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1 **MEETING OF SENATE**

The Senate met at 9.30 am. The President (Senator the Honourable Stephen Parry) took the chair, read prayers and made an acknowledgement of country.

2 **DOCUMENTS**

The following documents were tabled by the Clerk pursuant to statute:

[Literature follows.]

3 **COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING**

A committee was authorised to meet during the sitting of the Senate, as follows:

- Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) on Monday, 30 November 2015, from 10.02 am.

4 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AMENDMENT (REQUESTS AND REASONS) BILL 2015**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of Senator Ludwig—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of the Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

5 **MINING SUBSIDIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (RAISING REVENUE) BILL 2014**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion—That this bill be now read a second time.

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 Back in continuation.

6 **NOTICES**

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

(a) notes that:
   (i) the Council of Australian Governments has agreed to a target to end new HIV infections in Australia by 2020,
   (ii) in 2014, there were 1 080 infections in Australia with about 750 of these amongst sex between men,
   (iii) each new infection and lifelong treatment brings significant health and personal impacts, with lifelong costs estimated at $200 000 to $300 000 per person,
   (iv) there is now a strong evidence base and consensus amongst Australian non-government organisations in this area that pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) along with rapid HIV tests and home self-tests are vital to add to the prevention tools currently available, and
   (v) France is the latest jurisdiction to announce wide-scale access to PrEP, with many other cities and states already having arrangements in place; and

(b) calls on the Government to:
   (i) demonstrate leadership on HIV by urgently removing regulatory barriers to access to PrEP, rapid HIV tests and home self-tests, and
   (ii) as an interim measure, urgently explore policy options, including expanded trials in states and territories, to enable access to these important prevention tools. (general business notice of motion no. 968)

Senator Whish-Wilson: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 1 May 2016:

The suitability of the F-35 Lightning II (Joint Strike Fighter) to Australia’s strategic interests, with particular reference to:

(a) the air defence needs that the aircraft is intended to fulfil;
(b) the cost of the program to Australia;
(c) changes in the acquisition timeline;
(d) the performance of the aircraft in testing in Australia and overseas;
(e) potential alternatives to the Joint Strike Fighter; and
(f) any other related matters.

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

(a) the Senate notes that the Government announced:
   (i) that the Jobs For Families legislation, including the Childcare Assistance Package, would be tabled by Christmas 2015, and
   (ii) the childcare package reforms will be implemented in July 2017; and
(b) there be laid on the table by the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham), no later than 4 pm on 1 December 2015, all documents relating to the Childcare Assistance Package, including, but not limited to, documents produced by and/or for, and communications related to, the reform package, including specifically:

(i) economic modelling on the impact of the reforms on families earning $65 000 to $300 000 plus per annum, where either one or both parents are working,

(ii) reports from the focus groups conducted by the Government to inform the policy proposal,

(iii) clarification of the activity test, specifically relating to the hours of work correlating to the hours of subsidised childcare available,

(iv) economic data and modelling used to determine where families will be $30 per week ‘better off’, and

(v) economic and social data and departmental modelling relating to the reform package. (general business notice of motion no. 969)

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

(a) notes:

(i) the efficacy of medicinal cannabis for managing crippling symptoms where other pain relief and medicines have failed, and

(ii) the urgency and importance of making medicinal cannabis accessible for patients;

(b) applauds the bravery of those families acting to ease the pain of their loved ones despite the anachronistic classification of medicinal cannabis;

(c) affirms the critical need for a framework that makes medicinal cannabis accessible through a doctor, legal, available and affordable; and

(d) urges the Australian Government to heed the voices and deeply moving stories of over a quarter of a million Australians who have called for legal and accessible medicinal cannabis. (general business notice of motion no. 970)

Senator Williams: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate notes that:

(a) on 12 January 1916, the people of Inverell, New South Wales, lined the town’s streets to farewell a group of 114 men who were answering the call to serve their country following terrible losses at Gallipoli in World War I;

(b) the body of men became known as the ‘Kurrajongs’, and at the time was the single largest group of men to leave a New South Wales country town together for war;

(c) in 1918, Inverell was presented with the New South Wales Governor’s Shield for attaining the highest number of recruits per head of population during a specific recruiting campaign in May and June of that year;

