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1 MEETING OF SENATE
The Senate met at 9.30 am. The President (Senator the Honourable John Hogg) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

2 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
The President informed the Senate that he had received letters from a minor party senator and an independent senator nominating senators to be members of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights.

The President indicated that there were two nominations, Senators Madigan and Wright, for one position on the committee, and announced that it would be necessary to proceed to a ballot.

The Senate proceeded to a ballot.

The President reported the result as follows:

Senator Madigan: 34 votes.
Senator Wright: 39 votes.

The President declared that Senator Wright had been chosen to serve as a member of the committee.

3 SOLAR HOT WATER REBATE BILL 2012
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Kroger—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

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

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Senate proceeded to divide—

The call for the division was withdrawn, by leave.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

Question—That this bill be now read a second time—put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 30

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Gallacher
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Hogg
Ladlam
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Marshall
McEwen (Teller)
McLucas
Milne
Moore
Polley
Pratt
Rhiannon
Siewert
Singh
Stephens
Sterle
Thistlethwaite
Urquhart
Waters
Wright

Question negatived.

Document: Senator Milne, by leave, tabled the following document:

Solar Hot Water Rebate Bill 2012—Letter from the Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (Mr Dreyfus) to Senator Milne, dated 21 March 2012.

4 ASSISTING VICTIMS OF OVERSEAS TERRORISM BILL 2012

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Brandis—That this bill be now read a second time—and on the amendment moved by Senator Wright:

At the end of the motion, add “and the bill be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 8 May 2012”.

Debate resumed.

Time expired: The time for general business orders of the day for the consideration of bills reached the limit of 2 hours 20 minutes.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Fisher in continuation.

5 NOTICES

Notices of motion:

The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins): To move on the next day of sitting—that the following matter be referred to the Procedure Committee for inquiry and report:

The routine of business and the precedence granted to the motions to refer matters of privilege to the Committee of Privileges when the President gives precedence to such matters.

Senators Di Natale and Rhiannon: To move on the next day of sitting—that the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) on 1 November 2010, $120.5 million was made available through Medicare for eligible midwives to work in private practice, and

(ii) this funding has not been effectively implemented, with only one midwifery group practice able to claim all funding available, 17 months after its implementation; and
(b) calls on the Minister for Health (Ms Plibersek) to:

(i) work, as a matter of priority and within a defined timeframe, with the Council of Australian Governments and Australian health ministers to agree on a nationwide approach, that will allow Medicare eligible privately practicing midwives to gain access to public hospitals and the Medicare funding available,

(ii) ensure women are able to continue to access care for birth at home from registered private practice midwives after 1 July 2013 by ensuring an insurance product is made available to private practice midwives for birth at home, and

(iii) make Commonwealth funding available for mentoring programs so that midwives receive support as they transition into private practice and access funds available under Medicare.

(general business notice of motion no. 743)

Notices of motion withdrawn:

Senator Kroger, at the request of Senator Cormann, withdrew business of the Senate notice of motion no. 4 standing in the name of Senator Cormann for today, proposing a reference to the Economics Legislation Committee.

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) withdrew business of the Senate notices of motion nos 1, 2 and 3 standing in his name for today, proposing references to the Standing Committee of Privileges.

6 SELECTION OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 4 OF 2012

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

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 4 OF 2012

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 21 March 2012 at 7.38 pm.

2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—

(a) the provisions of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012 be referred immediately to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 June 2012;

(b) the orders of the Senate of 1 March 2012 and 25 March 2011 adopting the committee’s 2nd report of 2012 and 4th report of 2011 respectively, be varied to provide that the Assisting Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill 2012 and the provisions of the Social Security Amendment (Supporting Australian Victims of Terrorism Overseas) Bill 2011 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 8 May 2012;

(c) subject to introduction in the Senate, the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-siphoning) Bill 2012 be referred immediately to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 4 May 2012;
(d) the provisions of the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Bill 2012, the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2012, the Shipping Registration Amendment (Australian International Shipping Register) Bill 2012, the Shipping Reform (Tax Incentives) Bill 2012, and the Tax Laws Amendment (Shipping Reform) Bill 2012 be referred immediately to both the Economics Legislation Committee, and the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 19 June 2012;

(e) the order of the Senate of 1 March 2012 adopting the committee’s 2nd report of 2012 be varied to provide that the Corporations Amendment (Phoenixing and Other Measures) Bill 2012 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 8 May 2012;

(f) the provisions of the Courts Legislation Amendment (Judicial Complaints) Bill 2012 and the Judicial Misbehaviour and Incapacity (Parliamentary Commissions) Bill 2012 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 June 2012;

(g) the provisions of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development) Bill 2012 be referred immediately to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 June 2012;

(h) the Health Insurance (Dental Services) Bill 2012 [No. 2] be referred immediately to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 8 May 2012;

(i) the provisions of the Judges and Governors-General Legislation Amendment (Family Law) Bill 2012 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 8 May 2012;

(j) the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Student Visas) Bill 2012 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 June 2012;

(k) the provisions of the National Health Reform Amendment (Administrator and National Health Funding Body) Bill 2012 be referred immediately to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 May 2012;

(l) the provisions of the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Charges) Bill 2012 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 May 2012;

(m) subject to introduction in the Senate, the National Water Commission Amendment Bill 2012 be referred immediately to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 May 2012;

(n) the provisions of the Skills Australia Amendment (Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency) Bill 2012 be referred immediately to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 8 May 2012; and
(o) the provisions of the Wheat Export Marketing Amendment Bill 2012 be referred immediately to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 June 2012.

