



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 4 August 2004

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.10pm

Privilege

The President made [a statement](#) relating to a matter of privilege raised by Senator Ridgeway concerning unauthorised disclosures of the deliberations and draft report of the Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America. Senator Ridgeway gave notice of [a motion](#) to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges.

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Anti-terrorism Bill (No. 3) 2004
- ❑ Australian Passports (Application Fees) Bill 2004
- ❑ Australian Passports Bill 2004
- ❑ Australian Passports (Transitionals and Consequentials) Bill 2004
- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Workplace Death and Serious Injury) Bill 2004 [Private senator's bill]
- ❑ Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2004 Budget Measures) Bill 2004
- ❑ Indirect Tax Legislation Amendment (Small Business Measures) Bill 2004

Bills considered

Second reading debate on the following bills continued

- ❑ US Free Trade Agreement Implementation Bill 2004
- ❑ US Free Trade Agreement Implementation (Customs Tariff) Bill 2004
[The Australian Greens moved a [second reading amendment](#) to both US Free Trade bills seeking to defer consideration of the bills]

No bills were passed

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](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 9](#) of 2004 and [9th report of 2004](#) [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 10](#) of 2004 [report adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Meetings

The Senate agreed that the following public meetings may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee—9 August 2004 from 3.30pm—Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2) [Statutory Rules No. 84]
- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—5 August 2004 from 4.30pm—Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government's Energy White Paper
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—5 August 2004 from 4pm—Effectiveness of the Australian military justice system
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—5 August 2004 from 9.30am to 11.30am—Performance of government agencies in the assessment and dissemination of security threats in South East Asia in the period 11 September 2001 to 12 October 2002

Reporting dates

The Senate agreed to the following extensions of time for committees to report:

- ❑ Competition in broadband services—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—to report by 12 August 2004
- ❑ Performance of government agencies in the assessment and dissemination of security threats in South East Asia in the period 11 September 2001 to 12 October 2002—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 12 August 2004

Notices of motion given

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee—12 August 2004 from 4pm—Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Preventing Smoking Related Deaths) Bill 2004; Tobacco Advertising Prohibition (Film, Internet and Misleading Promotion) Amendment Bill 2004 exposure draft; and the adequacy of the ACCC response to date on issues concerning tobacco

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Administration of AusSAR in relation to the search for the *Margaret J–Rural* and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–to report by 12 August 2004
- ❑ Current health preparation arrangements for the deployment of Australian Defence Forces overseas–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 12 August 2004

To refer bills to a committee

- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Offences and Other Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2004–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–to report by 11 August 2004
- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Suicide Related Material Offences) Bill 2004–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–to report by 6 September 2004

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Colombia](#)–Human rights–moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [National Aboriginal and Islander Children’s Day](#)–moved by Senators Collins and O’Brien
- ❑ [National Aboriginal](#) and Islander Day Observance Committee–moved by Senator Bartlett
- ❑ [University of Sydney](#)–Nursing faculty–moved by Senator Nettle

Motion debated

The Senate [debated a motion](#) moved by Senator Forshaw about the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme

Motions defeated

The Senate did not agree to motions about:

- ❑ [Study leave entitlements](#) for parliamentarians–moved by Senator Brown
- ❑ [Wheat sales](#)–Iraq–moved by Senator Brown

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered the Minister for Defence to table the Memorandum of Understanding between the Governments of Australia and the United States of America, signed in Washington in July 2004, concerning the program of cooperation on missile defence (no later than 4pm on 5 August 2004)–moved by Senator Brown

Notice of motion given

Senator Brown gave notice of a motion to require the Minister representing the Prime Minister to table the COAG report on bushfire mitigation and management provided to COAG members on 2 April 2004 (no later than 5pm on 9 August 2004)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–Audit report no. 5 of 2004-05–Performance audit–Management of the standard defence supply system upgrade: Department of Defence
- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [9 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ [Matters of public interest](#) debate
- ❑ [Questions without notice](#) and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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