(d) that among the 114 Kurrajongs was Private Alan Mather who was killed in action, and whose remains were discovered in Belgium in 2008 and buried at Prowse Point Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery in 2010 with full military honours;

(e) on 10 January 2016, Inverell will host the re-enactment of the Kurrajongs march;
on 12 January 2016, Inverell will host a commemorative service, and the re-enactment of the presentation of the New South Wales Governor’s Shield; and

the Re-enactment Committee thanks the Australian Government and the former Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, Senator Ronaldson, for the support and funding of the events. (general business notice of motion no. 971)

Senators Rhiannon and Lindgren: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) many of the puppies that will be given as presents this Christmas will have been bred in puppy farms and raised under inhumane conditions without the opportunity to socialise,

(ii) many of the bitches are forced to breed continuously in barren pens, often starting from as young as 6 months, and

(iii) the majority of puppies purchased informally, online and from pet shops cannot be traced;

(b) urges all customers considering purchasing a puppy as a present to only buy from registered and reputable breeders after inspecting breeding facilities;

(c) encourages customers to adopt rescued animals from pounds or animal shelters;

(d) calls on all state and territory governments to adopt a consistent national register of organisations that are approved breeders, and issue permits to such organisations; and

(e) encourages all state and territory governments:

(i) to regulate the sale of cats and dogs via online services, in pet shops and at local markets, and

(ii) that do not have a register and breeder permit system to consider adopting such a system. (general business notice of motion no. 972)

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

(a) acknowledges:

(i) the importance of managing Phytophthora Dieback in protecting the vulnerable plant species and high value ecosystems in Western Australia, and

(ii) the work that has been done by Project Dieback Partners on integrated management as part of implementing the threat abatement plan; and

(b) urges the Government to continue to invest in the ongoing management of Phytophthora Dieback. (general business notice of motion no. 973)

Notice of motion withdrawn: The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams), pursuant to notice of intention given on 25 November 2015, withdrew business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in his name for two sitting days after today for the disallowance of the Corporations Amendment (Financial Advice) Regulation 2015, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 108 and made under the Corporations Act 2001 [F2015L00969].
7 **SELECTION OF BILLS—STANDING COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 15 OF 2015**

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

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 15 OF 2015**

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 25 November 2015 at 7.11 pm.

2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
   (a) the Interactive Gambling Amendment (Sports Betting Reform) Bill 2015 be referred immediately to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2016; and
   (b) the provisions of the Omnibus Repeal Day (Spring 2015) Bill 2015 be referred immediately to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 3 February 2016.

3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills not be referred to committees:
   - Amending Acts 1990 to 1999 Repeal Bill 2015
   - Export Control Amendment (Quotas) Bill 2015
   - Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 3) 2015
   - Tax Laws Amendment (Gifts) Bill 2015

   The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
   - Aged Care Amendment (Red Tape Reduction in Places Management) Bill 2015
   - Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Amendment Bill 2015
   - Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment (Securing the Automotive Component Industry) Bill 2015
   - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Australian Country of Origin Food Labelling) Bill 2015
   - Corporations Amendment (Publish What You Pay) Bill 2014
   - Crimes Legislation Amendment (Proceeds of Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2015
   - Family Law Amendment (Financial Agreements and Other Measures) Bill 2015
   - Labor 2013-14 Budget Savings (No. 2) Bill 2015
   - Migration Amendment (Free the Children) Bill 2015
   - Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2014

   David Bushby
   Chair
   26 November 2015.

Senator Bushby moved—That the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.
8 ORDER OF BUSINESS—REARRANGEMENT
The Assistant Cabinet Secretary (Senator Ryan) moved—That—
(a) the following government business orders of the day be considered from 12.45 pm today:
   No. 2  Tax Laws Amendment (Gifts) Bill 2015
   No. 3  Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2015
   No. 4  Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Cargo) Bill 2015
   No. 5  Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2015; and
(b) government business be called on after consideration of the bills listed in paragraph (a) and considered till not later than 2 pm today.
Question put and passed.
Senator Ryan moved—That the order of general business for consideration today be as follows:
(a) general business notice of motion no. 963 standing in the name of Senator Siewert relating to Syria and Iraq; and
(b) orders of the day relating to documents.
Question put and passed.

