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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 **NOTICES**

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) and Senator Rhiannon: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) congratulates the Prime Minister (Ms Gillard) on her appointment to co-chair a global leadership group on achieving the Millennium Development Goals;

(b) notes that:

(i) in 1970, Australia endorsed the United Nations target to allocate 0.7 per cent of Gross National Income (GNI) to foreign aid,

(ii) the former Prime Minister (Mr Howard) endorsed the 0.7 per cent target when he signed on to the Millennium Development Goals, and

(iii) on 22 November 2011, the Senate voted to reaffirm a bipartisan commitment to increase the International Development Assistance Budget to at least 0.5 per cent of GNI by 2015; and

(c) calls on the Government to:

(i) recommit to 0.5 per cent of GNI to be allocated to Australia’s foreign aid budget by 2015, and

(ii) commit to re-evaluating the provision of 0.7 per cent of GNI to the foreign aid budget in order to bring Australia in line with achieving the Millennium Development Goals. (*general business notice of motion no. 806*)

Senators Edwards and Di Natale: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) up to one million Australians may be living with Meniere’s disease and vestibular disorders,

(ii) these disorders result in vertigo, dizziness, balance problems, hearing loss, tinnitus and can lead to sudden debilitating attacks, loss of employment, social isolation and loss of confidence and personal capabilities in everyday living activities, and

(iii) Meniere’s Australia provides much needed counselling, practical advice, information and peer support to both individuals and their families and carers; and

(b) encourages and supports Meniere’s Australia in developing and improving services in Australia for people living with the distressing consequences of Meniere’s disease and other unseen vestibular disorders. (*general business notice of motion no. 807*)

Senator Di Natale: To move on 27 June 2012—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) temporary and migrant workers make a significant contribution to the Australian economy and Australian society,
(ii) the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families was adopted by a resolution of the United Nations General Assembly on 18 December 1990, and

(iii) the Convention’s provisions protect the human rights of migrant workers and shield them from unconscionable exploitation; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) ensure that temporary migrant workers who come to Australia receive settlement assistance, language training and culturally appropriate services,

(ii) institute a rigorous program of inspection and enforcement to ensure that the conditions and pay migrant workers receive are fair and meet the legal requirements, and

(iii) show its commitment to leading the world in the protection of the rights of migrant workers by immediately ratifying the Convention. (general business notice of motion no. 808)

3 SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT (SUPPORTING AUSTRALIAN VICTIMS OF TERRORISM OVERSEAS) BILL 2012

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

Message no. 455, dated 22 June 2012—A Bill for an Act to provide support for Australian victims of terrorist acts occurring overseas, and for related purposes.

The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) 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 Collins moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

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

Debate ensued.

Limitation of debate: The time allotted for the consideration of this bill expired.

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

Bill read a second time.

Question—That the remaining stages of this bill be agreed to and this bill be now passed—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.
4 Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2011-2012
Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2011-2012
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water (Senator Farrell)—That these bills be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Limitation of debate: The time allotted for the consideration of these bills expired.
Question—That these bills be now read a second time—put and passed.
Bills read a second time.
Question—That the remaining stages of these bills be agreed to and these bills be now passed—put and passed.
Bills read a third time.

5 Parliamentary Counsel and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Limitation of debate: The time allotted for the consideration of this bill expired.
Question—That this bill be now read a second time—put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Question—That the remaining stages of this bill be agreed to and this bill be now passed—put and passed.
Bill read a third time.

6 National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Charges) Bill 2012
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Limitation of debate: The time allotted for the consideration of this bill expired.
Question—That this bill be now read a second time—put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 31

Senators—

Billyk          Faulkner          McEwen          Stephens
Bishop         Feeley           McLucas         Thistlethwaite
Collin          Finner           Milne           Thorp
Crossin         Gallacher        Moore           Urquhart
Di Natale       Hanson-Young     Polley (Teller) Whish-Wilson
Evans           Hogg             Pratt           Wong
Farrell         Ladlam          Rhiannon        Wright
Question agreed to.
Bill read a second time.

Question—That the remaining stages of this bill be agreed to and this bill be now passed—put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 31

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Singh
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Thistlethwaite
Thorp
Urquhart
Whish-Wilson
Wong
Wright

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Senators—
Abetz
Boswell
Boyce
Brandis
Bushby (Teller)
Cash
Colbeck
Edwards
Eggleston
Fawcett
Fierravanti-Wells
Heffernan
Humphries
Johnston
Joyce
Kroger
Macdonald
Mason
McKenzie
Parry
Payne
Ryan
Scullion
Smith

Question agreed to.
Bill read a second time.

7 Broadcasting Services Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2012

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

Debate resumed.

Limitation of debate: The time allotted for the consideration of this bill expired.

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

Bill read a second time.

Question—That the remaining stages of this bill be agreed to and this bill be now passed—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.
8 **FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2012**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water (Senator Farrell)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

*Limitation of debate:* The time allotted for the consideration of this bill expired.

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

Bill read a second time.

Question—That the remaining stages of this bill be agreed to and this bill be now passed—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

9 **MIGRATION (VISA EVIDENCE) CHARGE BILL 2012**

**MIGRATION (VISA EVIDENCE) CHARGE (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2012**

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


The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) 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.

On the motion of Senator Collins the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

10 **NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2012**

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


11 **AUDITOR-GENERAL—AUDIT REPORTS NOS 47 AND 48 OF 2011-12—DOCUMENTS**

The Deputy President (Senator Parry) tabled the following documents:

- Auditor-General—Audit reports for 2011-12—
  
  No. 47—Performance audit—Small business superannuation clearing house: Department of the Treasury; Department of Human Services; Australian Taxation Office.
  
  No. 48—Performance audit—Administration of mental health initiatives to support younger veterans: Department of Veterans’ Affairs.
12 ADJOURNMENT
The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) moved—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The Senate adjourned at 3.34 pm till Monday, 25 June 2012 at 10 am.

13 ATTENDANCE

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate

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