3. The committee resolved to recommend—that the following bills not be referred to committees:
   Family Law Amendment (Validation of Certain Orders and Other Measures) Bill 2012
   Solar Hot Water Rebate Bill 2012

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
   Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Improvements) Bill (No. 2) 2012
   Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012
   Customs Tariff Amendment (Schedule 4) Bill 2012
   Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012
   Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting and Telecommunications Amendment) Bill 2011
   Special Broadcasting Service Amendment (Natural Program Breaks and Disruptive Advertising) Bill 2012.

Anne McEwen
Chair
22 March 2012.

Senator McEwen moved—that the report be adopted.
Question put and passed.

7 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT

The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) moved—that government business be interrupted at 1 pm to allow consideration of the following government business orders of the day till not later than 2 pm today:

   Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012.
   Family Law Amendment (Validation of Certain Orders and Other Measures) Bill 2012.
   No. 2 Antarctic Treaty (Environment Protection) Amendment Bill 2011.

Question put and passed.

Senator Collins moved—that the order of general business for consideration today be as follows:

   (a) general business order of the day no. 66 (Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Coal Seam Gas) Bill 2011); and
   (b) orders of the day relating to government documents.

Question put and passed.
8 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT
Senator McEwen, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee (Senator Stephens), moved—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee on the provisions of the Defence Trade Controls Bill 2011 be extended to 15 August 2012.
Question put and passed.

9 POSTPONEMENTS
The following items of business were postponed:
Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 5 standing in the name of Senator Boswell for today, proposing a reference to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee, postponed till 8 May 2012.
General business notice of motion no. 608 standing in the name of Senator Rhiannon for today, relating to the Bsafe program, postponed till 8 May 2012.
General business notice of motion no. 716 standing in the name of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) for today, relating to reimbursement of legal expenses, postponed till 8 May 2012.

10 LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Senator Kroger, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senator Adams from 23 March to 29 June 2012, for personal reasons.
Question put and passed.

11 BROADCASTING SERVICES AMENDMENT (ANTI-SIPHONING) BILL 2012  
NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2012
The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins), at the request of the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) and the Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water (Senator Farrell) and pursuant to notices of motion not objected to as formal motions, moved government business notices of motion nos 1 and 2—That the following bills be introduced:
A Bill for an Act to amend the Broadcasting Services Act 1992, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
Senator Collins presented the bills and moved—That these bills may proceed without formalities, may be taken together and be now read a first time.
Question put and passed.
Bills read a first time.
Senator Collins moved—That these bills be now read a second time.

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 in the next period of sittings.

Senator Collins moved—that the bills be listed on the Notice Paper as separate orders of the day.

Question put and passed.

12 CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) amended government business notice of motion no. 3 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—that the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

- Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012
- Family Law Amendment (Validation of Certain Orders and Other Measures) Bill 2012
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Disability Support Pension Participation Reforms) Bill 2012.

Question put and passed.

13 HEALTH—WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY

Senator Pratt, also on behalf of Senator Rhiannon, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 714—

That the Senate—

(a) recognises that 24 March 2012 is World Tuberculosis Day, in observance of a preventable and treatable disease that still claims the lives of up to 1.5 million people every year, mostly in developing countries and that:

(i) one third of the world’s population is currently infected with tubercle bacillus,

(ii) the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that the largest number of new tuberculosis cases in 2008 occurred in the southeast Asian region, accounting for 35 per cent of incident cases globally, and

(iii) the number of new cases of tuberculosis each year is still increasing in Africa, the Eastern Mediterranean and southeast Asia;

(b) acknowledges that tuberculosis is responsible for 1 in 4 AIDS-related deaths, making it the leading killer of people living with HIV and that:

(i) less than 7 per cent of people living with HIV are screened for tuberculosis,

(ii) people living with both HIV and tuberculosis infection are much more likely to develop tuberculosis, and

(iii) WHO estimates that, by scaling up services and providing integrated HIV and tuberculosis care, it is possible to save the lives of up to 1 million people living with HIV by 2015;
(c) notes that:

(i) more than two-thirds of international financing for tuberculosis services is currently provided by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria,

(ii) the Global Fund is a key international body providing critical basic services to support many developing countries in the fight against tuberculosis, and

(iii) Australia is a strong supporter of the Global Fund; and

(d) encourages Australia to continue to work bilaterally and with other international donors to address tuberculosis, including through the Global Fund.

Question put and passed.

14 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Senator Singh, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 727—That the Senate—

(a) affirms its support for:

(i) the goal of a world free of nuclear weapons, and

(ii) the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) as the essential foundation for the achievement of nuclear disarmament and the cornerstone of the nuclear non-proliferation regime;

(b) notes:

(i) ratification by the United States and Russia of the Treaty on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms [New START] on 5 February 2011,

(ii) unilateral nuclear arsenal reductions announced by France and the United Kingdom,

(iii) the strong working relationship between Australia and Japan on issues of non-proliferation and disarmament, including more recently by establishing the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative to take forward the 2010 NPT Review Conference outcomes, and

(iv) the unanimous views presented by the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties in Report 106: Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament;

and

(c) calls for:

(i) further cuts in all categories of nuclear weapons and a continuing reduction of their roles in national security policies,

(ii) states outside the NPT to join the treaty as non-nuclear weapon states,

(iii) ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty by all states yet to do so,

(iv) the immediate commencement and early conclusion of negotiations for a verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for weapons purposes,

(v) stronger international measures to address serious NPT non-compliance issues,

(vi) Iran, Syria and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea to cooperate fully with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and to comply with United Nations Security Council resolutions,
(vii) political and financial support for a strengthened IAEA safeguards regime, including universalisation of the Additional Protocol,

(viii) further investigation of the merits and risks of nuclear fuel cycle multilateralisation,

(ix) exploration of legal frameworks for the abolition of nuclear weapons, including the possibility of a nuclear weapons convention, as prospects for multilateral disarmament improve,

(x) efforts to establish a Middle East zone free from weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems, freely arrived at by all regional states, and

(xi) efforts to reduce the threat of nuclear terrorism within the framework of the IAEA and the Nuclear Security Summits.