9 PRIVATE SENATORS’ BILLS—CONSIDERATION
The Assistant Cabinet Secretary (Senator Ryan) moved—That general business order of the day no. 63 (Freedom of Information Amendment (Requests and Reasons) Bill 2015) be considered on Thursday, 3 December 2015 under the order relating to consideration of private senators’ bills.
Question put and passed.

10 LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Senator Bushby, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senator Macdonald for today, for personal reasons.
Question put and passed.

11 POSTPONEMENTS
Business was postponed as follows:
Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in the name of Senator Conroy for today, proposing a reference to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee, postponed till 30 November 2015.
Business of the Senate notice of motion no. 2 standing in the name of the Chair of the Education and Employment References Committee (Senator Lines) for today, proposing a reference to the Education and Employment References Committee, postponed till 30 November 2015.
General business notice of motion no. 961 standing in the name of Senator Rhiannon for today, proposing an order for the production of documents by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, postponed till 30 November 2015.
12 ECONOMICS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REFERENCE
Senator McEwen, at the request of Senators Carr, Rhiannon, Xenophon, Madigan, Lazarus and Lambie and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 3—that the following matters be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in June 2016:
(a) the future sustainability of Australia’s strategically vital steel industry and its supply chain; and
(b) any other related matters.
Question put and passed.

13 ECONOMICS REFERENCES COMMITTEE—PROPOSED REFERENCE
Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 4—that the following matter be referred to the Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by 22 June 2016:
Disclosure and reporting on carbon risk, in regard to:
(a) current and emerging international carbon risk disclosure frameworks;
(b) current carbon risk disclosure practices within corporate Australia;
(c) the role of carbon risk disclosure within existing Australian corporate governance and financial reporting framework, and barriers to carbon accounting;
(d) implications of a global agreement to limit global warming to 2 degrees or stabilise at 1.5 degrees for Australia’s financial system stability;
(e) Australian involvement in the G20 Financial Stability Board discussions on carbon risk impacts for financial stability;
(f) current regulatory and policy oversight of carbon risk disclosure across government agencies; and
(g) any other related matters.
Statement by leave: The Assistant Cabinet Secretary (Senator Ryan), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.
Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 29

Senators—
Bullock
Cameron
Collins
Conroy
Dastyari
Di Natale
Gallacher
Gallagher
Hanson-Young
Ketter
Lazarus
Lines
Ludlam
Ludwig
McAllister
McEwen (Teller)
McKim
McLucas
Moore
O’Neill
Peris
Rhiannon
Rice
Siewert
Simms
Urquhart
Waters
Whish-Wilson
NOES, 31

Senators—
Abetz  Edwards  Madigan  Ryan
Back  Fierravanti-Wells  McGrath  Scullion
Bernardi  Fifield  McKenzie  Seselja
Birmingham  Heffernan  Muir  Sinodinos
Bushby  Johnston  Nash  Smith
Canavan (Teller)  Lambie  Payne  Wang
Colbeck  Leyonhjelm  Reynolds  Williams
Day  Lindgren  Ruston

Question negatived.

14 EDUCATION—STUDENT SERVICES AND AMENITIES FEE
Senator Day, also on behalf of Senators Madigan, Wang, Leyonhjelm and Bernardi, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 955—That the Senate—
  (a) notes that:
      (i) over one million Australian tertiary students are forced to pay up to $286 per year as a Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF),
      (ii) students at the moment have very little say in how the SSAF monies are spent by their universities and student associations, and
      (iii) SSAF is levied regardless of students’ need, willingness and ability to access the services and activities they are paying for; and
  (b) calls on the Government to amend the Higher Education Support Act so that the SSAF can only be levied with the support of the majority of students at each university campus in a mandatory ballot conducted once an academic year.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Cabinet Secretary (Senator Ryan) and Senators Moore and Simms, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 6
Senators—
Abetz  Day (Teller)  Madigan  Wang
Bernardi  Leyonhjelm

NOES, 35

Senators—
Bilyk  Gallagher  McKenzie  Scullion
Brown  Hanson-Young  McKim  Siewert
Bullock  Ketter  McLucas  Simms
Cameron  Lambie  Moore  Sterle
Canavan  Lazarus  O’Neill  Urquhart
Collins  Lines  Peris  Waters
Conroy  Ludlam  Polley  Whish-Wilson
Dastyari  McAllister  Rhiannon  Wong
Di Natale  McEwen (Teller)  Rice

