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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.

DOCUMENTS

The following documents were tabled pursuant to standing order 61(1)(b):

- Department of Industry and Science—Report for 2014-15, including reports of Geoscience Australia and IP Australia.
- Migration Act 1958—Section 486O—Assessment of detention arrangements—Personal identifiers 1001988, 1001999, 1002115, 1002117, 1002118, 1002129, 1002138, 1002150, 1002156, 100220, 1002305, 1002402, 1002426, 1002427, 1002443, 1002462, 1002476, 1002528, 1002539, 1002563, 1002564, 1002568, 1002576, 1002581, 1002584, 1002593, 1002596, 1002599, 1002610, 1002613, 1002614, 1002615, 1002616, 1002626, 1002638, 1002643, 1002644, 1002645, 1002649, 1002657, 1002697, 1002699, 1002703, 1002704, 1002705, 1002710, 1002715, 1002745, 1002746, 1002752, 1002758, 1002759, 1002762, 1002763, 1002764, 1002766, 1002769, 1002847, 1002859, 1002893, 1002897, 1002936, 1002938, 1002942, 1002943 and 1002947—Commonwealth Ombudsman’s reports, dated 14 October 2015.
- Government response to Ombudsman’s reports, dated 8 October 2015.

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

- Special Forces – amendment—Defence Determination 2015/36.

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

- Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies—Budget (Supplementary) estimates 2015-16—Letters of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008—Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio.
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

- Departmental and agency grants—Letters of advice pursuant to the order of the Senate of 24 June 2008—Budget estimates 2015-16—Department of Agriculture.
- Budget (Supplementary) estimates 2015-16—Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio.
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice—Budget estimates 2015-16—Statement pursuant to the order of the Senate of 25 June 2014—Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.

3 COMMITTEE—LEAVE TO MEET DURING SITTING
A committee was authorised to meet during the sitting of the Senate, as follows:
Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) on Thursday, 15 October 2015, from 3.30 pm.

4 SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DEBIT CARD TRIAL) BILL 2015
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Rural Health (Senator Nash)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 38

Senators—

Abetz
Back
Brown
Bullock
Canavan (Teller)
Colbeck
Collins
Cormann
Dastyari
Day
Edwards
Fawcett
Finfield
Gallacher
Ketter
Lambie
Lazarus
Leyonhjelm
Landgren
Lanes
Ludwig
Madigan
Marshall
McEwen
McGrath
McKenzie
Moore
Muir
O’Neill
Peris
Reynolds
Ronaldson
Seselja
Singh
Smith
Urquhart
Wang
Xenophon

NOES, 10

Senators—

Di Natale
Hanson-Young
Ludlam
McKim
Siewert (Teller)
Rhiannon
Simms
Waters
Whish-Wilson

Question agreed to.

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.

At 12.45 pm: The Acting Deputy President (Senator Williams) resumed the chair and the Chair of Committees (Senator Marshall) reported progress.

5 SENATORS’ STATEMENTS

Senators made statements.
Document: Senator Macdonald, by leave, tabled the following document:

Mining—Support for Australian coal industry—Letter from Group CEO, National Australia Bank (Mr Thorburn) to Senator Macdonald, dated 12 October 2015.

Senators made further statements.

At 2 pm—

6 Questions
Questions without notice were answered.

7 Motions to Take Note of Answers
Senator Polley moved—that the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) to a question without notice asked by Senator McAllister today relating to the National Broadband Network.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Senator McKim moved—that the Senate take note of the answer given by the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) to a question without notice asked by Senator McKim today relating to the proposed extension of the control order regime to minors.

Question put and passed.

8 Temporary Chairs of Committees
The President tabled warrants, dated 14 October 2015, revoking the warrant nominating Senators Dastyari and Smith as temporary chairs of committees, and nominating Senators Ketter and Reynolds as additional temporary chairs of committees.

9 Notices
Senators Carr and Marshall: To move on the next day of sitting—that the Senate—

(a) respectfully commemorates the 45th anniversary of the collapse of the West Gate Bridge which occurred at 11.50 am on 15 October 1970;

(b) acknowledges the sacrifice of the 35 workers who lost their lives in Australia’s worst ever industrial accident;

(c) celebrates the heroic actions of the many people who risked their own lives to assist the rescue efforts and help the injured and other survivors on that day;

(d) extends its sympathy to the families of those affected by the tragedy;

(e) recognises the sacrifice of the many workers who have been injured or killed in workplace accidents before and since the collapse of the bridge on that day; and

(f) praises the efforts of those within the union movement and others who toil to ensure that workers are able to return home safely to their loved ones at the end of each working day. (general business notice of motion no. 897)
Senators Ludlam and Singh: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) offers deepest condolences to Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) for the deadly bombing of its hospital by United States (US) forces in Kunduz, Afghanistan, which killed 22 people, including 12 MSF staff and 10 patients;

(b) notes that:

(i) the MSF hospital was the only facility of its kind in north-eastern Afghanistan providing free high level life- and limb-saving trauma care, and, due to the attacks, is no longer operational and cannot provide care,

(ii) the secretariat of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission (IHFFC) has been activated to investigate this incident subject to consent of the US and Afghan governments, and

(iii) NATO Supreme Commander, General Philip Breedlove, has publicly supported the call for the IHFFC investigation;

(c) strongly supports the need to establish the facts of this tragedy through an independent inquiry such as the IHFFC investigation; and

(d) affirms the status of health facilities as neutral, protected spaces under international law. (general business notice of motion no. 898)

The Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) and Senator Xenophon: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code Act 1995, and for related purposes. Crimes Legislation Amendment (Harming Australians) Bill 2015.

Senator Moore: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate notes the 20 per cent fall in public sector infrastructure spending under the Coalition Federal Government, and the Turnbull Government’s need to catch-up on 2 lost years of support for public transport projects. (general business notice of motion no. 899)

The Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield): To move on the next day of sitting—That the government business order of the day relating to the Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia’s Protection Obligations) Bill 2013 be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Senators Madigan and Xenophon: To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in March 2016:

The regulatory framework governing the financing of electoral activities undertaken by political parties and other participants in the political process, with particular reference to:

(a) how many of the recommendations made by the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters in its 2011 report (the report) on its inquiry into the funding of political parties and election campaigns were accepted by government, and how many have been implemented;

(b) what factors, if any, are contributing to any delays in implementing the accepted recommendations of the report;

(c) how much was spent on the last election in 2013 by:

(i) political parties or associated entities,

(ii) third parties,

(iii) candidates, and

(iv) Senate groups;
(d) what proportion of the expenditure at the last election in 2013 was provided by private sources, including:
   (i) what amounts were acquired from each source,
   (ii) the circumstances of the donation or contribution,
   (iii) whether third parties were involved in the donations or contributions, and
   (iv) what influence those sources had on the political process;
(e) what is the current level of public funding provided to:
   (i) political parties or associated entities,
   (ii) third parties,
   (iii) candidates, and
   (iv) Senate groups;
(f) how public funds are allocated to electoral activities, and whether the current levels of such funds should be increased or decreased or allocated differently;
(g) whether the status of the political donations as tax deductions should be maintained;
(h) whether any comparable democracies:
   (i) regulate electoral contributions from private donors, or particular classes of private donors, or
   (ii) have absolute limits on private funding on electoral activities, and, if so, what policy objectives underlie the regulation and whether those objectives are achieved;
   (i) how the regulation of electoral funding is achieved in comparative democracies, and whether it is applicable in the Commonwealth sphere; and
(j) any other related matter. (general business notice of motion no. 900)

Senators Simms and Xenophon: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes:
   (i) the intention of British Petroleum (BP) to perform high-risk exploratory drilling in the Great Australian Bight,
   (ii) that the current environmental and safety evaluation being performed by the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) for exploration lease approval requires BP to release sufficient information so stakeholders can make informed assessment of the project and its possible consequences,
   (iii) that BP has not released critical information such as its:
       (A) environmental plan,
       (B) oil spill modelling, or
       (C) oil spill emergency plan, and
   (iv) that given:
       (A) the natural beauty of the Great Australian Bight,
       (B) the ecological uniqueness of the Great Australian Bight and its critical importance for marine life, including blue, southern right, sperm, killer and humpback whales,
       (C) that an oil spill of this nature could devastate the $442 million South Australian fishing industry, as well as the state’s $1 billion coastal tourism industries,
(D) that 90 per cent of oil spills take place during exploratory drilling,
(E) that the Great Australian Bight contains some of the roughest and most remote open waters on the planet, and
(F) that, in the event of an oil spill, it may take up to 157 days to cap an oil well,
that this lack of environmental transparency does not meet the sufficient information criteria for NOPSEMA’s 28 day approval process; and
(b) calls on BP to release its environmental plan, and, failing that, NOPSEMA to reject BP’s exploration lease application. (general business notice of motion no. 901)

Senator Lazarus: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) notes that ReefBlitz is an important initiative providing an opportunity to discover, identify and record the plants and animals living in and around the Great Barrier Reef that will take place in Townsville, Queensland, on 16 and 17 October 2015;
(b) acknowledges the valuable contribution of ReefBlitz in educating the community and promoting the unique marine environment in the Great Barrier Reef, and also in generating tourism in north Queensland;
(c) commends the sponsors, organisers, participants, and the numerous volunteers who enable ReefBlitz to take place each year; and
(d) calls on the Government to recognise the importance of ecological sustainability in and around the Great Barrier Reef and other protected marine areas in and around Australia. (general business notice of motion no. 902)

Senator Lazarus: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—
(a) notes that the people of Queensland have no legal right to stop mining companies from entering their land to mine coal seam gas (CSG);
(b) further notes that rural and regional communities across Queensland are being devastated by the impact of CSG mining, including loss of underground water, contamination of underground and surface water, health impacts, mental health issues, reduced quality of life, reduced land values and other forms of stress, trauma and suffering;
(c) acknowledges that the impact of CSG mining and the behaviour of resource companies in harassing, bullying and intimidating landholders is splintering families, dividing communities and creating personal and financial hardship;
(d) understands that the people affected by CSG mining have no fair and equitable legal recourse to address their concerns given the significant power imbalance between those affected and the mining companies;
(e) calls on the Government to urgently consider the establishment of a Resources Ombudsman and a CSG Mining Commissioner to address the issues being experienced by the people of Queensland and elsewhere across the country affected by CSG mining; and
(f) urges the Government to consider undertaking an urgent audit of the human impacts of CSG mining, and to establish support services and other forms of assistance, including medical assistance, for those affected by CSG mining. (general business notice of motion no. 903)
Senator Carr: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Education and Training, by no later than 4.30 pm on Thursday, 15 October 2015, any reports resulting from the review of the Disability Support Program conducted by KPMG on behalf of the Department of Education and Training (contract no. CN2478741). (general business notice of motion no. 904)

Senator Siewert: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Health (Senator Nash) by 22 October 2015, a copy of the following in relation to Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ):

(a) any advice FSANZ has received from the Attorney-General’s Department, the Attorney-General’s office or the Solicitor-General relating to the right of FSANZ to give advice regarding the interpretation of the Food Standards Code;
(b) the terms of reference for the report it has commissioned from an ‘expert toxicologist’ on the safety of nano titanium dioxide and silica; and
(c) the contract for that report. (general business notice of motion no. 905)

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

(a) notes that:
   (i) the Federal Government is contributing substantial funding to the WestConnex Motorway despite no business case being released,
   (ii) the Environmental Impact Statement for the M4 East Tunnel shows it will be at capacity by 2031,
   (iii) irreparable damage would be done to the Haberfield conservation area with hundreds of people forced from their homes and many heritage houses slated for demolition,
   (iv) asbestos waste is being removed from the M5 interchange site in St Peters,
   (v) removal of that asbestos waste is continuing without any environmental impact statement having been released, and
   (vi) local residents have collected evidence that safety regulations are being breached in relation to the removal of the asbestos waste; and
(b) calls on the Government to hold current and future scheduled federal payments to the WestConnex project until the full business case is made public and proper community consultation and planning approvals are complete. (general business notice of motion no. 906)