*Statements by leave:* Senators Singh, Birmingham, Ludlam and Xenophon, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

15 **INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS—CLOSING THE GAP**

Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 728—That the Senate—

(a) notes that in 2008 the Government and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia signed the *Closing the Gap Statement of Intent*; and

(b) acknowledges that is it too early to accurately measure progress but calls on all parties to reaffirm commitment to its objectives:

(i) To developing a comprehensive, long-term plan of action, that is targeted to need, evidence-based and capable of addressing the existing inequities in health services, in order to achieve equality of health status and life expectancy between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians by 2030.

(ii) To ensuring primary health care services and health infrastructure for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples which are capable of bridging the gap in health standards by 2018.

(iii) To ensuring the full participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their representative bodies in all aspects of addressing their health needs.

(iv) To working collectively to systematically address the social determinants that impact on achieving health equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

(v) To building on the evidence base and supporting what works in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, and relevant international experience.

(vi) To supporting and developing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled health services in urban, rural and remote areas in order to achieve lasting improvements in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing.

(vii) To achieving improved access to, and outcomes from, mainstream services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
(viii) To respect and promote the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including by ensuring that health services are available, appropriate, accessible, affordable, and of good quality.

(ix) To measure, monitor, and report on our joint efforts, in accordance with benchmarks and targets, to ensure that we are progressively realising our shared ambitions.

Question put and passed.

16 LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT

Senator McEwen, at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Crossin) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 731—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee on the provisions of the Access to Justice (Federal Jurisdiction) Amendment Bill 2011 be extended to 29 March 2012.

Question put and passed.

17 GAMBLING REFORM—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING

Senator McEwen, at the request of Senator Crossin and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 732—That the Joint Select Committee on Gambling Reform be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 53(1) during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 22 March 2012, from 5 pm.

Question put and passed.

18 LIVE ANIMAL EXPORT (SLAUGHTER) PROHIBITION BILL 2012

Senator Rhiannon, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 736—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend the Export Control Act 1982 to prohibit the export of live animals for slaughter, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

Senator Rhiannon 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 Rhiannon moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

Explanatory memorandum: Senator Rhiannon, by leave, tabled an explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Rhiannon in continuation.
19 POLITICS—FARMERS AND SETTLERS’ ASSOCIATION

Senator Williams, also on behalf of the Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce) and Senators Nash, Scullion, Boswell and McKenzie, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 737—that the Senate notes:

(a) Wednesday, 28 March 2012 marks 100 years since the formation of the Farmers and Settlers’ Association in Western Australia;
(b) the Farmers and Settlers’ Association formed the Country Party, which in turn became the National Party;
(c) the party has served on the Federal Government benches longer than any other political party in Australia’s history;
(d) that the party has produced three Prime Ministers in Sir Earle Page, Sir Arthur Fadden and Sir John McEwen; and
(e) The Nationals have an outstanding record of delivery for regional Australia.

Leave refused: The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) sought leave to move an amendment to the motion.

An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 32


NOES, 36


Question negatived.

Statement by leave: Senator Xenophon, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.
20 **DEFENCE—AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE ACADEMY—KIRKHAM INQUIRY**

Senator Humphries, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 717—That the Senate—

(a) notes the findings by Andrew Kirkham, AM, RFD, QC into the ‘ADFA Skype affair’, in particular his finding that the Commandant of the Australian Defence Force Academy, Commodore Bruce Kafer, AM, CSC, RAN, made no error of judgement in his decisions to commence and conclude the disciplinary proceedings against the female officer cadet;

(b) expresses confidence in Commodore Kafer’s performance in his duties as Commandant of ADFA; and

(c) calls on the Minister representing the Minister for Defence (Senator Evans) to explain why the government took 85 days to release the findings of the Kirkham Inquiry.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

**AYES, 31**

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Question negatived.

21 **SENATE—PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE**

The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 723—That the Senate—

(a) expresses confidence in the President’s handling of the recent privileges issue for which Senator Kroger sought precedence; and

(b) notes with dismay the criticisms by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) of the President, both in the Senate chamber on 19 March 2012 and at the Senate doors on 20 March 2012.
Leave refused: Senator McEwen sought leave to move an amendment to the motion. An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Statements by leave: Senator McEwen and the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Leave refused: Senator Abetz sought leave to make a statement relating to the motion. An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

Proposed suspension of standing orders: Senator Abetz, pursuant to contingent notice, moved—that so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent him making a statement.

Debate ensued.

Closure: The Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research (Senator Evans) moved—that the question be now put.

Question—that the question be now put—put and passed.

The question on the motion was divided—

Statement by leave: Senator Abetz, by leave, made a statement relating to the matter.

Question—that the motion in respect of paragraph (a) be agreed to—put.

The Senate divided—

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Question agreed to.

