



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 12 September 2011

The Senate met from 10.00 am until 10.09 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Amendment (Deer) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 August 2011]
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Early Release of Superannuation) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 25 August 2011]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Demand Driven Funding System and Other Measures) Bill 2011—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]-1 Opposition second reading [amendment](#) to be determined

The following bill was passed

- ❑ Veterans' Entitlements Amendment Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]

Messages from the House of Representatives

Agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bills:

- ❑ Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Budget Measures) Bill 2010
- ❑ Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Amendment Bill 2011 [The bills will now be assented to]

Notices of motion

To introduce a private senator's bill

- ❑ Constitutional Corporations (Farm Gate to Plate) Bill 2011—notice given by Senator Xenophon

To discharge a private senator's bill from the *Notice Paper*

- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (Public Health and Safety) Amendment Bill 2010—notice given by Senator Williams

To vary the hours of meeting

A [notice](#) was given by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) to vary the hours of meeting for 13, 19 and 20 September 2011 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered.

Bills assented to

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

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

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008 [2010]—
Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee [report](#) [the Senate [agreed](#) that the inquiry not be proceeded with]
- ❑ Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2010—Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee [report](#) [the Senate [agreed](#) that the inquiry not be proceeded with]
- ❑ Work Health and Safety Bill 2011 and a related bill—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [report](#)

Other reports

- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission [report](#)
- ❑ National Broadband Network Joint Committee—Review of the rollout of the National Broadband Network [report](#) [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]

[Government responses](#) tabled

- ❑ Electoral Matters Joint Committee—Civics and electoral education
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Government advertising and accountability
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—421st report—Role of the Auditor-General in scrutinising government advertising campaigns

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the Scrutiny of New Taxes Select Committee to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during the sitting of the Senate on 13 September 2011 from 1.45 pm.

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) to enable the Privileges Committee and the Senators' Interests Committee to confer on a draft code of conduct—moved by the Chair of the Privileges Committee (Senator Johnston).

[Notices of motion](#)

To hold meetings when 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

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, including Governor-General's Proclamations]

Notice of motion withdrawn

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances withdrew a notice of motion to disallow Instrument no. CASA EX48/11, made under subregulation 308(1) of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 [\[homepage\]](#).

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

Letters of advice for various agencies were tabled [see Journals entries [23](#) and [32](#)] [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

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

- Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 3 to 5 of 2011-12
- Correspondence from the Minister for Finance and Deregulation (Senator Wong)—Ordinary annual services of Government
- [Government documents](#)
- Responses to Senate resolutions about—
 - Boycotts against Max Brenner—from the Chairman of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (Mr Sims) [resolution agreed to on [18 August 2011](#)] [a motion to take note of the document was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
 - Tasmanian logging industry—from the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz) [resolution agreed to on [23 August 2011](#)] [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the document]
 - WIN television in Tasmania—from the Executive Chairman of the WIN Corporation Pty Ltd (Mr Gordon) [resolution agreed to on [22 August 2011](#)]

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

- [World Suicide Prevention Day](#)—moved by Senators Wright, Moore and Humphries

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Border control and protection policy](#)—proposed by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Ministerial arrangements

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Evans) informed the Senate of changes to the [Gillard Ministry](#).

Notices of motion

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

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