Senators Carr, Lambie, Lazarus and Siewert: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Education and Training, no later than 3.30 pm on Thursday, 15 October 2015, the following:

(a) a redacted copy of any reports delivered under the Nous Group contract, ‘Assessment of Stakeholder Views – Higher Education’ listed on the Austender website (contract number CN3277481), omitting any reference to the views expressed by individual senators or their staff; and
(b) all other documentation related to the contract, including the contract itself and any correspondence between the Nous Group and the Minister or his department, omitting any reference to the views expressed by individual senators or their staff. (general business notice of motion no. 907)
Notice of motion withdrawn: The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams), pursuant to notice of intention given on 13 October 2015, withdrew business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1 standing in his name for today for the disallowance of the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Amendment (2015 Measures No. 3) Regulation 2015, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 45 and made under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997 [F2015L00572].

10 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Senator McEwen, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to the following senators for personal reasons:

(a) Senator Bullock for 15 October 2015; and
(b) Senator Cameron for today.

Question put and passed.

11 POSTPONEMENTS

Business was postponed as follows:

General business notice of motion no. 674 standing in the name of Senator Rice for 15 October 2015, proposing the introduction of the Automotive Transformation Scheme Amendment (Sustainable Jobs in the Auto Component Industry) Bill 2015, postponed till 10 November 2015.

General business notice of motion no. 854 standing in the name of Senator Muir for today, relating to the theft and export of Australian motor vehicles, postponed till 23 November 2015.

General business notice of motion no. 876 standing in the name of Senator Dastyari for today, proposing an order for the production of a document by the Minister representing the Treasurer, postponed till 15 October 2015.

12 DEFENCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FIRST PRINCIPLES) BILL 2015

The Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield), at the request of the Attorney-General (Senator Brandis) and pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved government business notice of motion no. 1—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to defence, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

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

Explanatory memorandum: Senator Fifield tabled an explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.
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, 9 November 2015.

13 TAXATION—GST DISTRIBUTION
Senator Wang, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 894—That the Senate—
(a) notes the volatility of commodity prices and how badly this has impacted on Western Australia; and
(b) calls on the Government and the Parliament to show leadership in promoting mature and considered discussion to ensure the distribution of GST returns is fair and in the best interests of the nation.

Statement by leave: The Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

14 LAW AND JUSTICE—COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRES—FUNDING
Senator Waters amended general business notice of motion no. 895 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—
(a) notes the crucial work done by community legal centres across Australia in assisting victims and survivors of domestic violence;
(b) acknowledges recent commitments to addressing domestic violence from the Queensland and Federal governments;
(c) notes the fact that regardless of those commitments:
   (i) Queensland community legal centres helped 50 000 people in 2014-15, but were forced to turn away more than 80 000 people, and
   (ii) community legal centres face a funding cut of $12 million in 2017 under the National Partnership Agreement on Legal Assistance Services;
(d) notes the emergency meeting on Tuesday, 13 October 2015, in Brisbane, attempting to find solutions to the funding crisis for community legal centres;
(e) notes the Productivity Commission’s 2014 recommendation for an immediate $200 million funding boost for civil and family law assistance; and
(f) calls on the Federal Government to abandon the funding cuts planned for 2017, and work with state governments to increase funding to community legal centres.

Statement by leave: The Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

15 TRANSPORT—INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING
Senator Canavan, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 896—That the Senate notes:
(a) that the Commonwealth Government is investing $50 billion in infrastructure;
(b) that as part of the Government’s investment in infrastructure, it has committed to providing up to $95 million to support the completion of the Gold Coast Light Rail Stage Two project prior to the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games; and
(c) the importance of significant funding proposals being accompanied by detailed business cases and subject to a full assessment process, including by Infrastructure Australia, if $100 million or more of Commonwealth funding is sought, to ensure value for taxpayers’ money.