Question—that the motion in respect of paragraph (b) be agreed to—put.
The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

22 **RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT**

Senator Kroger, at the request of the Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Senator Heffernan) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 738—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee on operational issues in export grain networks be extended to 12 April 2012.

Question put and passed.

23 **SCRUTINY OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT**

Senator Kroger, at the request of the Chairman of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Macdonald) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 742—That the time for the presentation of the report of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills on the future direction and role of the committee be extended to 9 May 2012.

Question put and passed.

24 **POKER MACHINE HARM REDUCTION ($1 BETS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2012**

Senator Di Natale, also on behalf of Senators Madigan and Xenophon, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 741—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to provide for the regulation of poker machines to reduce the harm of problem gambling, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

Senator Di Natale 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 Di Natale moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

Explanatory memorandum: Senator Di Natale, by leave, tabled an explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Di Natale in continuation.

25 Administration—Constituents’ Request Program
Senator Ronaldson, also on behalf of Senator Macdonald, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 729—That the Senate—
(a) recognises that Buckingham Palace has issued two official portraits to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the ascension to the throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia;
(b) is concerned that these portraits are not available for members and senators of the Australian Parliament to distribute to organisations in their electorates under the Department of Finance and Deregulation’s Constituents’ Request Program; and
(c) calls on the Government to expand the Constituents’ Request Program to include access to these official portraits of Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh in their Diamond Jubilee year, and to so enable members and senators of the Australian Parliament to share with organisations in their community images of Australia’s Head of State.

Statements by leave: The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins), Senator Ronaldson and the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

The President reminded senators of the Procedure Committee’s second report of 2011 and its consideration of standing order 66 relating to procedures for dealing with formal motions and in particular, statements being made by leave which may lead to de facto debate.

Question put and passed.

26 Senate—Procedures for Dealing with Matters of Privilege—Statement by Leave
The Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce), by leave, made a statement relating to the vote earlier today on general business notice of motion no. 723 (see entry no. 21).
27 ECONOMICS—MINING INDUSTRY

Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 720—That the Senate—

(a) notes a current report by The Australia Institute, which finds:
   (i) the mining boom in Queensland is likely to destroy one non-mining job for every two mining jobs it creates, with the loss of at least 20 000 jobs should all 39 resource projects analysed proceed, and
   (ii) the reality of the mining boom for the 99 per cent of Queenslanders who do not work in the mining industry is higher housing costs, higher mortgage interest rates and fewer jobs in tourism, manufacturing and agriculture;

(b) further notes the statements of the National Secretary of the CFMEU [Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union] on 19 March 2012 to the effect that:
   (i) the strength of the mining industry is driving up the Australian dollar to unprecedented levels and across the country Australia’s manufacturing sector is under too much strain, and thousands of jobs are being lost in the finance sector too, and
   (ii) Australians outside the mining industry are doing it tough because of the impact of the mining industry on the economy, causing a lot of unhappiness; and

(c) calls on the Government to:
   (i) assess the real impacts of the mining boom on Queensland communities and the state’s economy, and
   (ii) reassess its decision to use proceeds of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax to fund infrastructure which will benefit the mining industry instead of benefiting Queenslanders through investment in initiatives such as national dental care, education funding, national disability insurance scheme, high speed rail and a sovereign wealth fund.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 11

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Brown, Bob
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Question negatived.
28 **SENATE—WORK OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES**

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 610—That the President of the Senate report to the Senate on the next day of sitting on whether the Committee of Privileges is endangered with politicisation by ‘SLAPP’ writ style references, such as that of Senator Kroger on 22 November 2011, which was publicised by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz) before any adjudication was possible.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

**AYES, 9**

Senators—

Brown, Bob  
Di Natale  
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Question negatived.

29 **PRIVILEGES—STANDING COMMITTEE—INTERNAL PROCEDURES**

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 724—That the Chair of the Committee of Privileges report to the Senate on why the letter to the committee requesting the recusal of Senator Brandis, SC, dated 22 December 2011, was not circulated to committee members before February 2012.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

**AYES, 10**

Senators—

Brown, Bob  
Di Natale  
Hanson-Young  
Ladlam  
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Question negatived.

30 **SENATE—ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 725—That recognising the Indigenous people of Australia be the first matter for the Senate each day, as it is in the House of Representatives.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

**AYES, 9**

- Brown, Bob
- Di Natale
- Hanson-Young

**NOES, 36**

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Question negatived.

31 **FOREIGN AFFAIRS—NUCLEAR ENERGY**

Senator Ludlam, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 726—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) that a crackdown by over 6,000 police on non-violent anti-nuclear power protestors, including arrests for sedition and the prohibition on people congregating, occurred at the construction site of a nuclear reactor near the fishing village of Koodankulam in south India on 19 March and 20 March 2012,

(ii) that 20,000 people gathered on 20 March 2012 with thousands on an indefinite hunger strike until the non-violent protestors are released,
(iii) a growing mass movement in India opposed to nuclear power includes
demonstrations in Jaitapur, Maharashtra and Gorakhpur, Haryana,
(iv) the sale of uranium to India while that country refuses to sign the Treaty
on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) would be illegal
under the Treaty of Rarotonga, signed by the Australian Government in
1985,
(v) the 1998 United Nations Security Council resolution 1172 ‘encourages
all States to prevent the export of equipment, materials or technology
that could in any way assist programmes in India or Pakistan for nuclear
weapons or for ballistic missiles capable of delivering such weapons,
and welcomes national policies adopted and declared in this respect’,
and
(vi) the Nuclear Security Summit will be held on 26 March and 27 March
2012 in South Korea; and
(b) calls on the Government to utilise all diplomatic channels to:
(i) protest the Indian Government’s unprecedented deployment of police
around Koodankulam and the harassment of peaceful protestors as
inconsistent with the democratic right to peaceful protest,
(ii) caution the Indian Government against loading uranium fuel rods into
the reactor at Koodankulam without conducting any safety or evacuation
drills, mandatory exercises under the Indian Atomic Energy Regulatory
Board rules,
(iii) promote the independence of nuclear regulators from industry and
government as best international practice, and
(iv) not sell uranium to countries that stand outside the NPT and its
associated safeguards system.

