at 12.30 pm.

40 ATTENDANCE

Present, all senators except Senators Boswell, Carr, Cook, Crossin, Eggleston and Harris* (* on leave).

HARRY EVANS
Clerk of the Senate