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1 MEETING OF SENATE
The Senate met at 10 am. The President (Senator the Honourable John Hogg) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

2 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT
The Parliamentary Secretary for Defence (Senator Feeney) moved—That government business order of the day no. 4 (Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-siphoning) Bill 2012) be postponed till the next day of sitting.
Question put and passed.

3 HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT AMENDMENT (STUDENT CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS AND OTHER MEASURES) 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.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
No amendments to the bill were circulated and no senator required that it be considered in committee.
On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence (Senator Feeney) the bill was read a third time.

4 CONSUMER CREDIT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ENHANCEMENTS) BILL 2012
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence (Senator Feeney)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.

Document: Senator Xenophon, by leave, tabled the following document:
Consumer Credit Legislation Amendment (Enhancements) Bill 2012—Letter from the Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation (Mr Shorten) to Senator Xenophon.

Debate continued.
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.
Question—that the bill be agreed to—divided, at the request of Senator Hanson-Young, in respect of Schedule 1, item 25, Division 4.
Schedule 1, item 25, Division 4 debated and agreed to.
Senator Hanson-Young moved the following amendments together by leave:

Schedule 1, item 25, page 16 (lines 1 to 5), omit all the words from and including “Division 4” to the end of section 160A.

Schedule 3, item 7, page 51 (after line 5), after section 124A, insert:

124AA  Prohibition on providing credit assistance in relation to small amount credit contracts

Prohibition

(1) A licensee must not provide credit assistance to a consumer by suggesting that the consumer apply, or assisting the consumer to apply, for a small amount credit contract if the licensee knows, or is reckless as to whether, in the 12 month period before the time the assistance would be provided, the consumer has been a debtor under 4 or more small amount credit contracts.

Civil penalty: 2,000 penalty units.

Offence

(2) A person commits an offence if:
(a) the person is subject to a requirement under subsection (1); and
(b) the person engages in conduct; and
(c) the conduct contravenes the requirement.

Criminal penalty: 50 penalty units.

Schedule 3, item 13, page 54 (after line 17), after section 133CA, insert:

133CAA  Prohibition on entering small amount credit contracts

Prohibition

(1) A licensee must not enter a small amount credit contract with a consumer who will be the debtor under the contract if the licensee knows, or is reckless as to whether, in the 12 month period before the time the contract would be entered, the consumer has been a debtor under 4 or more small amount credit contracts.

Civil penalty: 2,000 penalty units.

Offence

(2) A person commits an offence if:
(a) the person is subject to a requirement under subsection (1); and
(b) the person engages in conduct; and
(c) the conduct contravenes the requirement.

Criminal penalty: 50 penalty units.

Schedule 3, item 14, page 56 (after line 4), after subparagraph 180(1)(b)(ii), insert:

(iia) section 124AA (which prohibits the provision of credit assistance in relation to small amount credit contracts);

Schedule 3, item 14, page 56 (after line 6), after subparagraph 180(1)(b)(iii), insert:

(iv) section 133CAA (which prohibits credit providers from entering into small amount credit contracts);

Schedule 4, item 22A, page 69 (after line 19), after paragraph (d) of the definition of medium amount credit contract, insert:

(da) the debtor’s obligations under the contract are not secured; and
Question—That the amendments be agreed to—put.
The committee divided—

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Question negatived.
Bill agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

On the motion of the Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water (Senator Farrell) the report from the committee was adopted and the bill read a third time.

5 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (CROSS-BORDER TRANSFER PRICING) BILL (NO. 1) 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.

At 2 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Heffernan was speaking.

6 **QUESTIONS**

Questions without notice were answered.

7 **MOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS**

Senator Fifield 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 Senators Cormann, Sinodinos and Williams today relating to the carbon tax.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.
The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Human Services (Senator Kim Carr) to a question without notice asked by Senator Milne today relating to schools funding. Question put and passed.

8 NOTICES

Senator Bishop: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 12 September 2012, from 11 am, followed by a public hearing to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the review of Auditor-General’s reports. (general business notice of motion no. 856)

Senator Bishop: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1), including a private briefing, during the sitting of the Senate on Wednesday, 19 September 2012, from 11 am to 12.15 pm, followed by a public hearing to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the review of Auditor-General’s reports. (general business notice of motion no. 857)

The Chair of the Joint Select Committee on Cyber Safety (Senator Bilyk): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Joint Select Committee on Cyber Safety be authorised to hold public meetings to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into cyber-safety for senior Australians during the sittings of the Senate, from 4.15 pm, as follows:

(a) on Wednesday, 22 August 2012; and
(b) on Wednesday, 12 September 2012. (general business notice of motion no. 858)

The Deputy Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties (Senator Birmingham): To move on the next day of sitting—That the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties be authorised to hold public meetings to take evidence for the committee’s ongoing review of tabled treaties during the sittings of the Senate, from 10 am to 1 pm, as follows:

(a) on Monday, 10 September 2012; and
(b) on Monday, 17 September 2012. (general business notice of motion no. 859)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) on Friday, 17 August 2012, Ms Yekaterina Samutsevich, Ms Nadezhda Tolokonnikova and Ms Maria Alyokhina, members of the Russian band Pussy Riot, were each sentenced to 2 years in jail after being found guilty by a Russian court of ‘hooliganism motivated by religious hatred’ following a performance which was critical of President Vladimir Putin in Moscow’s Christ the Saviour Cathedral,

(ii) the Russian Orthodox Church described what the women did as ‘sacrilege’ but also requested clemency be shown to the convicted women, and

(iii) Amnesty International has stated that, while the women’s protest may have been offensive, their sentence was a ‘bitter blow to freedom of expression’; and
(b) expresses its concern at the severity of the sentence and the seeming intolerance of freedom of expression in Russia.  *(general business notice of motion no. 860)*

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

(a) recognises the achievements of Mr Peter Norman who won the silver medal in the 200 metre sprint at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics;

(b) acknowledges his brave action in the cause of racial equality by wearing an Olympic Project for Human Rights badge during the medal ceremony as African-American athletes Mr Tommie Smith and Mr John Carlos famously gave the ‘black power’ salute;

(c) apologises to Mr Norman and his family for his exclusion from the 1972 Olympics despite having qualified to do so; and

(d) regrets his passing on 3 October 2006 and that he was not sufficiently acknowledged for his brave action during his lifetime. *(general business notice of motion no. 861)*

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

(a) acknowledges that the week beginning 19 August 2012 is Hearing Awareness Week and recognises that poor hearing health outcomes are a significant challenge to ‘Closing the Gap’ for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;

(b) notes that otitis media is a serious childhood disease that disproportionately affects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and, left unaddressed, can lead to poor life outcomes; and

(c) calls on the Government:

(i) to take a cross-disciplinary approach to otitis media in young people, that encompasses, but is not limited to:

(A) regular ear screening,

(B) pathways to medical intervention and follow-up,

(C) education and support for parents and teachers,

(D) numeracy and literacy development, and

(E) vaccinations and other efforts to reduce the prevalence of otitis media and other middle ear disease,

(ii) to commit to tackling otitis media and its associated educational and social impacts as a national problem and working collaboratively with the states on a holistic, sustained, cross-disciplinary approach to addressing this issue and its effects, and

(iii) to facilitate the interaction between health, education and family support programs that address the impacts of otitis media and focus funding toward programs that foster cross-disciplinary action. *(general business notice of motion no. 862)*

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

(a) notes:

(i) three members of the Russian group Pussy Riot have been sentenced to 2 years imprisonment for ‘hooliganism’ and ‘homosexual propaganda’ following a non-violent performance,

(ii) the Governments of the United States of America, Britain, France and Germany have denounced the sentences as disproportionate,
(iii) several laws recently passed in Russia restrict freedom of expression, severely punish dissent, ban pride marches and restrict gay rights, and

(iv) several Russian opposition leaders, including Mr Gary Kasparov and Mr Sergei Udaltsov, have been arrested for rallying in defence of Pussy Riot, and

(b) calls on the Government to make direct representations to Russian authorities regarding repeal of these restrictive laws, the intimidation and prosecution of opposition activists and the disproportionate sentence given to Pussy Riot. (general business notice of motion no. 863)

The Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water (Senator Farrell): To move on the next day of sitting—That the government business orders of the day relating to the Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Improvements) Bill (No. 2) 2011, the Customs Amendment (Anti-dumping Improvements) Bill (No. 2) 2012 and the Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012 may be taken together for their remaining stages.

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

(a) calls on the Government to immediately:

(i) increase the Humanitarian Program to 20 000 as recommended by the Report of the expert panel on asylum seekers (Houston report), dated August 2012, in recommendation 2, and

(ii) make available an additional $70 million to fund programs in support of a regional framework for improved protections, registration, processing, integration, resettlement and returns as per recommendation 3; and

(b) calls for immediate disclosure of the Government’s implementation timeframe for the remaining Houston report recommendations. (general business notice of motion no. 864)

9 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator Polley, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senator Bilyk from 20 August to 23 August 2012, for personal reasons.

