



# Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 21 November 2011

The Senate met from 10.00 am until 10.26 pm

## Legislation

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[Bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following private senator's bill was introduced

- ❑ Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting and Telecommunications Amendment) Bill 2011

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Business Names Registration (Application of Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011 [[first speaker](#)] [The House of Representatives will now consider the bill]
- ❑ Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [The House of Representatives will now consider the bill]
- ❑ Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ National Health Reform Amendment (Independent Hospital Pricing Authority) Bill 2011 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Navigation Amendment Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 [[first speaker](#)] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Family Participation Measures) Bill 2011–3 items negated [[first speaker](#)] [The House of Representatives will now consider the bill]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 7) Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings – 16 August to 30 November 2011]

- ❑ Business Names Registration (Application of Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011
- ❑ Corporations (Fees) Amendment Bill 2011
- ❑ Deterring People Smuggling Bill 2011
- ❑ Extradition and Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation Amendment Bill 2011

- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2011
- ❑ National Health Reform Amendment (Independent Hospital Pricing Authority) Bill 2011
- ❑ Parliamentary Service Amendment (Parliamentary Budget Officer) Bill 2011
- ❑ Personal Property Securities Amendment (Registration Commencement) Bill 2011
- ❑ Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Fair Protection for Firefighters) Bill 2011
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Student Income Support Reforms) Bill 2011
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Family Participation Measures) Bill 2011

### **Motions agreed to**

#### Days and hours of meeting varied

The Senate debated and agreed to a motion to vary the days and hours of meeting in the week beginning 21 November 2011 and to consider various bills under a limitation of debate [[first speaker](#)].

#### Private senator's bill scheduled for debate

- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011—on 24 November 2011

### **Notice of motion**

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings – 16 August to 30 November 2011 ]

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 8) Bill 2011 and a related bill

### **Message from the House of Representatives**

#### Reported

- ❑ Tobacco Plain Packaging Bill 2011—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

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

## **Committees**

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[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

### **Reports tabled**

- ❑ Deterring People Smuggling Bill 2011—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Personal Property Securities Amendment (Registration Commencement) Bill 2011—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [[report](#)]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 8) Bill 2011 and a related bill—Economics Legislation Committee [[report](#)]

### **Document tabled**

- Access to committee documents—Public Accounts Joint Committee (1945 to 1955)—Report to the Senate

### **Government responses tabled**

- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—Welfare of international students [a motion to take note of the response was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- Reform of the Australian Federation Select Committee—Australia’s federation: An agenda for reform
- Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—Science underpinning the inability to eradicate the Asian honey bee [a motion to take note of the response was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector

### **Meetings during the sitting of the Senate**

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

- Community Affairs References Committee—21 November 2011 from noon—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—21 November 2011 from 1.50 pm—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- National Broadband Network Joint Committee—22 November 2011 from 6.00 pm—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

### **Reporting dates extended**

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries of the Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee:

- Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011—to report by 29 February 2012
- Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011—to report by 29 February 2012

### **Notices of motion**

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Community Affairs References Committee—24 November 2011 from 4.30 pm—private briefing
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—24 November 2011 from 10.00 am to 11.00 am—public meeting
- Migration Joint Committee—8 February 2012 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm—public meeting
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—23 November 2011 from 12.30 pm to 1.45 pm—public meeting

### To extend reporting deadlines

- Economics References Committee—Capital market for social economy organisations—to report by 24 November 2011
- Environment and Communications Legislation Committee—Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Emergency Listings) Bill 2011—to report by 1 March 2012

## Documents

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### 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

#### Orders with continuing effect

*Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet*

A statement of compliance for the Commonwealth Ombudsman was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

### Documents tabled

- [5 petitions](#)
- Australian parliamentary delegation—32nd ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly, Cambodia, 18 to 24 September 2011—Report [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- [Government documents](#)
- Responses to Senate resolutions about—
  - Hearing health of Indigenous Australians—from the Tasmanian Minister for Health (Ms O'Byrne) and the Australian Capital Territory Chief Minister (Ms Gallagher) [resolution agreed to on [22 September 2011](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the documents was agreed to]
  - Iranian actress, Ms Marzieh Vefamehr—from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Rudd) [resolution agreed to on [12 October 2011](#)]

### Ministerial statement tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations (Senator Collins) tabled a ministerial statement about Afghanistan [a motion to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)].

## Other business

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

### Motions agreed to

- [Farm subsidies in Europe](#)—moved by Senator Williams
- [National Asbestos Awareness Week](#)—moved by Senators Singh and Xenophon

### Motions negated

- [Imposition of the GST on the sale of books](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Marriage equality](#)—Moved by Senator Hanson-Young [debated as a matter of urgency – [first speaker](#)]

### Notices of motion

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

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