Statement by leave: Senator Moore, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion. Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 31

Senators—
Abetz  Day  Macdonald  Ronaldson
Back  Edwards  Madigan  Ruston
Bernardi  Fawcett  McGrath  Scullion
Birmingham  Fierravanti-Wells  McKenzie  Seseja
Bushby (Teller)  Fifield  Muir  Smith
Canavan  Heffernan  Nash  Wang
Cash  Johnston  Parry  Williams
Colbeck  Lindgren  Reynolds

NOES, 29

Senators—
Brown  Hanson-Young  McEwen (Teller)  Rhiannon
Bullock  Ketter  McKim  Rice
Carr  Lines  McLucas  Siewert
Collins  Ladlam  Moore  Singh
Dastyari  Ludwig  O’Neill  Urquhart
Di Natale  Marshall  Perss  Waters
Gallacher  McAllister  Polley  Whish-Wilson
Gallagher

Question agreed to.

Statement by leave: Senator Rice, by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

16 SOCIAL ISSUES—ANTI-POVERTY WEEK

Senator Siewert, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 891—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the week beginning 11 October 2015 is Anti-Poverty Week,

(ii) the main aims of Anti-Poverty Week are to strengthen public understanding, and encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems, and

(iii) poverty and severe hardship affect more than a million Australians;

(b) acknowledges the very important work undertaken by a large number of organisations across Australia in providing crucial services, such as food-banks, housing, social services, counselling and legal support, among others, which make an invaluable contribution to Australian society; and

(c) calls on the Government to:

(i) increase Newstart and Youth Allowance payments by at least $50 a week,

(ii) provide adequate support to people struggling with poverty, including young people accessing income support,
(iii) provide appropriate support to service delivery agencies, including stable and adequate funding, and

(iv) develop a national anti-poverty plan with clear targets and measures to address poverty in Australia.

Statement by leave: The Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 9

Senators—

Di Natale
Hanson-Young
Ludlam
McKim
Rhiannon
Siewert (Teller)
Whish-Wilson

NOES, 42

Senators—

Abetz
Back
Bernardi
Bullock
Bushby
Canavan
Carr
Cash
Collins
Day
Edwards
Fawcett
Fifield
Gallacher
Gallagher
Heffernan
Johnston
Ketter
Lindgren
Lines
Ludwig
Macdonald
Marshall
McAllister
McEwen (Teller)
McGrath
McKenzie
McLucas
Moore
O’Neill
Parry
Peris
Reynolds
Ronaldson
Ruston
Scullion
Seselja
Singh
Smith
Urquhart
Wang
Williams

Question negatived.

17 Discussion of Matter of Public Importance—Administration—Responsibility for Water Policy

The President informed the Senate that Senator Moore had proposed that the following matter of public importance be submitted to the Senate for discussion:

The Turnbull Government’s disarray and division over water policy.

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

18 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—President’s Response—Department of Parliamentary Services

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

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Report—Department of Parliamentary Services—President’s response, dated 14 October 2015.

19 Documents—Consideration

The documents tabled earlier today (see entry no. 2) were called on but no motion was moved.
20 **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES—TABLEING AND CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 62(4)**

Senator Smith, at the request of the Chair of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (Senator Heffernan), tabled the following documents:


Senator Lines, at the request of the Chair of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Polley), tabled the following report and document:

- Alert Digest No. 11 of 2015, dated 14 October 2015.

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

Senator Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, tabled the following report:


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

Senator Smith moved—that the Senate take note of the report.

Question put and passed.

The Chair of the Education and Employment References Committee (Senator Lines) tabled the following report and documents:

- Education and Employment References Committee—Australia’s temporary work visa programs—Interim report, dated October 2015, Hansard record of proceedings, documents presented to the committee, additional information and submissions.

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

Senator Lines moved—that the Senate take note of the report.

