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Meeting of Senate

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

Documents

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

Auditor-General’s reports for 2017-18

1. No. 51—Performance audit—The design, monitoring and implementation of Health’s savings measures: Department of Health.
2. No. 52—Performance audit—Efficiency of veterans service delivery by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs: Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

Government documents

- Defence Force Discipline Act 1982—Reports for 2017—
  3. Director of Military Prosecutions.

The Clerk tabled the following documents pursuant to statute:

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

- Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act 1998—
  - Australian Prudential Regulation Authority instrument fixing charges No. 6 of 2018 [F2018L00859].
  - Australian Prudential Regulation Authority instrument fixing charges No. 7 of 2018 [F2018L00860].
- Civil Aviation Act 1988—Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998—EPC requirements for ATOs transitioning to the FER – Exemption 2018—CASA EX70/18 [F2018L00871].
- Health Insurance Act 1973—
  - Health Insurance (Diagnostic Imaging Services Table) Regulations 2018 [F2018L00858].
  - Health Insurance (Section 3C General Medical Services – Other Medical Practitioner) Determination 2018 [F2018L00874].
- Lands Acquisition Act 1989—Statement describing property acquired by agreement for specified purposes.
Migration Act 1958—Migration Regulations 1994—
Migration (IMMI 18/086: Agreements or Arrangements which are not Relevant Agreements for the purposes of the Government Agreement Stream of the Subclass 403 (Temporary Work (International Relations visa)) Instrument 2018—IMMI 18/086 [F2018L00861].


Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986—
Amendment Statements of Principles concerning lumbar spondylosis—
No. 67 of 2018 [F2018L00856].
No. 68 of 2018 [F2018L00857].
Statement of Principles concerning bipolar disorder (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 54 of 2018 [F2018L00869].
Statement of Principles concerning bipolar disorder (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 53 of 2018 [F2018L00867].
Statement of Principles concerning knee bursitis (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 65 of 2018 [F2018L00872].
Statement of Principles concerning olecranon bursitis (Balance of Probabilities)—No. 64 of 2018 [F2018L00855].
Statement of Principles concerning olecranon bursitis (Reasonable Hypothesis)—No. 63 of 2018 [F2018L00854].

3 Committees—Leave to meet during sittings
Committees were authorised to meet during the sittings of the Senate, as follows:
Corporations and Financial Services—Joint Statutory Committee—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) on Thursday, 28 June 2018, from 9.30 am.
National Disability Insurance Scheme—Joint Standing Committee—private briefing today, from 12.45 pm, for the committee’s inquiry into market readiness for the provision of services under the NDIS.
Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse—Joint Select Committee—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) today, from noon.

Treaties—Joint Standing Committee—public meetings from 11 am—
- Monday, 13 August 2018.
- Monday, 20 August 2018.
- Monday, 10 September 2018.

4 National Security Legislation Amendment (Espionage and Foreign Interference) Bill 2018

Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Bill 2018

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

- Message no. 420, dated 27 June 2018—A Bill for an Act to amend the criminal law and to provide for certain matters in relation to the foreign influence transparency scheme, and for related purposes.
- Message no. 421, dated 27 June 2018—A Bill for an Act to establish a scheme to improve the transparency of activities undertaken on behalf of foreign principals, and for related purposes.

The Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham) moved—That these bills may proceed without formalities, may be taken together and be now read a first time.

Senator McKim requested that the motion be divided—

Question—That these bills may proceed without formalities and be taken together—debated.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

**AYES, 45**

- Abetz
- Bilyk
- Birmingham
- Burston
- Cameron
- Canavan
- Carr
- Chisholm
- Colbeck
- Cormann
- Dodson
- Duniam
- Fawcett
- Fierravanti-Wells
- Fifield
- Gallacher
- Georgiou
- Gichuhi
- Hanson
- Hume
- Keneally
- Ketter
- Kitching
- Lines
- Marshall
- McAllister
- McCarthy
- Molan
- Moore
- O'Neill
- O'Sullivan
- Paterson
- Payne
- Pratt
- Reynolds
- Ryan
- Seselja
- Singh
- Smith, David
- Smith, Dean
- Sterle
- Stoker
- Urquhart
- Williams*
- Wong

**NOES, 15**

- Anning
- Bartlett
- Di Natale
- Griff
- Hanson-Young
- Hinch
- Leyonhjelm
- McKim
- Patrick
- Rhiannon
- Rice
- Siewert*

* Tellers

Question agreed to.
Question—That these bills be now read a first time—put and passed.

Bills read a first time.

_Leave refused:_ Senator Birmingham sought leave to move a motion to exempt the bills from the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111. An objection was raised and leave was not granted.

_Suspension of standing orders:_ Senator Birmingham moved—that so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the consideration and passage of these bills during this period of sittings.

_Document:_ Senator Birmingham tabled the following document:

Consideration of legislation—Statement of reasons for introduction and passage of the bills in the 2018 winter sittings.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

**AYES, 47**

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Question agreed to.

Senator Birmingham moved—that these bills be now read a second time.


Debate ensued.

_Proposed reference to committee:_ Senator McKim moved the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “and the National Security Legislation Amendment (Espionage and Foreign Interference) Bill 2018 be referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 August 2018”.

Debate ensued.

At 12.45 pm: Debate was interrupted.
5 Senators’ statements
Senators made statements.

Document: Senator McCarthy, by leave, tabled the following document:
Northern Territory—Territory Day—Image of the Northern Territory flag.

At 2 pm—

6 Questions
Questions without notice were answered.

7 Order for the production of documents—Explanation
Senator Carr, by leave, requested an explanation from the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Cormann) in relation to an order for the production of documents of 20 June 2018, relating to the Great Barrier Reef Foundation (see entry no. 23, 20 June 2018).
Senator Cormann indicated that an explanation would be provided.

