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Speaker Bernardi, Sen Cory

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Senator BERNARDI (South Australia) (17:43): I seek leave to make a short statement as someone named in this motion.

The PRESIDENT: Leave is granted for one minute.

Senator BERNARDI: Frankly, I am appalled at this motion, because I think it is sexist in itself. Senator Waters has clearly identified only males who have been nominated for the Ernie Awards, and there has been a long list of females who have won Ernie Awards. I would suggest that Senator Waters' motion displays an element of man-hating sexism, and it has no business being on the *Notice Paper* whatsoever.

The PRESIDENT: The question is that the motion moved by Senator Waters, as amended, be agreed to.