



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 13 September 2011

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 9.48 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following private senator's bill was introduced

- Constitutional Corporations (Farm Gate to Plate) Bill 2011

The following bill was passed

- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Fibre Deployment) Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]

The following private senator's bill was discharged from the *Notice Paper*

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (Public Health and Safety) Amendment Bill 2010

Notices of motion

To introduce a private senator's bill

- Telecommunications Amendment (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill 2011—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

To vary the hours of meeting and consider bills under a limitation of time

A [notice of motion](#) was given by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) to vary the hours of meeting for 15, 19, 20 and 22 September and 11 October 2011 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered, and to consider bills under a limitation of time.

See **Committees** for details of reports relating to legislation

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Government response tabled

- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–419th report–Inquiry into the *Auditor-General Act 1997*

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the following meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting:

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee–13 September 2011 from 5.15 pm–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee–13 September 2011 from 5.00 pm–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Electoral Matters Joint Committee–14 September 2011 from 9.30 am to 11.00 am–Funding of political parties and election campaigns–public meeting
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–13 September 2011 from 5.30 pm–Trade Marks Amendment (Tobacco Plain Packaging) Bill 2011–public meeting
- ❑ Migration Joint Committee–21 September 2011 from 10.30 am to noon–public meeting
- ❑ National Broadband Network Joint Committee–13 September 2011 from 6.00 pm–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–14 September 2011 from 12.30 pm–public meeting
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–14 and 21 September 2011 from 11.15 am to 1.00 pm–Review of Auditor-General’s reports, and national funding agreements–public meetings
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee–19 September 2011 from 10.30 am to 11.30 am–public meeting

Notices of motion

To extend a reporting deadline

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee–Funding and administration of mental health services–to report by 20 October 2011

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee–20 September 2011 from 4.00 pm–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee–14 September 2011 from 4.30 pm–Live export trade, together with the Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2] and the Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2]–public meeting

Documents

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

- [Clerk's documents](#) were tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Orders for the production of documents

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for [various agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year].

Documents tabled

- [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]
- [2 petitions](#)

Document debated

A response to a Senate resolution about the Tasmanian logging industry was debated [[first speaker](#)]

Ministerial statements tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for Defence (Senator Feeney) tabled ministerial statements about–

- 10th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks
- reform of the shipping industry [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to]

Other business

[Questions without notice and issues arising during question time–first question](#)
[Adjournment debate–first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- [Boycotts of Max Brenner chocolate cafes](#)–moved by Senator Boswell
- [National service in Australia](#)–moved by Senator Macdonald
- [US Open winner, Ms Samantha Stosur](#)–moved by Senators Williams, Bernardi, Arbib, Macdonald and Di Natale

Motions negated

- [Deportation of Mr Stefan Nystrom](#)–moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- [Moratorium on coal seam gas approvals](#)–moved by Senator Waters
- [Trawling in the North West Slope Fishery area](#)–moved by Senator Siewert

Motion debated

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz) to suspend standing orders to enable debate on a motion about the Australian Greens and boycotts of Israel [[first speaker](#)].

Matter of public importance discussed

- ❑ [Proposed carbon tax](#)—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Statements by President

- ❑ The President made a [statement](#) relating to standing order 191 concerning explanation of speeches
- ❑ During the adjournment debate, the President drew the attention of the Senate to [Privilege Resolution No. 9](#) relating to the exercise of freedom of speech

Notices of motion

[Notices of motion](#) given today are available in the Senate Journals.

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