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

21 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

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

The Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Senator Fierravanti-Wells), by leave, moved—that senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

**Education and Employment Legislation and References Committees**—
- Discharged—Senator Rhiannon
- Appointed—Senator Simms
- Participating member: Senator Rhiannon
House—Standing Committee—
Discharged—Senator Fawcett
Appointed—Senator Smith

Murray-Darling Basin Plan—Select Committee—
Appointed—Participating member: Senator Rhiannon

Procedure—Standing Committee—
Discharged—Senator Ruston
Appointed—Senator Smith

Selection of Bills—Standing Committee—
Appointed—Senator Fawcett.

Question put and passed.

22 Customs Depot Licensing Charges Amendment Bill 2015
Customs Amendment (Fees and Charges) Bill 2015
Import Processing Charges Amendment Bill 2015

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

Message no. 466, dated 14 October 2015—A Bill for an Act to amend the Customs Depot Licensing Charges Act 1997, and for related purposes.

Message no. 467, dated 14 October 2015—A Bill for an Act to amend the Customs Act 1901, and for related purposes.


The Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) 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 Fierravanti-Wells moved—That these bills be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Fierravanti-Wells the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

23 Social Security Legislation Amendment (Further Strengthening Job Seeker Compliance) Bill 2015

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

Message no. 470, dated 14 October 2015—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social security, and for related purposes.

The Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) 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 Fierravanti-Wells 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 day fixed for the Education and Employment Legislation Committee to report on the bill, 24 November 2015.
24 SOCIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (COST OF LIVING CONCESSION) BILL 2015

SOCIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (LOW INCOME SUPPLEMENT) BILL 2015

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

Message no. 469, dated 14 October 2015—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social security and veterans’ entitlements, and for related purposes.

Message no. 468, dated 14 October 2015—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to social security, and for related purposes.

The Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) 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 Fierravanti-Wells moved—That these bills be now read a second time.

On the motion of Senator Fierravanti-Wells the debate was adjourned till the next day of sitting.

Consideration of legislation: Senator Fierravanti-Wells moved—That the bills be listed on the Notice Paper as separate orders of the day.

Question put and passed.

25 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

A message from the House of Representatives was reported informing the Senate of changes in the membership of joint committees, as follows:

Message no. 464, dated 13 October 2015—

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, Mrs Prentice, appointed
Joint Standing Committee on Migration, Mr CA Laundy, discharged
Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Mr Billson, appointed
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, Mr Macfarlane, appointed.

26 ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—REPORT—FOREIGN ACQUISITIONS AND TAKEOVERS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015 AND RELATED BILLS

Pursuant to order, Senator Smith, at the request of the Chair of the Economics Legislation Committee (Senator Edwards), tabled the following report and documents:


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

27 SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (DEBIT CARD TRIAL) BILL 2015

Order read for the further consideration of the bill in committee of the whole.
In the committee

Consideration resumed of the bill.

Bill further debated and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

On the motion of the Minister for Communications (Senator Fifield) the report from the committee was adopted.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 37

Senators—

Bernardi
Brown
Bullock
Bushby
Collins
Dastyari
Day
Edwards
Fawcett
Fifield

Gallacher
Gallagher
Ketter
Lambie
Lazarus
Leyonhjelm
Lindgren
Ludwig
Madigan

Marshall
McAllister
McEwen
McGrath
McKenzie
Moore
Nash
O’Neill
Peris

Pulley
Reynolds
Ronaldson
Ryan
Seselja
Smith (Teller)
Wang
Williams
Xenophon

NOES, 10

Senators—

Di Natale
Hanson-Young
Ludlam

McKim
Muir
Rhiannon

Rice
Siewert (Teller)

Waters
Whish-Wilson

Question agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

28 TAX AND SUPERANNUATION LAWS AMENDMENT (BETTER TARGETING THE INCOME TAX TRANSPARENCY LAWS) BILL 2015

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Assistant Cabinet Secretary (Senator Ryan)—That this bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

At 7.20 pm: Debate was interrupted while Senator McAllister was speaking.

29 ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

The Senate adjourned at 7.58 pm till Thursday, 15 October 2015 at 9.30 am.
30 ATTENDANCE


ROSEMARY LAING
Clerk of the Senate

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