



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 18 November 2010

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.09 pm

Legislation

For [bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Banking Amendment (Controls on Variable Interest Rate Changes) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Amendment (Fair Indexation) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Detention Reform and Procedural Fairness) Bill 2010 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 4) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 November 2010]

The following bill was exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings]

- ❑ International Financial Institutions Legislation Amendment Bill 2010

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Aviation Crimes and Policing Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Corporations Amendment (No. 1) Bill 2010 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2010–5 Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (FEE-HELP Loan Fee) Bill 2010 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ International Financial Institutions Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [This bill will now be assented to]

Motion to give precedence to a private senator's bill

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) moved by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) to give precedence to the Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2010.

Message from the House of Representatives

- ❑ Australian National Preventive Health Agency Bill 2010—agreeing to the amendment made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Bills assented to

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

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ Airports Amendment Bill 2010—Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Sons of Gwalia) Bill 2010—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Water (Crisis Powers and Floodwater Diversion) Bill 2010—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)

Other reports

- ❑ Procedure Committee—[Fourth report of 2010](#) [consideration of the report will take place on a future sitting day]
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 14](#) of 2010 [motion to adopt the report was agreed to – no referrals were made to committees]

Private meeting

The Senate authorised the Economics References Committee to hold private briefings while the Senate is sitting on 22 and 25 November 2010.

Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Community Affairs Legislation Committee into the National Health and Hospitals Network Bill 2010 to 22 November 2010.

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to extend the reporting deadline of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for its inquiry into the Civil Dispute Resolution Bill 2010 to 2 December 2010.

Membership

The Senate appointed Senator Ryan as a member of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee.

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- ❑ [Documents](#) relating to the Building the Education Revolution program—by 23 November 2010
- ❑ Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) to table [documents](#) relating to the National Broadband Network—by 22 November 2010

Motion defeated

The Senate suspended standing orders [[first speaker](#)] to give precedence to a [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz) relating to an order for the production of documents concerning the National Broadband Network [see Journals of the Senate, [17 November 2010](#)]. The motion was debated [[first speaker](#)] and negatived, and a further [notice of motion](#) was given by Senator Abetz for the next day of sitting.

Document tabled

The Minister for Sport (Senator Arbib) tabled a statement relating to an order concerning advice on variation of the 1999 GST agreement [order agreed to on [17 November 2010](#)] [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to].

Notice of motion given

Senator Cormann gave a [notice of motion](#) to order the Information Commissioner to provide certain information to the Senate [see orders of the Senate previously agreed to on 26 October 2010 – Journals entries nos [11](#), [12](#) and [13](#)].

Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 15 of 2010-11
- ❑ Australian Parliamentary Delegation—56th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kenya—10 to 19 September 2010
- ❑ [A petition](#)

Documents discussed

Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed.

Ministerial statements tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Senator Lundy) tabled ministerial statements about:

- ❑ Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority reviews of dimethoate and fenthion [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to]
- ❑ National Broadband Network [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

- ❑ [Insight Education Centre](#) for the Blind and Vision Impaired—moved by Senator Fifield
- ❑ [International aid assistance](#) for clean water and sanitation—moved by Senator Siewert

Motions negatived

- ❑ [Climate change action](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- ❑ [Introduction of a greenhouse trigger](#) in the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*—moved by Senator Milne

Motion debated

- ❑ [National Broadband Network](#)—moved by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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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