Question put and passed.

Senator Kroger, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senators Boswell and McKenzie for today, for personal reasons.

Question put and passed.

10 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE REFERENCES COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING

Senator Kroger, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee (Senator Eggleston), moved—that the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee be authorised to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate today, from 8 pm.

Question put and passed.
11 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT**

Senator McEwen, by leave and at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Crossin), moved—that the time for the presentation of the report of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee on the provisions of the Maritime Powers Bill 2012 and a related bill be extended to 12 September 2012.

Question put and passed.

12 **POSTPONEMENTS**

The following items of business were postponed:

- Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) for today, proposing a reference to the Economics References Committee, postponed till 22 August 2012.
- Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 2 standing in the name of Senator Whish-Wilson for today, proposing the disallowance of the Small Pelagic Fishery Total Allowable Catch (Quota Species) Determination 2012, postponed till 21 August 2012.
- General business notice of motion no. 606 standing in the name of Senator Madigan for 22 August 2012, proposing the introduction of the Fair Work Amendment (Arbitration) Bill 2012, postponed till 1 November 2012.
- General business notice of motion no. 607 standing in the name of Senator Madigan for 22 August 2012, proposing the introduction of the Treaties (Parliamentary Approval) Bill 2012, postponed till 1 November 2012.

13 **ELECTORAL MATTERS—JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING—VARIATION**

Senator McEwen, at the request of Senator Brown and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 854—that the order of the Senate of 15 August 2012 authorising the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters to hold public meetings, be varied by omitting “Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Improving Electoral Procedure) Bill 2012” and substituting “Australian Electoral Commission analysis of the Fair Work Australia report on the Health Services Union”.

Question put and passed.

14 **ENVIRONMENT—MURRAY DARLING BASIN**

Senator Hanson-Young, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 855—that the Senate—

(a) notes the position statement on the Murray Darling Basin (MDB) draft plan launched by South Australian environmental groups, including the Conservation Council of South Australia, The Wilderness Society, Trees for Life, National Trust of South Australia, National Parks and Wildlife, Nature Conservation Society of South Australia and Friends of the Earth Adelaide, on 27 July 2012;

(b) notes that these groups identify that 4 000 GL must be returned to the river in accordance with the best available science to provide for healthy MDB communities and economies; and
(c) calls on the Government to instruct the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to model at least 4,000 GL against the requirements of the Water Act 2007 and undertake feasibility studies on constraints to delivering 4,000 GL as requested by the South Australian environmental groups.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

15 Administration—Health Services Union—Mr Michael Williamson

Senator Kroger, at the request of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 853—That the Senate—

(a) notes:

(i) Mr Michael Williamson’s recent roles as President of the Australian Labor Party (ALP), member of the ALP Industrial Committee, Executive Member of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, Vice President of Unions NSW, Vice President of the ALP New South Wales Branch and Trustee of First State Super, and

(ii) findings by Mr Ian Temby, QC and Mr Dennis Robertson, FCA that, while Mr Williamson was General Secretary of the Health Services Union (HSU) East Branch, he, his family, his company and his close associates benefitted from $20 million in union members’ funds which was spent without proper financial control;

(b) condemns this use of union members’ funds at the HSU by Mr Williamson as found by Mr Temby and Mr Robertson; and

(c) calls for stronger penalties under the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 than the present $6,600 monetary penalty and to include penalties under the Corporations Act 2001.

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

Question put.
The Senate divided—

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Bernardi  Eggleston  Madigan  Scullion
Birmingham  Fawcett  Mason  Sinodinos
Boyce  Fieravanti-Wells  Nash  Smith
Brandis  Fifield  Parry  Williams
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Question negatived.

16 DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE—TAXATION—CARBON TAX
The Acting Deputy President (Senator Crossin) informed the Senate that Senator Fifield had proposed that the following matter of public importance be submitted to the Senate for discussion:

The growing evidence of the effects of the Gillard Government’s carbon tax on the viability of small business.

The proposal was supported by four senators and the matter was discussed.

17 DEFENCE—AFGHANISTAN—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—DOCUMENT
The Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water (Senator Farrell) tabled the following document:

Defence—Afghanistan—Ministerial statement by the Minister for Defence (Mr Smith), dated 16 August 2012.

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne), by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the document.

Question put and passed.

18 EMPLOYMENT—ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT REVIEW—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—DOCUMENT
The Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water (Senator Farrell) tabled the following document:

Employment—Asbestos management review—Ministerial statement by the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations (Mr Shorten), dated 16 August 2012.
The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz), by leave, moved—That the Senate take note of the document.
Question put and passed.