8 Motions to take note of answers
Senator Urquhart 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 Urquhart today relating to National Broadband Network services in Tasmania. Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Senator Hanson-Young moved—That the Senate take note of the answer given by the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan) to a question without notice asked by Senator Hanson-Young today relating to the Murray-Darling Basin.
Question put and passed.

9 Notices
Senator Georgiou: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) senators have a duty to act in the interests of both the nation and of the states they represent,

(ii) in 2017-18, the GST (goods and services tax) revenue distribution to Australian states and territories averaged $2561 per person overall, however Western Australians received just $882 per person, being less than a third of the average,

(iii) no other state or territory received less than $2200 per person, with Tasmanians receiving $4624, South Australians $3690 and Victorians $2389,

(iv) in 2016-17, Western Australia accounted for 35% of the nation’s exports, and Western Australia is by far the country’s leading state on a balance of payments basis,

(v) every other Australian state is subsidised by Western Australia and, according to analysis conducted by the Productivity Commission, over $3.6 billion a year is being drained from WA, and
(vi) both Labor and Liberal Western Australian state governments have called on the Federal Government to increase Western Australia’s GST distribution;

(b) recognises that the government has the power to immediately increase the share of GST revenue that Western Australia receives; and

(c) calls on the Government to increase the GST distribution share that Western Australia receives to at least the average level. *(general business notice of motion no. 913)*

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

(a) notes:

(i) the recent spate of horrific violent crimes against women,

(ii) that the first duty of government is to ensure that its innocent citizens are protected from harm,

(iii) that police cannot be everywhere at all times, so in order to ensure citizens are protected from harm, all citizens must have the absolute right to self-defence,

(iv) that the ability of individuals to defend themselves varies with the strength, age, fitness and skill of the individual, with women and the elderly generally more vulnerable,

(v) that vulnerable people need some form of defence against violent individuals of superior strength,

(vi) the non-lethal nature of pepper spray, mace and tasers and the fact that prior training or skill is not required to use them for self-defence, and

(vii) the ease, affordability and convenience of pepper spray, mace and tasers as a means of self-defence by women;

(b) accepts that access to a means of self-protection by women in particular would provide greatly increased security and confidence that they will not become just another assault, rape or murder statistic; and

(c) calls on the Australian Government to:

(i) allow the importation of pepper spray, mace and tasers for individual self-defence, and

(ii) encourage state governments to legalise and actively promote the carrying of pepper spray, mace and tasers by women for personal protection. *(general business notice of motion no. 914)*

Senator Farrell: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister for Defence (Senator Payne), by no later than 3.30 pm on 28 June 2018, the schedule of special purpose flights for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2017. *(general business notice of motion no. 915)*

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

(a) notes that:

(i) company profits have increased by 5.8% over the year, which is almost three times as much as wages,

(ii) penalty rates for 7277 workers in the electorate of Braddon, and 11,850 workers in the electorate of Longman, will decrease again on 1 July 2018, and

(iii) the Turnbull Government continues to hold a policy that would give multinational companies an $80 billion tax cut; and
(b) condemns the Turnbull Government for its failure to support low-paid workers, and instead protect the interests of big business. *(general business notice of motion no. 916)*

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

(a) acknowledges that on 25 July 2018, the world’s first IVF (in-vitro fertilisation) baby, Louise Joy Brown, celebrates her 40th birthday;

(b) notes that:

(i) IVF clinics provide a valuable service to the Australian community,

(ii) there is a lack of publicly available performance data for individual IVF clinics – an annual report is produced by the University of New South Wales’s National Perinatal Epidemiology and Statistics Unit (NPESU), but it only provides a national overview of the performance of participating clinics,

(iii) no clinic-specific information is made public – IVF clinics can choose what information they disclose, if any, relating to their own success rates,

(iv) according to the 2014 NPESU report, live birth rates between fertility clinics varied from between 9% and 24% for fresh cycles, and in 2012, the difference in live birth rates between clinics was as low as 4% and as high as 31%, the most recent report, for 2015, did not disclose these statistics,

(v) in 2015, Richard Henshaw, a senior fertility expert with the Monash group of IVF clinics told the ABC’s AM program that clinics in the top 25th percentile cost Medicare around $2 million to produce 100 live births, and clinics in the bottom 25th percentile cost Medicare triple that amount to produce 100 live births,

(vi) the average cost of one IVF cycle in Australia (excluding other ancillary treatments) is $9290, with estimated out of pocket costs being $4502,

(vii) lack of transparency rewards poor performing clinics while denying consumers the opportunity to make an informed choice about their treatment options,

(viii) in the United States of America, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention publish performance data for 463 IVF clinics in a searchable database, broken down by procedures, pregnancies and live birth rates, and

(ix) in the United Kingdom, the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority publishes broad performance data for individual clinics and allows patients to rate clinics and see whether the clinic meets formal inspector standards; and

(c) calls on the Federal Government to work with industry to publish individual clinic performance data in a searchable database to ensure Australian families are able to make an informed choice in relation to their fertility treatment. *(general business notice of motion no. 917)*
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The Deputy Chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee (Senator Duniam): To move on the next day of sitting—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 17 September 2018:

The extent to which gaming micro-transactions for chance-based items, sometimes referred to as ‘loot boxes’, may be harmful, with particular reference to:

(a) whether the purchase of chance-based items, combined with the ability to monetise these items on third-party platforms, constitutes a form of gambling; and

(b) the adequacy of the current consumer protection and regulatory framework for in-game micro transactions for chance-based items, including international comparisons, age requirements and disclosure of odds.

