



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 1 December 2004

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.30pm

Legislation

[For full text of bills and other associated documents click here](#)

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2004 Election Commitments) Bill 2004
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (100% Medicare Rebate and Other Measures) Bill 2004
- ❑ Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 2004

The following bill was restored to the Notice Paper [to enable consideration of the bill to be resumed at the stage reached in the previous Parliament]

- ❑ Constitution Alteration (Right to Stand for Parliament—Qualification of Members and Candidates) 1998 (No. 2) [2002] [Private senator's bill]

The following bill was considered

- ❑ Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2004 Election Commitments) Bill 2004—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced—3 Democrat requests for [amendments to be determined](#)

The following bills were passed

Without amendments [The House of Representatives will now consider these bills]

- ❑ Aviation Security Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2004

With amendments

- ❑ National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) Bill 2004—3 Opposition [amendments agreed to](#) [amendments were also agreed to on [30 November](#)] [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill as amended]

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

Delegated legislation

For a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes) [click here](#)

See the **Documents** section for details of instruments [Clerk's documents] tabled

Committees

For scheduled public committee hearings [click here](#)

For committee reports [click here](#)

Estimates

Additional information

- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2002-03 (Supplementary), 2003-04 (Supplementary) and 2004-05

Reports tabled

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest](#) No. 11 of 2004 and [11th report](#) of 2004 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 12](#) of 2004 [report adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Inquiries re-adopted

The Senate agreed to adopt [reports](#) of three committees recommending that:

- various inquiries of the 40th Parliament be re-adopted
- the committees have power to consider and use records of committees appointed in the previous Parliament relating to these inquiries

Membership

The Senate agreed to various appointments and changes to committee membership [*Journals* [29](#) and [32](#)]

See the **Reports tabled** section (*Selection of Bills Committee Report*) for details of bills referred to committees

Reporting date

The Senate agreed to the following extension of time for a committee to report:

- Scafton Evidence Select Committee—to report by 9 December 2004

Notices of motion given

To refer matters to committees

- Administration of the Regional Partnerships program and the Sustainable Regions program, and [related matters](#)—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 15 August 2005
- Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 9 February 2005

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Aboriginal Deaths in Custody](#)—moved by Senator Ridgeway [moved as an [urgency motion](#) and [debated](#)]
- ❑ [High-intensity active naval sonar](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- ❑ [Palm Island](#)—Indigenous affairs—moved by Senators Brown, Ridgeway and Carr
- ❑ [World AIDS Day](#)—moved by Senators Allison and Greig [an amendment moved by Senator George Campbell was [agreed to](#)]

Motions defeated

[A motion](#) moved by Senator Nettle about uranium enrichment technologies was defeated

Notices of motion

For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere [click here](#)

Orders for the production of documents

Notices of motion given

- ❑ Senator Allison gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations to table any determinations made by the Minister under subsections 22(1) and (2) of the *Air Passenger Ticket Levy (Collection) Act 2001* (no later than 5pm on 6 December 2004)
- ❑ Senator Nettle gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Trade to table the final letters and any attachments and annexures exchanged between the governments of Australia and the United States (US) of America to finalise the free trade agreement between Australia and the US (no later than 4pm on 7 December 2004)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—50th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Quebec and Toronto, Canada, 1 to 9 September 2004 and bilateral visit to the United States of America, 9 to 17 September 2004—Report
- ❑ [Government document](#)

No petitions were received

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| Also in the Senate yesterday |
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- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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