Question negatived.
15 Administration—Gosford Waterfront—Purchase or Lease of Site—Order for Production of Documents

Senator McEwen, at the request of Senator O’Neill and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 964—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Assistant Treasurer, Senator Cormann, no later than 3.30 pm on 30 November 2015, all documents recording contacts between:

(a) the Commonwealth and the New South Wales State Government relating to the purchase or lease of the old Gosford Public School site on the Gosford waterfront; and

(b) the Commonwealth and the New South Wales State Government, Gosford City Council, the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation, the Doma Group and other tenderers relating to the proposed Australian Taxation Office building development in Gosford.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Cabinet Secretary (Senator Ryan), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

16 Primary Industries—Farm Safety and Biosecurity

Senator Canavan, also on behalf of Senators McKenzie and Williams, amended general business notice of motion no. 965 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate notes that:

(a) agriculture, fisheries and forestry is one of the biggest employers in rural and regional communities, employing more than 300,000 people;

(b) Australia’s 135,000 farmers provide 93 per cent of the domestic food supply, and support an export market valued at A$43.5 billion in 2014-15;

(c) Australia’s stringent biosecurity system and best practice farm safety standards underpin our agricultural export strength and our reputation as a producer of some of the highest quality produce in the world; and

(d) acts of illegal activism, that include ignoring a farmer’s right to say no to property invasions, which could lead to the potential spread of disease and/or pests which could jeopardise Australia’s hard-won reputation for agricultural excellence, placing in danger the safety of activists, farmers and their families and the health of animals and crops.

Question put and passed. All Australian Greens senators, by leave, recorded their votes for the noes.

17 Family and Community Services—Pension Loan Scheme

Senator Lazarus, also on behalf of Senator Lambie, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 966—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the Pension Loan Scheme is currently available on a voluntary basis to retirees, and has been in existence since 1985;

(ii) the scheme is not currently available for retirees on the full rate age pension, and
(iii) the Parliamentary Budget Office has costed extending the scheme, which could unlock $2.8 billion of home equity to boost retirement incomes, at a cost of $23 million over the forward estimates, with a positive budget impact in later years; and
(b) calls on the Government to investigate extending the availability of the Pension Loan Scheme to Australians who receive the full age pension, and increasing the maximum payment rate under the scheme.

Question put and passed. All Government senators, by leave, recorded their votes for the noes.

18 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—WESTERN AUSTRALIA—GENETICALLY-MODIFIED CROPS

Senator Smith, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 962—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
(i) the intention of the Western Australian State Government to repeal its *Genetically Modified Crops Free Areas Act 2003*, which will remove the legislative framework put in place by the former Labor State Government that creates genetically-modified (GM) organism free areas within Western Australia,
(ii) that this policy decision has the united support of both the state’s major farming organisations, the Pastoralists and Graziers Association of Western Australia and The Western Australian Farmers Federation, and
(iii) the large scale adoption of ‘Round Up Ready’ canola by Western Australian farmers following its introduction by the Western Australian Liberal-National State Government in 2009-10;
(b) supports the recommendations of both the 2006 statutory review of the *Gene Technology Act 2000*, and the 2011 *Review of the Gene Technology Act 2000* [report to the Department of Health and Ageing by the Allen Consulting Group], which noted that GM crops posed no adverse impact on markets, and concluded that state bans were having detrimental, rather than beneficial, impacts; and
(c) condemns the Western Australian State Labor Party’s anti-GM policy, including the reintroduction of a ban on cultivating GM crops if re-elected.

*Statements by leave:* Senators Moore, Smith and Siewert, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and negatived.