Senator O’Sullivan: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes with concern:

(i) the current deteriorating economic and political situation in Venezuela, one of the richest countries in Latin America until it turned to socialism in 1999 and embraced anti-private-sector policies, spent recklessly and racked up huge amounts of debt,

(ii) that the GDP of Venezuela has halved over recent years and is predicted to fall a further 15%; unemployment is currently at 30%; hyperinflation is running at 13,000%; and the currency has been devalued by 99.9%,

(iii) that the International Monetary Fund has stated that Venezuela is in economic crisis and censured Venezuela for failing to take remedial measures,

(iv) that Human Rights Watch has stated that: no independent government institutions remain to act as a check on executive power and that the Venezuelan Government under Maduro and previously under Chávez has stacked the courts with judges who make no pretence of independence; that the Government has repressed dissent through often-violent crackdowns on street protests, jailing opponents, and prosecuting civilians in military courts and has also stripped power from the opposition-led legislature; due to severe shortages of medicines, medical supplies and food, many Venezuelans cannot adequately feed their families or access the most basic healthcare; that in response to the human rights and humanitarian crisis, hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans are fleeing the country; and that other persistent concerns include poor prison conditions, impunity for human rights violations, and harassment by government officials of human rights defenders and independent media outlets,
(v) that Amnesty International has reported that Venezuela remained in a state of emergency, repeatedly extended since January 2016; a National Constituent Assembly was elected without the participation of the opposition; the Attorney General was dismissed under irregular circumstances; security forces continued to use excessive and undue force to disperse protests; hundreds of people were arbitrarily detained; that there were many reports of torture and other ill-treatment, including sexual violence against demonstrators; the judicial system continued to be used to silence dissidents, including using military jurisdiction to prosecute civilians; human rights defenders were harassed, intimidated and subject to raids; conditions of detention were extremely harsh; the food and health crises continued to worsen, especially affecting children, people with chronic illness and pregnant women; and that the number of Venezuelans seeking asylum in other countries increased,

(vi) that the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights, Mr Zeid Ra’ad Al-Hussein, has said Venezuela’s presidential election did not in any way fulfil minimal conditions for free and credible elections and that his office had received credible reports of hundreds of extra-judicial killings in recent years, both during protests and security operations; and

(b) condemns calls by divisions of the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) and the Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) to support the brutal and corruptly elected regime in Venezuela and calls on the Australian Council of Trade Unions to do the same. (general business notice of motion no. 918)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) on 20 June 2018, the Senate agreed to an order for the production of documents directed at the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Industry (Senator Payne) for the following from the Final Cost Estimate Template that DCNS submitted in response to the Future Submarine Competitive Evaluation Process (CEP):

(A) the summary sheet total ‘Australian Build Price’, and

(B) the total sustainment cost from year one to year 40, including labour, material and other costs,

(ii) the Minister has not tabled the information and has advanced a claim of public interest immunity on the basis that the material is commercially confidential, and

(iii) it is a long accepted view that total values are not commercial in confidence, noting the following:

(A) total costs that do not detail the scope of supply and/or services offered do not reveal any commercially sensitive information,

(B) AUSTENDER publishes total costs of all contracts,

(C) on 3 April 2018, the Department of Defence publicly released the total offer price in Luerssen’s Offshore Patrol Vessel tender responses,

(D) the numbers sought in the order are for prices for a pre-concept design to meet purported unique requirements of the Royal Australian Navy’s submarine force, not a real submarine design,
(E) the Department of Defence recognises the pre-concept design numbers in the tender response bear little resemblance to the likely cost of the submarines and their sustainment, which will be finalised in 2022, following the conclusion of a critical design project review,

(F) the prices being requested are not subject to any tender or ongoing negotiations,

(G) the future submarine CEP tender documents provided to DCNS stated that the contractor acknowledges that as a Commonwealth agency, it is subject to legislative and administrative accountability and transparency requirements of the Commonwealth, including disclosures to ministers and other government representatives, the Parliament and its committees, and

(H) total cost information is information to which the Senate must have access to ensure it can properly perform its oversight functions; and

(b) does not accept the public interest immunity claim made by the Minister representing the Minister for Defence Industry in relation to the order for the production of documents numbered 862, and requires the Minister to table documents in full compliance with order for the production of documents numbered 862 by the conclusion of business on 28 June 2018. (general business notice of motion no. 919)

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

(a) notes that:

(i) the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry (‘the Royal Commission’) has received more than 6800 submissions,

(ii) the Royal Commission is underfunded and does not have adequate time to hear submissions from many regional farmers, and

(iii) as reported in The Australian on 26 June 2018, the Royal Commission’s Letters Patent are drafted in a way that excludes receivers, administrators and insolvency professionals, who often act unconsionably and unethically towards farmers; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) facilitate the amendment of the Letters Patent to include examination of the conduct of administrators, receivers, controllers, restructuring advisors, turnaround advisors, pre-insolvency advisors or insolvency practitioners, particularly when these entities act against farmers,

(ii) extend the final reporting period by 12 months to enable the Royal Commission to hear more submissions, and

(iii) increase funding to the Royal Commission to enable it to hear more submissions. (general business notice of motion no. 920)

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

(a) considers that all governmental agencies, when invited, should seek to participate willingly and transparently with the ongoing South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission; and
(b) condemns the Government for its decision to prevent the Murray-Darling Basin Authority from appearing before the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission. (general business notice of motion no. 921)

Senator Anning: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate recognises the significant threat posed by China to the national security and democratic process of Australia. (general business notice of motion no. 922)

Senators Whish-Wilson, Burston, Hinch, Anning, Patrick, Leyonhjelm and Georgiou: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that, at the Brisbane hearings of the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry, Commissioner Hayne has stated that:

