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**In Committee**

**SPEECH**

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**Senator McLUCAS** (Queensland) (11.43 am)—This is the most significant change to Medicare since its inception. We cannot give an undertaking in the next hour that we will be able to understand all of the damage that has been done. We will do as best we can in the hour that we have. If we cannot get to the bottom of what is happening to Medicare, then, I am sorry, that undertaking cannot be given.