19 ENVIRONMENT—CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY

Senator Waters, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 967—That the Senate—
(a) notes:
(i) that the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference [COP 21], to be held in Paris, begins on Monday, 30 November 2015,
(ii) calls by the President of Kiribati, Mr Anote Tong, and other leaders, for a global moratorium on new coal mines,
(iii) calls in the Suva Declaration on Climate Change, from the Pacific Islands Development Forum and the Port Moresby Declaration on Climate Change, from the Smaller Island State Leaders, for an ambitious international agreement to keep global warming below 1.5 degrees Celsius,

(iv) calls from civil society for Australia to commit at least $400 million per year to international climate finance that will allow developing countries to adapt to climate change and build the low-carbon communities of the future, and

(v) that the Turnbull Government’s pollution targets would keep Australia as the worst polluter per capita in the developed world by 2030; and

(b) calls on the Turnbull Government to:

(i) support a global agreement to stabilise global temperatures at 1.5 degrees by 2100,

(ii) raise Australia’s weak and dangerous pollution reduction targets to meet this long-term goal,

(iii) support a global moratorium on new coal mines, and

(iv) commit at least $400 million per year for four years to international climate finance.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Cabinet Secretary (Senator Ryan), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 9

Senators—

Hanson-Young, Rhiannon, Siewert (Teller), Waters

Ludlam, Rice, Simms, Whish-Wilson

NOES, 37

Senators—

Abetz, Day, Madigan, Peris

Back, Edwards, McEwen (Teller), Reynolds

Bernardi, Gallagher, McGrath, Ryan

Brown, Ketter, McKenzie, Singh

Bullock, Lambie, McLucas, Smith

Busby, Lazarus, Moore, Sterle

Cameron, Leyonhjelm, Muir, Urquhart

Canavan, Lindgren, O’Neill, Wang

Collins, Lines, Payne, Williams

Question negatived.

20 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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

The Assistant Cabinet Secretary (Senator Ryan), by leave, moved—That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

Education and Employment References Committee—

Discharged—Senator Ludwig
Appointed—
Senator Peris
Participating member: Senator Ludwig

**Finance and Public Administration References Committee**—
Appointed—
Substitute member: Senator Waters to replace Senator Rice for the committee’s inquiry into gender inequality
Participating member: Senator Rice

**Health—Select Committee**—
Discharged—Senator McLucas
Appointed—
Senator Moore
Participating member: Senator McLucas

**Murray-Darling Basin Plan—Select Committee**—
Appointed—
Substitute member: Senator Urquhart to replace Senator McAllister on 8 and 9 December 2015
Participating member: Senator McAllister.
Question put and passed.

21 **GOVERNOR-GENERAL’S MESSAGE—ASSENT TO LAWS**
A message from His Excellency the Governor-General was reported, informing the Senate that he had assented to the following laws:
25 November 2015—Message No. 61—

22 **LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—REPORT—AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION AMENDMENT (CRIMINOLOGY RESEARCH) BILL 2015**
Pursuant to order, Senator Bushby, at the request of the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Macdonald), tabled the following report and documents:
Report ordered to be printed on the motion of Senator Bushby.

23 **SHIPPING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015**
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath)—That this bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
*At 12.45 pm:* Debate was interrupted.
24 **TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (GIFTS) BILL 2015**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Senator Fierravanti-Wells)—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 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) the bill was read a third time.

25 **ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) AMENDMENT BILL 2015**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Senator Fierravanti-Wells)—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 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) the bill was read a third time.

26 **AVIATION TRANSPORT SECURITY AMENDMENT (CARGO) BILL 2015**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Senator Fierravanti-Wells)—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 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) the bill was read a third time.

27 **MARITIME LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Senator Fierravanti-Wells)—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 Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) the bill was read a third time.

28 SHIPPING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

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Question negatived.

After 2 pm—

29 QUESTIONS

Questions without notice were answered.

30 MOTIONS TO TAKE NOTE OF ANSWERS

Senator Cameron moved—That the Senate take note of the answers given by the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) to questions without notice asked by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) and Senator Collins today relating to ministerial standards.

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

Politics—Ministerial standards—Special Minister of State—Copy of extract of search warrant.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Senator Siewert moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Defence (Senator Payne) to a question without notice asked by Senator Siewert today relating to the myGov website.
Question put and passed.

31 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES—TABLING AND CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 62(4)

Senator Smith, at the request of the Chair of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Senator Seselja), tabled the following documents:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee—
   Budget estimates 2015-16—Additional information received between 23 June and 24 November 2015—
   Health portfolio.
   Social Services portfolio.
   Budget estimates 2015-16 (Supplementary)—Documents presented to the committee.