(i) not everyone who wants their case to be dealt with publicly will be called before the Royal Commission, and

(ii) examination of farm finance case studies was going to take longer than expected, and has delayed examination of natural disaster insurance cases as a result;

(b) notes that the above illustrates that the Royal Commission has not been given sufficient time to properly examine all of the issues within its terms of reference; and

(c) calls on the Government to extend the Royal Commission by a period of at least twelve months. (general business notice of motion no. 923)

The Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson): To move on 13 August 2018—That the following bill be introduced: A Bill for an Act to provide for a plebiscite at the next general election in relation to the level of migration to Australia, and for related purposes. Plebiscite (Future Migration Level) Bill 2018. (general business notice of motion no. 924)

Senators Cormann, Wong, Payne, Farrell, Hinch, Griff, Bernardi, Hanson, Burston and Anning: To move on the next day of sitting—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) Australian and United States (US) troops first fought together in and won the Battle of Hamel on the Western Front in France on 4 July 1918, under the command of Australian General John Monash,

(ii) the hard fought victory achieved by the combined forces at Hamel helped turn the tide of World War I,

(iii) Australia has fought together with the US in every major conflict since 1918,

(iv) more than 100,000 Australian service members have given the ultimate sacrifice alongside fellow servicemen and women from the US,

(v) Australia and the United States of America officially established bilateral diplomatic relations on 8 January 1940,

(vi) Australia and the US formalised their security alliance with the signing of the Australia, New Zealand, United States Security Treaty, at San Francisco on 1 September 1951 (commonly known as the ANZUS Treaty),

(vii) the ANZUS Treaty was invoked for the first and only time in response to the terrorist attacks on the US on 11 September 2001,

(viii) Australia and the US share information essential for security and defence through the Five Eyes intelligence alliance,
(ix) the Force Posture Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America, made on 12 August 2014 in Sydney, enables closer security and defence cooperation between the two allies,

(x) Australia and the US conduct diverse joint military exercises and training to enhance capabilities throughout the world, and Australia hosts US Marines at bases in the Northern Territory,

(xi) Australia and the US work closely in a number of international fora, including the Group of Twenty (G20),

(xii) the Australia–United States Free Trade Agreement, signed on 18 May 2004 in Washington, came into effect on 1 January 2005;

(xiii) Australia and the US conduct $68.5 billion in two way trade and have an investment relationship valued at $1.6 trillion, and

(xiv) 4 July 2018 marks the 100-year anniversary of the Battle of Hamel and serves as the date on which Australia and the US celebrate the first 100 years of Mateship;

(b) commemorates the 100-year anniversary of the Battle of Hamel, forging the unique and enduring relationship between Australia and the US;

(c) reaffirms the strong military alliance between Australia and the US; and

(d) supports continued diplomatic, security, and economic cooperation between Australia and the US. (general business notice of motion no. 925)

Senator Burston: To move on the next day of sitting—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Canavan), by no later than 10 am on 20 July 2018, all documents and correspondence:

(a) relating to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources 2016-17 assessment of New South Wales (NSW) compliance with the National Partnership Agreement on Implementing Water Reform in the Murray-Darling Basin;

(b) from the Murray-Darling Basin Authority to the NSW Government or the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources relating to the 2016-17 assessment of NSW compliance with the National Partnership Agreement on Implementing Water Reform in the Murray-Darling Basin; and

(c) from the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder to the NSW Government or the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources relating to the 2016-17 assessment of NSW compliance with the National Partnership Agreement on Implementing Water Reform in the Murray-Darling Basin. (general business notice of motion no. 926)

The Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham): To move on the next day of sitting—That the provisions of paragraphs (5) to (8) of standing order 111 not apply to the following bills, allowing them to be considered during this period of sittings:

- Corporations Amendment (Asia Region Funds Passport) Bill 2018
- Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2018.

Documents: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) tabled the following documents:

10 **Postponement**
Senator Siewert, by leave, postponed business of the Senate notice of motion no. 3 standing in her name for today, proposing a reference to the Education and Employment References Committee, till 28 June 2018.

11 **Leave of absence**
Senator Bushby, by leave, moved—That leave of absence be granted to Senator Cash from 26 to 28 June 2018, on account of ministerial business.
Question put and passed.

12 **Committee—Extension of time to report**
The following committee was granted an extension of time to report:
Economics References Committee—Future of Australia’s naval shipbuilding industry, extended to 28 June 2018.

13 **Discrimination based on Work and Descent**
Senator Rhiannon, also on behalf of Senator Moore, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 901—
That the Senate—
(a) notes that:
   (i) over 260 million people across the globe, including around 210 million Dalits in South Asia, face Discrimination based on Work and Descent (DWD) including caste and untouchability,
   (ii) as well as South Asia, significant communities also live in Japan (Burakumin), Africa, Latin America (Quilombo) and Europe (Romani),
   (iii) these communities, considered as ‘lower’ in status or ‘impure’, are isolated physically, socially and politically from other communities and are structurally excluded, discriminated against and are victims of violence,
   (iv) Dalit women face particularly severe forms of violence, including sexual harassment, rape and murder,
   (v) Dalit children and young people face discrimination in education and employment and opportunities,
   (vi) the International Labor Organization (ILO) estimates bonded labour victims in South Asia include Dalits and are particularly widespread in the mining, agriculture and garment production industries, and
   (vii) even though some of these countries have constitutional provisions, they lack strong legal and legislative measures to address the concerns of exclusion and violence that Dalit, and particularly Dalit women, face;
(b) acknowledges:
   (i) the draft UN Principles and Guidelines for the Effective Elimination of Discrimination based on Work and Descent, by the UN Human Rights Council, and General Recommendation XXIX of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, addressing DWD, and
   (ii) that the Sustainable Development Goals agenda recognises the need to reduce inequalities based on or aggravated by DWD as a crucial and measurable goal; and
calls on the Australian Government to:

(i) develop and apply sensitive approaches in times of humanitarian crisis and ensure that humanitarian aid is delivered to all marginalised groups, including people suffering from DWD,

(ii) encourage Australian business partners to promote more inclusive recruitment and management practices in countries where caste discrimination is prevalent,

(iii) strengthen the policy and human rights dialogues and promote joint initiatives to eliminate DWD with the governments of states, such as Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and

(iv) through Australia’s international development program, provide support for projects combating DWD as a serious human rights violation that exacerbates poverty.

