

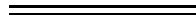
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**1 MEETING OF SENATE**

The Senate met at 2 pm. The President (Senator the Honourable Margaret Reid) took the chair and read prayers. (In accordance with precedent, and after consultation with senators, the President had postponed the meeting in exceptional circumstances.)

**2 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—TERRORIST ATTACKS**

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Hill), by leave, moved—That the Senate—

- (1) Expresses its horror at the terrorist attacks which have claimed so many lives in the United States of America.
- (2) Conveys to the Government and people of the United States of America the deepest sympathy and sense of shared loss felt by the Government and people of Australia.
- (3) Extends condolences to the families and other loved ones of those Australians killed or missing as a result of the attacks.
- (4) Declares that such attacks represent an assault, not only on the people and the values of the United States of America, but of free societies everywhere.
- (5) Praises the courageous efforts of those engaged in the dangerous rescue operation still underway.
- (6) Believes that the terrorist actions in New York City and Washington, DC, constitute an attack upon the United States of America within the meaning of Articles IV and V of the ANZUS Treaty.
- (7) Fully endorses the commitment of the Australian Government to support within Australia's capabilities United States-led action against those responsible for these tragic attacks.

- (8) Encourages all Australians in the wake of these appalling events to display those very qualities of tolerance and inclusion which the terrorists themselves have assaulted with such awful consequences.

Debate ensued.

Senator Brown moved the following amendment:

Omit paragraphs (6) and (7), substitute:

- (6) Urges world leaders to respond to calls for revenge with calm and reason.
- (7) Recognises that unmitigated military retaliation in response to this mass murder may accelerate the cycle of fear, anger and violence.
- (7A) Supports the rule of international law. The perpetrators of these crimes should be brought to justice through the appropriate enforcement of that international law.
- (7B) Calls on member states of the United Nations, which have shown swift solidarity of commitment to bringing the terrorists to justice, to immediately instigate action through the United Nations, including military action as necessary, to achieve that aim.

Debate ensued.

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

The main question was divided—

Question—That paragraphs (1) to (6) and (8) be agreed to—put and passed.

Question—That paragraph (7) be agreed to—put and passed.

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All senators present stood in silence as a mark of respect to those killed as a result of the terrorist attacks.

### 3 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage (Senator Hill) moved—That, as a mark of respect to the memory of those killed as a result of the terrorist attacks in the United States of America, the Senate do now adjourn.

The Senate adjourned at 6.30 pm till Tuesday, 18 September 2001 at 2 pm.

### 4 **ATTENDANCE**

Present, all senators except Senators Crowley\*, Gibbs, Hogg, Knowles and McKiernan (\* on leave).

**HARRY EVANS**  
Clerk of the Senate