Statement by leave: Senator Ludlam, by leave, made a statement relating to the
motion.
Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 10

Senators—
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Question negatived.
32 ENVIRONMENT—GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT

Senator Wright, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 730—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) up to 90 per cent of marine life within the Great Australian Bight is found nowhere else on Earth,
   (ii) the Great Australian Bight is an important feeding and migration area to approximately 30 species of whales and dolphins, including sperm whales, beaked whales, southern right whales and the critically endangered blue whale, and
   (iii) less than 1 per cent of this area is protected from oil and gas operations;

(b) recognises that:
   (i) over the past 3 years, the Government has progressively opened up more areas in the Great Australian Bight to oil and gas exploration,
   (ii) BP holds four oil and gas exploration leases in the Great Australian Bight, the boundaries of which overlap with the Great Australian Bight Marine Park,
   (iii) BP is currently conducting seismic testing in marine park areas to explore for oil and gas, and such testing is moving into known whale feeding regions,
   (iv) grave concerns have been expressed by a number of environmental groups about the risks associated with seismic testing occurring too close to whales, including organ and lung damage, hearing damage and haemorrhaging, which can result in death, and
   (v) the Great Australian Bight is an iconic and globally significant area for marine life and its unique ecology and environment must be protected and preserved for the benefit of future generations; and

(c) calls on the Government to:
   (i) prioritise the protection and preservation of marine life in the Great Australian Bight by creating a network of large marine sanctuaries,
   (ii) impose a moratorium on the issuing of oil and gas leases in the Great Australian Bight until after final decisions have been made regarding the establishment of marine sanctuaries in the Great Australian Bight through the Commonwealth marine bioregional planning process, and
   (iii) prohibit night-time seismic testing and require the mandatory use of passive acoustic technology when conducting such testing in the Great Australian Bight.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 9

Senators—

Brown, Bob  Ladlam  Rhiannon  Waters
Di Natale  Milne  Stewart (Teller)  Wright
Hanson-Young
Question negatived.

33 Environment—Coal Seam Gas Mining

Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 733—that the Senate—

(a) notes that in the past 6 months since the Greens motion for a moratorium on coal seam gas mining was first defeated in the Senate, the urgent concerns of farmers, landholders and regional communities regarding the risks posed by the runaway coal seam gas industry have not been addressed;

(b) notes that the recent Senate inquiry into the impacts of coal seam gas mining in the Murray Darling Basin heard compelling evidence that regional communities are suffering many negative impacts from the operations of coal seam gas mining companies; and

(c) calls on the Government to implement an immediate moratorium on any new coal seam gas approvals until the long-term impacts of the industry on groundwater, agriculture, rural communities, threatened species, the climate and the Great Barrier Reef are known.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 11

Senators—

Brown, Bob
Di Natale
Hanson-Young

Ludlam
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Milne

Rhiannon
Siewert (Teller)
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Stephens

Question negatived.
34 **ENVIRONMENT—GREAT BARRIER REEF WORLD HERITAGE AREA**

Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 734—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) a recent Galaxy poll found 88 per cent of Queenslanders oppose offshore dumping of dredge spoil in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, and

(ii) the Government has approved offshore dumping of over 22 million cubic metres of dredge spoil in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area in the past 5 years; and

(b) calls on the Government to stop approving offshore dumping in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

35 **SOCIAL ISSUES—WORLD WATER DAY**

Senator Rhiannon, also on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Bob Carr) and Senator Boyce, amended general business notice of motion no. 735 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) 22 March 2012 is World Water Day – a day to acknowledge that the world has now met the Millennium Development Goal target for drinking water, and 2 billion people have gained access to drinking water since 1990,

(ii) around 800 million people still live without access to drinking water and that around 2.5 billion people, which is 37 per cent of the world’s population, still live without access to basic sanitation,

(iii) the Millennium Development Global Goal target for sanitation will not be met,
(iv) around 2.5 million children die each year as a result of unclean water and poor sanitation, and that diarrhoea is the leading cause of death in Africa and the second leading cause of child death globally,
(v) access to clean water and sanitation are the foundation for progress on other development outcomes, especially child health and education, and
(vi) the high level meeting of the Sanitation and Water for All partnership will take place on 20 April 2012 in Washington; and
(b) calls on the Government to:
   (i) continue and increase aid funding for water and sanitation, with a special emphasis on investing in sanitation, in the 2012-13 budget and beyond, and
   (ii) support the work of the Sanitation and Water for All partnership and other initiatives to bring an end to this global crisis.

Question put and passed.