Statement by leave: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath), by leave, made a statement relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

14 Freedom of Speech Legislation Amendment (Security) Bill 2018
Senator Leyonhjelm, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 904—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend laws restricting disclosure of information, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

15 Freedom of Speech Legislation Amendment (Insult and Offend) Bill 2018
Senator Leyonhjelm, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 905—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend various Acts to remove references to insulting or offensive conduct or things, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

Senator Leyonhjelm 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 Leyonhjelm moved—That this bill be now read a second time.
Explanatory memorandum: Senator Leyonhjelm, by leave, tabled an explanatory memorandum relating to the bill.

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

16 Freedom of Speech Legislation Amendment (Censorship) Bill 2018

Senator Leyonhjelm, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 906—That the following bill be introduced:

A Bill for an Act to amend laws relating to classification and broadcasting, and for related purposes.

Question put and passed.

Senator Leyonhjelm presented the bill and moved—That this bill may proceed without formality and be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

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

17 Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder—Order for production of documents

Senator Hanson-Young, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 908—That there be laid on the table by the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources (Senator Canavan), by no later than 8 pm on 28 June 2018, documents provided as an incoming brief to the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, Ms Jody Swirepik.

Question put and passed.

18 Loot boxes in video games

Senator Steele-John, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 910—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) the video game monetisation mechanic known as ‘loot boxes’, which generate random digital rewards in exchange for real money, is similar to gambling, and may not be appropriate for younger audiences,

(ii) a paper published in Nature Human Behaviour on 18 June 2018, entitled ‘Video game loot boxes are psychologically akin to gambling’, recommended that games that use loot boxes ‘appear to meet both the psychological and legal definitions of gambling’ and that ‘ratings agencies and gambling regulatory bodies consider restricting access to people of legal gambling age’,

(iii) on 20 June 2018, the Netherlands put into effect its ban on loot boxes in video games, and
(iv) on 20 April 2018, the Belgium Gaming Commission and the Dutch Gaming Authority ruled that some loot boxes are gambling; and

(b) calls on the Government, in conjunction with state and territory governments, to investigate the use of loot boxes in video games, whether they constitute gambling, and whether they are appropriate for younger audiences.

*Statements by leave:* The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) and Senator Chisholm, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

19 **Kinship carers**

The Leader of Derryn Hinch’s Justice Party (Senator Hinch), also on behalf of and Senator McCarthy, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 900—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:

(i) kinship care is the fastest growing form of out-of-home care in Australia,

(ii) kinship carers provide the same vital service as other carers in our community – they take in vulnerable children who cannot live with their parents and provide them with a home,

(iii) despite this, kinship carers continue to experience a marginalised status when compared to other carer groups, such as foster carers, and

(iv) kinship carers are far more likely to be older, experience poorer health and have lower incomes than foster carers; and

(b) calls on the Government to:

(i) support the unique role that kinship carers fulfil in protecting and raising Australia’s vulnerable children, and

(ii) work with the states and territories to better support kinship carers through positive policies and programs.

Question put and passed.

20 **Electric Vehicles—Select Committee—Appointment**

Senator Storer, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 911—

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Electric Vehicles, be established to inquire into and report on the following matters:

(a) the potential economic, environmental and social benefits of widespread electric vehicle uptake in Australia;

(b) opportunities for electric vehicle manufacturing and electric vehicle supply and value chain services in Australia, and related economic benefits;

(c) measures to support the acceleration of electric vehicle uptake;

(d) measures to attract electric vehicle manufacturing and electric vehicle supply and value chain manufacturing to Australia;

(e) how federal, state and territory governments could work together to support electric vehicle uptake and manufacturing, supply, and value chain activities; and

(f) any other related matters.
(2) That the committee present its final report on or before 17 October 2018.

(3) That the committee consist of six senators, two nominated by the Leader of the Government in the Senate, two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, one nominated by the Leader of the Australian Greens, and Senator Storer.

(4) That:

(a) participating members may be appointed to the committee on the nomination of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate or any minority party or independent senator;

(b) participating members may participate in hearings of evidence and deliberations of the committee, and have all the rights of members of the committee, but may not vote on any questions before the committee; and

(c) a participating member shall be taken to be a member of the committee for the purpose of forming a quorum of the committee if a majority of members of the committee is not present.

(5) That the committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that not all members have been duly nominated and appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.

(6) That Senator Storer be appointed as chair of the committee, and the committee elect a member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate as deputy chair.

(7) That the deputy chair shall act as chair when the chair is absent from a meeting of the committee or the position of chair is temporarily vacant.

(8) That the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, may appoint another member of the committee to act as chair during the temporary absence of both the chair and deputy chair at a meeting of the committee.

(9) That, in the event of an equally divided vote, the chair, or the deputy chair when acting as chair, have a casting vote.

(10) That the committee have power to appoint subcommittees consisting of three or more of its members, and to refer to any such subcommittee any of the matters which the committee is empowered to examine.

