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Senator ABETZ (Tasmania) (11.03 am)—What a great value-add to the debate that was—not! I am sure that Senator Furner is ready to go with his filibuster. This is bringing the Senate and its operation into disrepute.

Senator Bilyk—You weren't listening to me. Are you the only who is allowed to speak in here?

Senator ABETZ—I am actually going to ask a question of the minister, unlike Senator Bilyk, who simply slavishly read a speech—prepared by the minister's office, no doubt.

Senator Bilyk—It was not!

Senator ABETZ—Senator Bilyk, if I were you, I would not lay claim to that speech.

The TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN (Senator Troeth)—Senator Abetz, if you have a question, I suggest that you ask it.

Senator ABETZ—I will. I was wondering whether the minister can give us an update as to whether the government has decided as yet whether it is going to move any amendments to its own legislation? We have now been waiting a full week since it was introduced, and time is ticking by today. We know filibusters are going on. I think the Senate is entitled to know.