



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 2 December 2004

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.54pm

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004
- ❑ Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004
- ❑ Schools Assistance (Learning Together–Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Bill 2004
- ❑ States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2004

### The following bill was considered

- ❑ Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004—second reading debate continued

### The following bills were passed

#### *Without amendments*

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ 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

#### *With amendments*

- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Agreement Validation) Bill 2004—3 Democrat [amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill as amended]

### Notice of motion given to exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ James Hardie (Investigations and Proceedings) Bill 2004
- ❑ National Water Commission Bill 2004

### Assent to laws

[Assent](#) to several laws was reported in the Senate

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](#)

### Notices of motion given

Notices of motion were given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to disallow the following delegated legislation 15 sitting days after 2 December 2004:

- ❑ Air Navigation (Aviation Security Status Checking) Regulations 2004, as contained in Statutory Rules 2004 No. 207 and made under the *Air Navigation Act 1920*
- ❑ Crimes Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2004 No. 164 and made under the *Crimes Act 1914*
- ❑ National Health Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2004 No. 186 and made under the *National Health Act 1953*
- ❑ National Health (Private Insurance Health Levies) Regulations 2004, as contained in Statutory Rules 2004 No. 187 and made under the *National Health Act 1953*

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](#)

### No reports were tabled

### Membership

The Senate agreed to various changes in committee membership [See *Journals* entries [30](#) and [34](#)]

### New inquiry

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiry:

- ❑ 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

### Government responses to committee reports tabled

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Watching brief on the war on terrorism
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Bali 2002: Security threats to Australians in South East Asia
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Australian Wool Innovation Limited: Application and expenditure of funds advanced under Statutory Funding Agreement dated 31 December 2000
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—53rd report—Treaties tabled in May and June 2003

- Treaties Joint Committee–55th report–Treaties tabled on 9 September 2003
- Treaties Joint Committee–60th report–Treaties tabled on 2 March 2004

### **Notice of motion given**

#### *To refer a matter to a committee*

- The implications for the Government's proposed changes to the funding arrangements for targeted assistance in Indigenous education–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–to report by 12 May 2005

### **Motions agreed to**

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Burma](#)–moved by Senator Nettle
- [International Day of People with a Disability](#)–moved by Senators Greig and McLucas
- [Iraq](#)–Health–moved by Senator Allison
- [Tangentyere Council](#)–moved by Senator Crossin
- [Ukraine presidential election](#)–moved by Senator Chapman

### **Motions defeated**

The Senate did not agree to motions about:

- [Guantanamo Bay](#)–Treatment of prisoners–moved by Senators Nettle and Brown
- [West Papuan National Day](#)–moved by Senator Brown

### **Notices of motion**

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

### **Orders for the production of documents**

#### *Motions agreed to*

The Senate ordered:

- 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)–moved by Senator Allison
- 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)–moved by Senator Nettle

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

No petitions were received

No government documents were tabled

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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