(11) That the committee and any subcommittee have power to send for and examine persons and documents, to move from place to place, to sit in public or in private, notwithstanding any prorogation of the Parliament or dissolution of the House of Representatives, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings, the evidence taken and such interim recommendations as it may deem fit.

(12) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and be empowered to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee with the approval of the President.

(13) That the committee be empowered to print from day to day such documents and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily Hansard be published of such proceedings as take place in public.

Question put and passed.
21 Environment and Communications References Committee—Reference

The Chair of the Environment and Communications References Committee (Senator Rice), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 2—That the following matter be referred to the Environment and Communications References Committee for inquiry and report by 4 December 2018:

Australia’s faunal extinction crisis, including:

(a) the ongoing decline in the population and conservation status of Australia’s nearly 500 threatened fauna species;
(b) the wider ecological impact of faunal extinction;
(c) the international and domestic obligations of the Commonwealth Government in conserving threatened fauna;
(d) the adequacy of Commonwealth environment laws, including but not limited to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, in providing sufficient protections for threatened fauna and against key threatening processes;
(e) the adequacy and effectiveness of protections for critical habitat for threatened fauna under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999;
(f) the adequacy of the management and extent of the National Reserve System, stewardship arrangements, covenants and connectivity through wildlife corridors in conserving threatened fauna;
(g) the use of traditional knowledge and management for threatened species recovery and other outcomes as well as opportunities to expand the use of traditional knowledge and management for conservation;
(h) the adequacy of existing funding streams for implementing threatened species recovery plans and preventing threatened fauna loss in general;
(i) the adequacy of existing monitoring practices in relation to the threatened fauna assessment and adaptive management responses;
(j) the adequacy of existing assessment processes for identifying threatened fauna conservation status;
(k) the adequacy of existing compliance mechanisms for enforcing Commonwealth environment law; and
(l) any related matters.

Question put and passed.

22 Human rights in Vietnam

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 903—That the Senate:

(a) notes with deep concern:

   (i) the suppression of human rights in Vietnam, including ongoing restrictions on civil and political rights, including freedom of expression, association and assembly, and
   (ii) the ongoing harassment, arrest and detention experienced by peaceful human rights defenders in Vietnam;
(b) notes that Human Rights Watch has reported that more than 100 political prisoners are currently imprisoned for simply exercising their basic human rights, and that defenders face harassment, intimidation, surveillance and interrogation on a daily basis; and

(c) calls on the Australian Government to:
   (i) call for the immediate release of all people imprisoned and detained for peacefully protesting,
   (ii) encourage legal reform in Vietnam, including ensuring the right to defence lawyers for all detainees and an abolition of the death penalty, and
   (iii) provide support to local human rights defenders via regular meetings with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and working with other embassies in Hanoi to ensure that travel bans against them are lifted and assaults against human rights defenders are promptly reported.

Statements by leave: The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath), Senator Georgiou and the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale), by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put and passed.

23 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park

Senator Bartlett amended general business notice of motion no. 899 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
   (i) over 36,000 hectares have been earmarked to be bulldozed in catchments flowing into the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park under permits brought in under the previous Liberal National Party Government in Queensland, including the proposal to clear almost 2000 hectares of pristine forest on the Kingvale property in Cape York,
   (ii) the Commonwealth Government has the power under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 to decide whether or not this and other clearing in Great Barrier Reef Marine Park catchments should proceed,
   (iii) Australian Government commitments to strengthen controls to protect bushland in Great Barrier Reef catchments were a key factor in convincing the World Heritage Committee not to place the Great Barrier Reef on the ‘in danger’ list, and
   (iv) four major Australian environmental organisations have now written to the United Nations calling for an urgent investigation into the Turnbull Government’s failure to protect the Great Barrier Reef from the impacts of deforestation; and
(b) calls on the Minister for the Environment and Energy (Mr Frydenberg) to act immediately to ensure deforestation in Great Barrier Reef Marine Park catchments is properly controlled, and ensure that any clearing proposals are rigorously considered to the highest standards under the law.

Question put and passed.

24 President of the United States of America

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale), pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 902—That the Senate—

(a) notes that:
(i) the US President has expressed interest in visiting Australia in November,
(ii) some have called on the Government and the Presiding Officers to extend an invitation to President Trump to address a joint meeting of the Australian Parliament, and
(iii) the Speaker of the House of Commons in the United Kingdom, the Right Honourable John Bercow MP, commented in relation to Mr Trump’s postponed visit to the UK that ‘an address to both Houses of Parliament is not an automatic right, it is an earned honour… my view is that he has not earned that honour’;

(b) believes that an invitation to President Trump to visit Australia, and to address a joint meeting of the Parliament, would represent the normalisation of racism, bigotry and misogyny; and

(c) calls on the Government to rule out:
(i) extending an official invitation to President Trump to visit Australia, and
(ii) conferring him the honour of an address to a joint meeting of Parliament.

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 9

Senators—
Bartlett
Di Natale
Hanson-Young
McKim
Rhiannon
Rice
Siewert*
Steele-John
Whish-Wilson
Coal-fired power stations

The Leader of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (Senator Hanson) amended general business notice of motion no. 898 by leave and, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved—That the Senate calls on the Government to facilitate the building of new coal-fired power stations, and the retrofitting of existing base load power stations.

Statements by leave: Senator Hanson, the Minister for Finance (Senator Cormann) and Senators Bartlett and Bernardi, by leave, made statements relating to the motion.

Question put. The Senate divided—

AYES, 32

NOES, 34

Question negatived.
26 Queensland Government—Galilee Basin

Senator O’Sullivan, also on behalf of Senators Macdonald, Stoker and McGrath, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 907—That the Senate—

(a) acknowledges the Queensland Government’s willingness to consider proposals to open up the Galilee Basin; and

(b) calls on the Queensland Government to take an impartial approach to any company willing to make a proposal.

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

27 Procedure—Standing Committee—Reference

Senator Rhiannon, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 1—

(1) That the following matter be referred to the Procedure Committee for inquiry and report by 22 August 2018:

The following proposed amendments to standing order 50:

(a) Omit the heading, substitute “50 Prayer or reflection and acknowledgement of country”; and

(b) First paragraph, omit all words after “following”, substitute “invitation to prayer or reflection: Senators, let us, in silence, pray or reflect upon our responsibilities to all people of Australia, and to future generations”.

(2) That in undertaking the inquiry, the committee:

(a) consult with all senators;

(b) have the power to send for persons and documents, to move from place to place, and to meet and transact business in public or private sessions; and

(c) invite submissions and take evidence in public session.

Question put.

The Senate divided—

AYES, 34

Senators—

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NOES, 30

Senators—

Abetz  Colbeck  Martin  Reynolds
Anning  Fawcett  McGrath  Ruston
Bernardi  Fieravanti-Wells  McKenzie  Ryan
Birmingham  Fifield  Molan  Seselja
Brockman  Georgiou  O’Sullivan  Smith, Dean
Burston  Gichuhi  Paterson  Stoker
Bushby*  Hanson  Payne  Williams
Canavan  Hume

* Tellers

Question agreed to.

28 Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted Suicide Legislation) Bill 2015—Consideration

Senator Leyonhjelm, also on behalf of Senators Burston, Hinch, Hanson, Di Natale, McAllister, Urquhart, Sterle and McCarthy, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved general business notice of motion no. 912—that on each sitting day from 14 August 2018 until the Senate adjourns on 16 August 2018:

(a) the Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted Suicide Legislation) Bill 2015 shall have precedence over all government business;

(b) until proceedings on the bill are concluded, the hours of meeting and routine of business shall be varied as follows:

(i) proposals under standing order 75 not be proceeded with,

(ii) on Tuesday, 14 August 2018:

(A) the hours of meeting shall be noon to adjournment,

(B) the routine of business from not later than 7.20 pm shall be consideration of the bill only, and

(C) the Senate shall adjourn, without debate, at 10.30 pm;

(iii) on Wednesday, 15 August 2018:

(A) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to adjournment,

(B) the routine of business from not later than 7.20 pm shall be consideration of the bill only,

(C) the question for the adjournment of the Senate shall be proposed at 9.50 pm, and

(D) the Senate shall adjourn at 10.30 pm;

(iv) on Thursday, 16 August 2018:

(A) the hours of meeting shall be 9.30 am to adjournment,

(B) the routine of business from not later than 4.30 pm shall be consideration of the bill only,

(C) divisions may take place after 4.30 pm, and

(D) the Senate shall adjourn, without debate, after proceedings on the bill are concluded.

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

Question put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 36

Senators—

Bartlett  Farrell  Leyonhjelm  Rice
Bilyk  Gallacher  Lines  Siewert
Burston  Griff  Marshall  Singh
Cameron  Hanson  McCarthy  Smith, David
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Dodson  Kitching  Rhiannon  Whish-Wilson

NOES, 27

Senators—

Abetz  Colbeck  McGath  Ruston
Anning  Fawcett  McKenzie  Ryan
Bernardi  Fierravanti-Wells  Molan  Seselja
Birmingham  Fifield  O’Sullivan  Smith, Dean
Brockman  Gichuhi  Paterson  Stoker
Bushby*  Hume  Payne  Williams
Canavan  Martin  Reynolds

* Tellers

Question agreed to.

Statements by leave: The Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) and Senators Abetz and Collins, by leave, made statements relating to the ringing of the bells for divisions.

29 Aid to Palestine

Motion determined as not formal: Senator Anning requested that general business notice of motion no. 909 standing in his name for today, relating to aid to Palestine, be taken as formal. An objection was raised and the motion was not proceeded with as a formal motion.

Proposed suspension of standing orders: Senator Anning, pursuant to contingent notice, moved—that so much of the standing orders be suspended as would prevent the motion being moved immediately and determined without amendment or debate.

Debate ensued.

After 5 pm: Debate was interrupted.

30 First speech

Pursuant to order, Senator David Smith made his first speech.

31 Aid to Palestine

Debate resumed on the proposed suspension of standing orders (see entry no. 29).

Question—that the motion to suspend standing orders be agreed to—put.
The Senate divided—

AYES, 32

Senators—

Abetz
Anning
Bernardi
Birmingham
Brockman
Burston
Bushby
Canavan

Colbeck
Duniam
Fawcett*
Fierravanti-Wells
Georgiou
Gichuhi
Hanson
Hinch

Hume
Leyonhjelm
Macdonald
Martin
McGrath
Molan
O’Sullivan
Paterson

Reynolds
Ruston
Ryan
Scullion
Seselja
Smith, Dean
Stoker
Williams

NOES, 32

Senators—

Bartlett
Brown
Collins
Di Natale
Dodson
Farrell
Gallacher

Griff
Hanson-Young
Ketter*
Kitching
Marshall
McAllister
McCarthy

McKim
Moore
Patrick
Pratt
Rhiannon
Rice
Siewert

Singh
Steele-John
Storer
Urquhart
Watt
Whish-Wilson
Wong

* Tellers

The ayes and noes were equal and so the question was negatived.

32 Discussion of matter of public importance—Banking scrutiny—Rural lending practices

The President informed the Senate that the following matter of public importance submitted by Senator Anning under standing order 75 had been selected for discussion today:

The need to ensure scrutiny of banking includes unconscionable rural lending practices.

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

33 Documents—Consideration

The documents tabled earlier today (see entry no. 2) were called on but no motion was moved.