At 2 pm—

36 QUESTIONS
Questions without notice were answered.

37 MOTION TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS
Senator Brandis moved—that the Senate take note of the answers given by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong) to questions without notice asked by Opposition senators today.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

38 PRIVILEGES—STANDING COMMITTEE—151ST REPORT
The Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee of Privileges (Senator Faulkner) tabled the following report:

Privileges—Standing Committee—151st report—Possible imposition of a penalty on, or interference with, a witness before the Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee, dated March 2012.
Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Faulkner.
Senator Faulkner, by leave, moved—that the Senate endorse the findings at paragraph 1.73 of the 151st report of the Committee of Privileges and the conclusion, at paragraph 1.74, that a contempt should not be found in regard to the matter referred.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Faulkner in continuation.

39 ROUTINE OF BUSINESS—VARIATION
The Parliamentary Secretary for Defence (Senator Feeney), by leave, moved—that the following government business orders of the day be called on immediately and have precedence over all other business till not later than 4.30 pm today:

Family Law Amendment (Validation of Certain Orders and Other Measures) Bill 2012.
No. 2 Antarctic Treaty (Environment Protection) Amendment Bill 2011.

Question put and passed.
40 FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT (VALIDATION OF CERTAIN ORDERS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2012

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

Message no. 381, dated 20 March 2012—A Bill for an Act to validate certain orders etc. under the Family Law Act 1975 and to amend that Act, and for related purposes.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Defence (Senator Feeney) 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 Feeney moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Senator Brandis moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “but the Senate notes and condemns the incompetence of the Government in:

(a) failing for almost 3 years to proclaim the relevant provisions of the Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Act 2008, thereby needlessly permitting invalid orders to be made by the federal family courts and throwing the financial affairs of thousands of Australians into confusion;

(b) failing to act promptly to correct the problem after it was first brought to its attention; and

(c) failing to immediately bring remedial legislation before this Parliament”.

Debate ensued.

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

Main 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.

Senator Feeney moved—That this bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

41 ANTARCTIC TREATY (ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION) AMENDMENT BILL 2011

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

At 4.30 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Macdonald was speaking.
42 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Report—
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment
(R 18+ Computer Games) Bill 2012
Pursuant to order, Senator Carol Brown, at the request of the Chair of the Legal and
Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Crossin), tabled the following
report and documents:
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Classification
(Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (R 18+ Computer Games)
and submissions.
Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Carol Brown.

43 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—
Report—Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew)
Bill 2011 and Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home)
Bill 2011
Pursuant to order, Senator Carol Brown, at the request of the Chair of the Rural and
Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (Senator Sterle), tabled the
following report and documents:
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Air Navigation
and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011 and Qantas Sale
Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011—Report, dated March 2012,
Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional
information and submissions.
Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Carol Brown.

44 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—
Report—Additional Estimates 2011-12
Pursuant to order, Senator Carol Brown, at the request of the Chair of the Rural and
Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (Senator Sterle), tabled the
following report and documents:
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Additional
Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Carol Brown.

General business was called on.

45 Landholders’ Right to Refuse (Coal Seam Gas) Bill 2011
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Waters—That
this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
At 6 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Waters was speaking.
The following orders of the day relating to government documents were considered:


Australian Postal Corporation (Australia Post)—Report for 2010-11. Motion of Senator Bushby to take note of document agreed to.

Wet Tropics Management Authority—Report for 2010-11, including report on the State of the Wet Tropics. Motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Senator McLucas) to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Bushby in continuation.

Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS)—Report for 2010-11. Motion of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Senator McLucas) to take note of document called on. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Bushby in continuation.

Tourism Australia—Report for 2010-11. Motion of Senator Macdonald to take note of document debated. On the motion of Senator Bushby the debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.

Torres Strait Regional Authority—Report for 2010-11. Motion of Senator Bushby to take note of document debated. Debate adjourned till Thursday at general business, Senator Heffernan in continuation.


Australian Customs and Border Protection Service—Report for 2010-11—Correction. Motion of Senator Macdonald to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Bushby the debate was adjourned till Thursday at general business.


General business orders of the day nos 11 and 12 relating to government documents were called on but no motion was moved.
47 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Senator McLucas), by leave, moved—That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

- **Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee**—
  - Discharged—Senator Wright

- **Community Affairs Legislation Committee**—
  - Appointed—
    - Substitute member: Senator Boyce to replace Senator Adams from 30 March to 29 June 2012
    - Participating member: Senator Adams

- **Community Affairs References Committee**—
  - Appointed—
    - Substitute member: Senator Humphries to replace Senator Adams from 23 March to 29 June 2012
    - Participating member: Senator Adams

- **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee**—
  - Appointed—
    - Substitute member: Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Rhiannon for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Bill 2012 and related bills
    - Participating member: Senator Rhiannon

- **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**—
  - Appointed—
    - Substitute members:
      - Senator Ludlam to replace Senator Waters for the committee’s inquiry into the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-siphoning) Bill 2012
      - Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Waters for the committee’s inquiry into the National Water Commission Amendment Bill 2012
    - Participating member: Senator Waters

- **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**—
  - Appointed—
    - Substitute members:
      - Senator Fierravanti-Wells to replace Senator Ryan for the committee’s inquiry into the Health Insurance (Dental Services) Bill 2012 [No. 2]
      - Senator Fierravanti-Wells to replace Senator Ryan for the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the National Health Reform Amendment (Administrator and National Health Funding Body) Bill 2012
    - Participating member: Senator Ryan
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—
   Appointed—
       Substitute member: Senator Hanson-Young to replace Senator Wright for
       the committee’s inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Legislation
       Amendment (Student Visas) Bill 2012
       Participating member: Senator Wright.

Question put and passed.

