The Senate:

a) notes that 2003 is the 70th anniversary of the enforced Famine in the Ukraine caused by the deliberate actions of Stalin's Communist government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

b) recalls that an estimated 7 million Ukrainians starved to death as a result of Stalinist policies in 1932-1933 alone, and that millions more lost their lives in the purge which ensued for the remainder of the decade;

c) notes that this constitutes one of the most heinous acts of genocide in history;

d) honours the memory of those who lost their lives;

e) joins the Ukrainian people throughout the world, and particularly Ukrainian Australians, in commemorating these tragic events; and

f) resolves to seek to ensure that current and future generations are made aware of the monstrous evil that led to the Famine.