



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 22 November 2012

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 10.36 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Prohibition of Live Imports of Primates for Research) Bill 2012 [private senator's bill] [introducing senator's [second reading speech](#)]

The following bills were debated

- Dental Benefits Amendment Bill 2012—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]
- Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- Access to Justice (Federal Jurisdiction) Amendment Bill 2011 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Corporations Legislation Amendment (Derivative Transactions) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Amendment Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Freedom of Information Amendment (Parliamentary Budget Office) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Judicial Misbehaviour and Incapacity (Parliamentary Commissions) Bill 2012 and a related bill [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [These bills will now be assented to]
- National Health Security Amendment Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Personal Liability for Corporate Fault Reform Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Superannuation Laws Amendment (Capital Gains Tax Relief and Other Efficiency Measures) Bill 2012 and a related bill [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]

- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (MySuper Core Provisions) Bill 2012– 2 Government amendments agreed to [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (New Zealand Arrangement) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2012 Measures No. 5) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Clean Building Managed Investment Trust) Bill 2012 [[first speaker](#) in second reading debate] [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bill was discharged from the *Notice Paper*

- ❑ Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2010

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate.

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee–Operation of the South Australian and Northern Territory container deposit schemes [[report](#)] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]

[Government responses](#) tabled

- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee–The capacity of communication networks and emergency warning systems to deal with emergencies and natural disasters
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Bill 2012

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the Law Enforcement Joint Committee to hold a private meeting during the sitting of the Senate on 22 November 2012 from 6.00 pm.

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee–Protection of Australia’s threatened species and ecological communities–to report by 28 February 2013
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–Aid to Afghanistan–to report by 28 March 2013

- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–
 - Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test–to report by 27 February 2013
 - Fresh ginger import risk analysis–to report by 20 March 2013
 - Fresh pineapple imports–to report by 20 March 2013

Notices of motion

To refer a matter to a committee

- ❑ Justice reinvestment–Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee–to report by 16 May 2013–notice given by the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee (Senator Wright)

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee–26 November 2012 from 4.15 pm, and 29 November 2012, from 4.30 pm–private meetings

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Senator Boswell discharged and Senator McKenzie appointed
- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee–Senator McKenzie discharged and Senator Boswell appointed

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]

Documents tabled

- ❑ [1 petition](#)

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- ❑ [Conviction records for offences relating to homosexuality](#)–moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- ❑ [Death of Major-General Alan Stretton, AO, CBE](#)–moved by Senators Crossin and Scullion
- ❑ [Middle East conflict](#)–moved by Senator Stephens
- ❑ [Public disclosure legislation](#)–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)

Motions negatived

- ❑ [Giant Australian cuttlefish](#)—moved by Senator Wright
- ❑ [Issue of free carbon permits for coal-fired generators](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)
- ❑ [Native title and heritage processes in the Pilbara, Western Australia](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

Motion debated

- ❑ [Australian Labor Party](#)—moved by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals [see Journals entries [4](#) and [33](#)].

Statistics

Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate’s online statistical collection.

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