48 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:

Privileges—Standing Committee—150th report—Whether there was any improper
influence in relation to political donations made by Mr Graeme Wood and
questions without notice asked by Senator Bob Brown and Senator Milne. Motion
of the chair of the committee (Senator Johnston)—That—
   (a) the Senate endorse the findings at paragraphs 1.56 and 1.59 of the 150th
       report of the Committee of Privileges and the conclusion, at paragraph
       1.60, that no question of contempt arises in regard to the matter referred;
   and
   (b) the Procedure Committee review the processes for raising and referring
       matters of privilege, as set out in paragraphs 2.23 and 2.24—agreed to.

Electoral Matters—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Advisory report on the
Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Protecting Elector Participation) Bill
2012. Motion of Senator Carol Brown to take note of report debated. Debate
adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Ryan in continuation.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade—Joint Standing Committee—Report—Visit to
the Middle East Area of Operations: Report of the delegation to the MEAO,
14 May to 18 May 2012. Motion of Senator Furner to take note of report debated.
Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Furner in continuation.

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (MySuper Core Provisions) Bill 2011 and
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Obligations and Prudential
Standards) Bill 2012 [Provisions]. Motion of Senator Boyce to take note of report
debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Fisher in
continuation.

Motion of Senator Polley to take note of report agreed to.

Public Works—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Referrals made in November
2011: Construction of projects two and three of the Christmas Island New Housing
Program; Proposed development and construction of housing for Defence at
Ermington. Motion of Senator Cash to take note of report agreed to.

Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—Reports—
Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission—
Report on the 2010-11 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act.
Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Boyce) to take note of reports
agreed to.

National Broadband Network—Joint Standing Committee—First report—Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network—Government response. Motion of Senator Birmingham to take note of document called on. On the motion of Senator Fisher debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.


Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity—Joint Statutory Committee—Report—Examination of the annual report of the Integrity Commissioner 2010-11. Motion of Senator Macdonald to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator Kroger debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Report—The operation of the Lobbying Code of Conduct and the Lobbyist Register. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Ryan) to take note of report agreed to.

Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Former forced adoption policies and practices. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert) to take note of report agreed to.

Community Affairs References Committee—Report—Consumer access to pharmaceutical benefits—Government response. Motion of Senator Bushby to take note of document agreed to.

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—Report—The administration and purchasing of disability employment services in Australia—Government response. Motion of Senator Bushby to take note of document agreed to.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport—Standing Committee—Report—Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector—Government response. Motion of Senator Kroger to take note of document agreed to.

Community Affairs References Committee—Final report—Inquiry into Commonwealth funding and administration of mental health services. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert) to take note of report debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Fierravanti-Wells in continuation.

Order of the day no. 10 relating to committee reports and government responses was called on but no motion was moved.

49 **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. 25 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Administration of Project Wickenby—Australian Taxation Office; Australian Crime Commission; Australian Federal Police. Motion of Senator Bushby to take note of document agreed to.
Auditor-General—Audit report no. 26 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Capacity development for Indigenous service delivery—Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; Department of Health and Ageing. Motion of Senator Bushby to take note of document agreed to.

Auditor-General—Audit report no. 27 of 2011-12—Performance audit—Establishment, implementation and administration of the bike paths component of the Local Jobs Stream of the Jobs Fund—Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport; Department of Infrastructure and Transport. Motion of Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz) to take note of document agreed to.

50 **JUDGES AND GOVERNORS-GENERAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FAMILY LAW) BILL 2012**

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

Message no. 386, dated 21 March 2012—A Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to judges and Governors-General, and for other purposes.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water (Senator Farrell) 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 Farrell moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

**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 in the next period of sittings.

51 **SCRUTINY OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—4TH REPORT AND ALERT DIGEST NO. 4 OF 2012**

The Chairman of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Macdonald) tabled the following report and document:

Scrutiny of Bills—Standing Committee—


Alert Digest No. 4 of 2012, dated 21 March 2012.

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

52 **ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT (MAINTAINING ADDRESS) BILL 2011 ELECTORAL AND REFERENDUM AMENDMENT (PROTECTING ELECTOR PARTICIPATION) BILL 2012**

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bills:

Message no. 388, dated 21 March 2012—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to elections and referendums, and for related purposes.

Message no. 387, dated 21 March 2012—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to elections and referendums, and for related purposes.
The Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water (Senator Farrell) moved—That these bills may proceed without formalities, may be taken together and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bills read a first time.

Senator Farrell moved—That these bills be now read a second time.

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 in the next period of sittings.

53 TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNIVERSAL SERVICE MANAGEMENT AGENCY BILL 2011

TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (UNIVERSAL SERVICE REFORM) BILL 2011

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bills:


54 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWS AMENDMENT (RAISING THE BAR)

BILL 2011 [2012]

A message from the House of Representatives was reported agreeing to the following bill without amendment:


55 GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S MESSAGES—ASSENT TO LAWS

Messages from Her Excellency the Governor-General were reported, informing the Senate that she had assented to the following laws:

20 March 2012—Messages Nos—

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- National Health Amendment (Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement Initiatives) Act 2012 (Act No. 8, 2012).

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- Education Services for Overseas Students Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection Service and Other Measures) Act 2012 (Act No. 9, 2012)
- Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment (Tuition Protection Service) Act 2012 (Act No. 10, 2012)
- Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) Act 2012 (Act No. 11, 2012).
56 PUBLICATIONS—STANDING COMMITTEE—15TH REPORT

Senator McEwen, at the request of the Chair of the Standing Committee on Publications (Senator Carol Brown), tabled the following report:

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE
15TH 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 the Parliament since 1 March 2012, recommends that the following be printed:

- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Telstra’s compliance with the retail price control arrangements—Report for 2010-11.
- Copyright Agency Limited—Report for 2010-11.

Senator Carol Brown
Chair
22 March 2012.

Senator McEwen moved—that the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.

57 COMMITTEES—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—ESTIMATES

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

- Budget 2011-12 (Supplementary)—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee and additional information received between 19 October 2011 and 22 March 2012—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.
Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 9 February and 21 March 2012—Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio.

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 9 February and 21 March 2012—Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 9 February and 21 March 2012—Defence portfolio.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Documents presented to the committee and additional information received between 24 October 2011 and 21 March 2012—Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 9 February and 21 March 2012—Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee—Additional information received between 9 February and 21 March 2012—Defence portfolio.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Documents presented to the committee and additional information received between 24 October 2011 and 21 March 2012—Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.

58 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2011 AND RELATED BILLS

Senator McEwen, at the request of the Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Moore), tabled the following document:


59 REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES—STANDING COMMITTEE—DOCUMENT

Senator McEwen, at the request of the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Furner), tabled the following document:

Regulations and Ordinances—Standing Committee—Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, August to December 2011.

60 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:

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

Aged Care Act—

Aged Care (Residential Care Subsidy — Amount of Accommodation Supplement) Determination 2012 (No. 1) [F2012L00607].

Aged Care (Residential Care Subsidy — Amount of Concessional Resident Supplement) Determination 2012 (No. 1) [F2012L00606].

Aged Care (Residential Care Subsidy — Amount of Pensioner Supplement) Determination 2012 (No. 1) [F2012L00600].

Aged Care (Residential Care Subsidy — Amount of Respite Supplement) Determination 2012 (No. 1) [F2012L00602].

Aged Care (Residential Care Subsidy — Amount of Transitional Accommodation Supplement) Determination 2012 (No. 1) [F2012L00601].

Aged Care (Residential Care Subsidy — Amount of Transitional Supplement) Determination 2012 (No. 1) [F2012L00603].

User Rights Amendment Principles 2012 (No. 1) [F2012L00605].
No. 87—22 March 2012

Aviation Transport Security Act—Select Legislative Instrument 2012 No. 5—Aviation Transport Security Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 1) [F2012L00266]—Explanatory statement [in substitution for explanatory statement tabled with instrument on 27 February 2012].

Broadcasting Services Act—Broadcasting Services (Primary Commercial Television Broadcasting Service) Amendment Declaration 2012 (No. 2) [F2012L00635].

Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—Airworthiness Directive—AD/A320/140 Amdt 1—Relay 11QG Relocation & Test [F2012L00608].

Australian Technical Standard Order C1006 [F2012L00641].

Instrument No. CASA EX38/12—Exemption – flight in class D airspace within 16 kilometres of an aerodrome [F2012L00637].

Revocation of Airworthiness Directives—Instrument No. CASA ADCX 007/12 [F2012L00623].


Taxation Determination—Notice of Withdrawal—TD 96/43.

Customs Act—Tariff Concession Orders—

1133648 [F2012L00636].
1134244 [F2012L00616].
1134245 [F2012L00622].
1134258 [F2012L00618].
1134344 [F2012L00619].
1134596 [F2012L00640].
1134600 [F2012L00639].
1134707 [F2012L00630].
1134798 [F2012L00632].
1134871 [F2012L00629].
1135149 [F2012L00628].
1135313 [F2012L00620].
1135316 [F2012L00631].
1135476 [F2012L00624].
1135477 [F2012L00621].
1135479 [F2012L00634].
1135481 [F2012L00612].
1135485 [F2012L00613].
1135623 [F2012L00633].
1135714 [F2012L00638].
1135768 [F2012L00625].
1135770 [F2012L00627].
1135848 [F2012L00643].
1135850 [F2012L00642].
1135920 [F2012L00617].
1135921 [F2012L00614].
1136055 [F2012L00615].
Do Not Call Register Act—Do Not Call Register (Duration of Registration) Specification (No. 1) 2010 (Amendment No. 1 of 2012) [F2012L00611].

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act—Amendments of lists of—
Exempt native specimens—EPBC303DC/SFS/2012/13 [F2012L00610].
Specimens taken to be suitable for live import—EPBC/s.303EC/SSLI/Amend/052 [F2012L00609].


Private Health Insurance Act—
Private Health Insurance (Benefit Requirements) Amendment Rules 2012 (No. 1) [F2012L00604].
Private Health Insurance (Complying Product) Amendment Rules 2012 (No. 1) [F2012L00599].

61 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:
Indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2011—Statements of compliance—
Australian Public Service Commission.
Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.
Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.
Health and Ageing portfolio.

62 NEXT MEETING OF SENATE

The Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water (Senator Farrell) moved—That the Senate, at its rising, adjourn till Tuesday, 8 May 2012 at 12.30 pm, or such other time as may be fixed by the President or, in the event of the President being unavailable, by the Deputy President, and that the time of meeting so determined shall be notified to each senator.
Question put and passed.

63 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water (Senator Farrell) moved—That leave of absence be granted to every member of the Senate from the end of the sitting today to the day on which the Senate next meets.
Question put and passed.

64 ADJOURNMENT

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Stephens) proposed the question—that the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The Senate adjourned at 8.31 pm till Tuesday, 8 May 2012 at 12.30 pm.
65 ATTENDANCE

Present, all senators except Senators Adams* and Ludwig* (* on leave).

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate

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