34 Committee reports and government responses—Tabling and consideration

Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert) tabled the following report and documents:


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

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned till the next day of sitting, Senator Pratt in continuation.
Pursuant to order, the Chair of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee (Senator McAllister) tabled the following report and documents:


Senator McAllister moved—That the Senate take note of the report.

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

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Williams) tabled the following report:


The Acting Chair of the Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Bills (Senator Williams) tabled the following report:


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


The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) tabled the following document:


35 Murray-Darling Basin Authority—Adjustment mechanism projects—Order for production of documents—Documents

The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) tabled the following documents:

Murray-Darling Basin Authority—Adjustment mechanism projects—Order agreed to on 9 May 2018—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia (Senator Canavan), dated 27 June 2018, responding to the order, and attachments.
36 Proceedings between the Australian Workers Union and the Registered Organisations Commissioner—Legal costs—Answer to question—Document

The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) tabled the following document:

Proceedings between the Australian Workers Union and the Registered Organisations Commissioner—Legal costs—Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Jobs and Innovation (Senator Cash), dated 25 June 2018, providing information concerning a question without notice asked by Senator Watt on 19 June 2018.

37 Committee membership

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

The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath), by leave, moved—

That senators be discharged from and appointed to committees as follows:

Charity Fundraising in the 21st Century—Select Committee—

Appointed—

Senators Abetz, Burston and Stoker


Community Affairs Legislation and References Committees—

Discharged—

Senator Duniam

Participating member: Senator Martin

Appointed—

Senator Martin

Participating member: Senator Duniam

Education and Employment References Committee—

Appointed—

Substitute member: Senator Rhiannon to replace Senator Hanson-Young for the committee’s inquiry into the work health and safety of workers in the offshore petroleum industry

Participating member: Senator Hanson-Young

Electric Vehicles—Select Committee—

Appointed—

Senators Bushby, Carr, Rice, David Smith and Dean Smith


Environment and Communications Legislation and References Committees—

Discharged—

Senator Reynolds

Participating member: Senator Martin

Appointed—

Senator Martin

Participating member: Senator Reynolds
Obesity Epidemic in Australia—Select Committee—
   Appointed—Participating member: Senator Martin

Public Accounts and Audit—Joint Statutory Committee—
   Discharged—Senator Stoker
   Appointed—Senator Martin

Regulations and Ordinances—Standing Committee—
   Discharged—Senator Reynolds
   Appointed—Senator Martin

Stillbirth Research and Education—Select Committee—
   Appointed—Participating members: Senators Abetz, Brockman, Bushby, Colbeck, Duniam, Fawcett, Hume, Macdonald, Paterson, Reynolds, Dean Smith, Martin, O'Sullivan and Williams.

Question put and passed.

38 Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Integrity and Other Measures No. 2) Bill 2018
A message from the House of Representatives was reported transmitting for the concurrence of the Senate the following bill:
   Message no. 417, dated 25 June 2018—A Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes.

The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) 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 McGrath moved—That this bill be now read a second time.

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

On the motion of Senator McGrath debate was adjourned to the next day of sitting.

39 Biosecurity Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2018
Corporations Amendment (Asia Region Funds Passport) Bill 2018
Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2018
Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Productivity Commission Response Part 1 and Other Measures) Bill 2018
Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Measures No. 3) Bill 2018
Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing ASIC’s Capabilities) Bill 2018

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

   Message no. 427, dated 27 June 2018—A Bill for an Act to amend the Biosecurity Act 2015, and for other purposes.

   Message no. 422, dated 27 June 2018—A Bill for an Act to amend the law in relation to corporations, financial products and services, and for related purposes.


   Message no. 428, dated 27 June 2018—A Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to intellectual property, and for related purposes.

Message no. 426, dated 27 June 2018—A Bill for an Act to amend the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001 in relation to competition in the financial system, to provide that ASIC is not a Statutory Agency, and to remove the requirement for ASIC to engage staff under the Public Service Act 1999, and for related purposes.

The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) 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 McGrath moved—that these bills be now read a second time.

Explanatory memorandum: Senator McGrath tabled a revised explanatory memorandum relating to the Corporations Amendment (Asia Region Funds Passport) Bill 2018.

Consideration of legislation: Pursuant to order, the debate was adjourned till the first day in the next period of sittings, 13 August 2018.

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

Question put and passed.

40 Underwater Cultural Heritage Bill 2018
Underwater Cultural Heritage (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2018

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

Message no. 429, dated 27 June 2018—A Bill for an Act to protect Australia’s underwater cultural heritage, and for related purposes.

Message no. 430, dated 27 June 2018—A Bill for an Act to deal with consequential and transitional matters arising from the enactment of the Underwater Cultural Heritage Act 2018, and for related purposes.

The Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister (Senator McGrath) 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 McGrath moved—that these bills be now read a second time.

Consideration of legislation: Pursuant to order, the debate was adjourned till the first day in the next period of sittings, 13 August 2018.

41 Copyright Amendment (Service Providers) Bill 2017

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

Message no. 424, dated 27 June 2018—Copyright Amendment (Service Providers) Bill 2017.
42 National Security Legislation Amendment (Espionage and Foreign Interference) Bill 2018
Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme Bill 2018
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Education and Training (Senator Birmingham)—That these bills be now read a second time—and on the amendment moved by Senator McKim (see entry no. 4).
Debate resumed.
At 7.20 pm: Debate was interrupted.

43 Adjournment
The Acting Deputy President (Senator Leyonhjelm) proposed the question—That the Senate do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
The Senate adjourned at 8 pm till Thursday, 28 June 2018 at 9.30 am.

44 Attendance
Present, all senators except Senators Cash*, Polley* and Sinodinos* (*on leave).

RICHARD PYE
Clerk of the Senate