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BY AUTHORITY OF THE SENATE

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- all trade agreements be debated and decided by parliament, not just by cabinet.

by **the President** (from two citizens)

Petition received.

NOTICES

Withdrawal

Senator TCHEN (Victoria) (5.30 p.m.)—Pursuant to notice given at the last day of sitting on behalf of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee, I now withdraw the following: Business of the Senate notice of motion No. 1 standing in my name for eight sitting days after today; Business of the Senate notice of motion No. 1 standing in my name for nine sitting days after today; and Business of the Senate notices of motion Nos 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 standing in my name for 10 sitting days after today.

Presentation

Senator Bolkus to move on the next day of sitting:

That the following matters be referred to the Legal and Constitutional References Committee for inquiry and report by 1 September 2004:

- the extent of the Australian diaspora;
- the variety of factors driving more Australians to live overseas;
- the costs, benefits and opportunities presented by the phenomenon;
- the needs and concerns of overseas Australians;
- the measures taken by other comparable countries to respond to the needs of their expatriates; and
- ways in which Australia could better use its expatriates to promote our economic, social and cultural interests.

Senator Brandis to move on the next day of sitting:

That the time for the presentation of the report of the Economics Legislation Committee on the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Bill 2003 be extended to 29 October 2003.

Senator Bartlett to move on Thursday, 16 October 2003:

That the Senate—

- notes that:
 - on 19 October 2001, a boat known as the SIEV X, bound for Australia and carrying 421 passengers and crew, sank with the tragic loss of 353 lives, including 146 children;
 - a number of those who lost their lives had close family members in Australia who are on temporary protection visas, which prevents them from fully rebuilding their lives, and
 - the Commonwealth Government has not responded to the report of the Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident, which included an examination of the SIEV X sinking;
- asks the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (Senator Vanstone) to grant

those refugees in Australia, whether they are awaiting a decision of their review or are on temporary protection visas, who suffered a personal loss through the sinking of SIEV X, permanent visas on humanitarian grounds;

- calls on the Commonwealth Government to immediately establish a comprehensive, independent judicial inquiry into all aspects of the People Smuggling Disruption Program operated by the Commonwealth Government and agencies from 2000 to date, including Suspected Illegal Entry Vessels, and in particular the boat known as SIEV X; and
- expresses its regret and sympathy at the tragic loss of so many innocent lives.

Senator Payne to move on the next day of sitting:

That the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee be authorised to hold a public meeting during the sitting of the Senate on Monday, 27 October 2003, from 7.30 pm, to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Agents Integrity Measures) Bill 2003 and the Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment Bill 2003.

Senator Bartlett to move on the next day of sitting:

That the Senate—

- expresses concern about the growing risks posed by the proliferation of nuclear weapons, the potential for further proliferation, plans for the research, development, testing and deployment of new types of nuclear weapons by the nuclear weapons states, and the broadening role being given to nuclear weapons in security strategies;
- notes the New Agenda Coalition resolution introduced in the 58th United Nations (UN) General Assembly First Committee entitled 'Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda' and:
 - notes that this resolution is similar to resolution A/RES/57/59 which was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2002 by a vote of 125 to 6 with 36 abstentions, and
 - commends the New Agenda Coalition for:
 - setting out a series of practical and necessary steps to curb nuclear proliferation and achieve nuclear disarmament, based on the thirteen disarmament steps agreed by all state parties to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in 2000, and
 - making changes to the draft resolution at the current session of the UN General Assembly in order to meet the concerns of states such as Australia which abstained on the vote in 2002, in particular to highlight the dangers of nuclear proliferation and call on all states, including North Korea, Israel, Pakistan, Iran and India, to subscribe to the NPT and accept full-scope safeguards on their nuclear facilities;
- also notes the New Agenda Coalition resolution introduced in the 58th UN General Assembly First Committee entitled 'Reduction of non-strategic nuclear weapons' and: