



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 11 August 2004

The Senate met from 9.30am until 11.32pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Prisoner Voting and Other Measures) Bill 2004
- ❑ Fisheries (Validation of Plans of Management) Bill 2004
- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2004

The following bills were considered

- ❑ US Free Trade Agreement Implementation Bill 2004—committee of the whole continued—2 Government [amendments agreed to](#)
- ❑ US Free Trade Agreement Implementation (Customs Tariff) Bill 2004—committee of the whole continued

No bills were passed

Exemptions from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

Motion agreed to

- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2004

Notice of motion given

- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Prisoner Voting and Other Measures) Bill 2004

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Delegated legislation

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Committees

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Estimates

Additional information

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—Additional estimates 2003-04

Reports tabled

- Commonwealth funding for schools—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee
- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Telecommunications Offences and Other Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2004—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—401st report—Annual report 2003-04
- Public Works Joint Committee—3rd and 4th [reports](#) of 2004
- Review of the Defence Annual Report 2002-03—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 10](#) of 2004 and [10th report](#) of 2004 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 11](#) of 2004 [report amended and adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- Tax Laws Amendment (Wine Producer Rebate and Other Measures) Bill 2004—Economics Legislation Committee

Reporting date

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

- Electoral funding and disclosure and any amendments to the Commonwealth Electoral Act necessary in relation to political donations—Electoral Matters Joint Committee—to report by 30 September 2004

Notices of motion given

To hold a private meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—13 August 2004 from 9.30am—Forestry plantations

To extend a reporting deadline

- Forestry plantations—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 2 September 2004

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [International Day](#) of the World's Indigenous Peoples—moved by Senator Ridgeway
- [Thailand](#)—Burmese refugees—moved by Senators Ridgeway and Stott Despoja

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 Finance and Administration to table the document containing the Commonwealth sites, including offshore islands and territories, listed as potential sites for the storage of nuclear waste and referred to by the Minister on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's *AM Program* on 14 July 2004 (no later than 1pm on 12 August 2004)—moved by Senator Allison

Statement by Minister

The Minister for the Environment and Heritage made [a statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate [agreed to on [10 August 2004](#)] requiring the tabling of certain correspondence and other communications concerning Repulse Bay, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority or the Representative Areas Program (no later than 3pm on 11 August 2004). The Minister indicated the documents would be tabled. Senator McLucas made [a statement](#) relating to the matter.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Parliamentary zone—proposal and documentation relating to the construction of permanent access ramps at the rear of Old Parliament House. [A notice of motion](#) was given to approve the proposal.
- ❑ Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia—Australian parliamentary delegation, 8 to 23 November 2003—Report
- ❑ [4 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

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

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