19 WOMEN—110TH ANNIVERSARY—WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE IN AUSTRALIA—DOCUMENT

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Furner) tabled the following document:

Women—110th anniversary—Women’s suffrage in Australia—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Clerk of the Senate (Dr Laing) responding to the resolution of the Senate of 25 June 2012, dated 14 August 2012.

20 DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk:

[Legislative 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.]


Broadcasting Services Act—
- Broadcasting Services (Simulcast Period for Darwin TV1) Determination (No. 1) 2012 [F2012L01687].
- Broadcasting Services (Simulcast Period for Tasmania TV1) Determination (No. 1) 2012 [F2012L01686].


Civil Aviation Act—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations—
- Airworthiness Directives—
  - AD/TRENT 700/1—Engine – IP Turbine Bearing Oil Vent & Scavenge Tube [F2012L01699].
  - AD/TRENT 700/2—Engine – IP Turbine Bearing Oil Feed Tube [F2012L01700].
  - AD/TRENT 700/3—Engine – HP/IP Turbine Bearing Oil Feed Tubes [F2012L01701].

Criminal Code Act—Select Legislative Instruments 2012 Nos—
- 191—Criminal Code Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 7) [F2012L01693].
- 192—Criminal Code Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 8) [F2012L01694].
- 193—Criminal Code Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 9) [F2012L01695].
- 194—Criminal Code Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 10) [F2012L01696].
- 195—Criminal Code Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 11) [F2012L01697].


Health Insurance Act—Health Insurance (Section 19AB Exemptions) Guidelines 2012 [F2012L01691].

Personally Controlled Electronic Health Records Act—

PCEHR (Participation Agreements) Rules 2012 [F2012L01704].

PCEHR Rules 2012 [F2012L01703].


21 DEPARTMENTAL AND AGENCY CONTRACTS—ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS—DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled pursuant to the order of the Senate of 20 June 2001, as amended:

Departmental and agency contracts for 2011-12—Letters of advice—
Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio.
Finance and Deregulation portfolio.

22 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Furner) informed the Senate that the President had received a letter requesting changes in the membership of a committee.

The Minister for Sport (Senator Lundy), by leave, moved—That Senator Edwards be discharged from and Senator Smith be appointed to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights.

Question put and passed.

23 FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 1) 2012
HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (EXTENDED MEDICARE SAFETY NET) BILL 2012

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


Message no. 481, dated 16 August 2012—A Bill for an Act to amend the Health Insurance Act 1973, and for other purposes.

The Minister for Sport (Senator Lundy) 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 Lundy moved—that these bills be now read a second time.

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

Consideration of legislation: Senator Lundy moved—that the bills be listed on the Notice Paper as separate orders of the day.

Question put and passed.
24 **MARITIME POWERS BILL 2012**

**MARITIME POWERS (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2012**

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

Message no. 482, dated 20 August 2012—A Bill for an Act to provide for the administration and enforcement of Australian laws in maritime areas, and for related purposes.


The Minister for Sport (Senator Lundy) 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 Lundy moved—That these bills be now read a second time.

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

25 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (CROSS-BORDER TRANSFER PRICING) BILL (NO. 1) 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.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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**In the committee**

Bill taken as a whole by leave.

Question—That the bill be agreed to—divided, at the request of Senator Cormann, in respect of Schedule 1, item 12.

Schedule 1, item 12 debated and agreed to.

Senator Cormann moved the following amendment:

Schedule 1, item 14, page 15 (lines 6 to 8), omit the item, substitute:

**14 Application**

The amendments made by this Schedule apply to income years starting on or after the day this Act commences.

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

Bill agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.
The Acting Deputy President (Senator Bishop) resumed the chair and the Temporary Chair of Committees reported accordingly.

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

26 CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (CLUSTER MUNITIONS PROHIBITION) BILL 2010

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.

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, debated.

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

Criminal Code Amendment (Cluster Munitions Prohibition) Bill 2010—Article, including extracts of cables, relating to treaty text in the International Cluster Munitions Convention, by NAJ Taylor.

Bill further debated.

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


Bill further debated.

At 9.50 pm: The Acting Deputy President (Senator Stephens) resumed the chair and the Temporary Chair of Committees reported progress.
27 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

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


Debate continued.

The Senate adjourned at 10.30 pm till Tuesday, 21 August 2012 at 12.30 pm.

28 ATTENDANCE

Present, all senators except Senators Bilyk*, Boswell* and McKenzie* (* on leave).

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate

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