Senator Smith, at the request of the Chair of the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (Senator Bernardi), tabled the following report:

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

32 HEALTH—COUNTRY OF ORIGIN MEDICINE LABELLING—ANSWER TO QUESTION—DOCUMENTS

The Minister for Defence (Senator Payne) tabled the following documents:

Health—Country of origin medicine labelling—Answer to question—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Rural Health (Senator Nash), dated 25 November 2015, relating to a question without notice asked by Senator Madigan on 12 November 2015, and attachment.

33 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Gallacher) informed the Senate that the President had received a letter requesting changes in the membership of a committee.
The Minister for Defence (Senator Payne), by leave, moved—That Senator McLucas replace Senator Moore on the Select Committee on Health on 27 November 2015, and Senator Moore be appointed as a participating member.
Question put and passed.

General business was called on.
34 FOREIGN AFFAIRS—SYRIA AND IRAQ

Senator Hanson-Young, at the request of Senator Siewert and pursuant to notice, moved general business notice of motion no. 963—That the Senate—

(a) notes:
   (i) the ongoing conflict in Syria, which has led to over 250,000 deaths, and the fleeing of 4 million refugees, over half of whom are children; and
   (ii) Australia’s ongoing military involvement in Syria and Iraq, the scale of which is second only to the United States of America; and

(b) calls on the Government to:
   (i) increase the intake of refugees from the Syrian crisis,
   (ii) support legislation passed in the Senate that would remove children and their families from detention, and
   (iii) de-escalate Australia’s military presence in Syria and Iraq; and explore political, economic and diplomatic avenues that will work toward a peaceful settlement to the conflict.

Debate ensued.

At 6 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator Whish-Wilson was speaking.

35 DOCUMENTS—ORDERS OF THE DAY—CONSIDERATION

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


Australian Research Council (ARC)—Corporate plan 2015-16 to 2018-19. Motion of Senator Macdonald to take note of document agreed to.

General business concluded.

36 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:


Community Affairs References Committee—Violence, abuse and neglect against people with disability in institutional and residential settings, including the gender and age related dimensions, and the particular situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability, and culturally and linguistically diverse people with disability—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert) to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator Polley the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—Implementation and administration of the National Disability Insurance Scheme—Progress report. Motion of Senator Gallacher to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator Bilyk the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.
Education and Employment References Committee—Getting our money’s worth: the operation, regulation and funding of private vocational education and training (VET) providers in Australia—Report. Motion of Senator Carr to take note of report debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Bilyk in continuation.

Education and Employment References Committee—Australia’s temporary work visa programs—Interim report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Lines) to take note of report agreed to.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Shipping Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 [Provisions]—Dissenting report from Opposition senators. Motion of Senator McEwen to take note of report debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Ludwig in continuation.

Community Affairs References Committee—Availability of new, innovative and specialist cancer drugs in Australia—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert) to take note of report debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Polley in continuation.

Health—Select Committee—Australian Hearing: too important to privatise—Third interim report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator O’Neill) to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Bilyk in continuation.

Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru—Select Committee—Taking responsibility: conditions and circumstances at Australia’s regional processing centre in Nauru—Report. Motion of Senator Gallacher to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Bilyk in continuation.

Economics References Committee—Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry—Interim report. Motion of Senator Canavan to take note of report agreed to.

Community Affairs References Committee—Out of home care—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert) to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator Bilyk the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Domestic violence in Australia—Report. Motion of Senator Gallagher to take note of report debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Moore in continuation.


Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Use of unmanned air, maritime and land platforms by the Australian Defence Force—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Gallacher) to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Bilyk in continuation.

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Blind agreement: reforming Australia’s treaty-making process—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Gallacher) to take note of report called on. On the motion of Senator Bilyk the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.
Community Affairs References Committee—Adequacy of existing residential care arrangements available for young people with severe physical, mental or intellectual disabilities in Australia—Report. Motion of the chair of the committee (Senator Siewert) to take note of report called on. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Bilyk in continuation.


Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Ability of Australian law enforcement authorities to eliminate gun-related violence in the community—Report. Motion to take note of report debated. Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Leyonhjelm in continuation.

37 ADJOURNMENT
The President proposed the question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The Senate adjourned at 7.28 pm till Monday, 30 November 2015 at 10 am.

38 ATTENDANCE
Present, all senators except Senators Cash*, Fawcett*, Macdonald* and O’Sullivan* (*on leave).

ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate