



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 22 March 2004

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.19pm

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2003 [No. 2]

The following bills were considered

- Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment Bill 2003—second reading and committee of the whole agreed to
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Migration Agents Integrity Measures) Bill 2003—second reading agreed to and [committee of the whole](#) commenced (37 Government amendments (8 amended by 18 Democrat amendments) agreed to, and 2 items omitted)

No bills were passed

The following bill was defeated at the third reading by a majority vote

- [Workplace Relations Amendment](#) (Termination of Employment) Bill 2002 [No. 2] [This bill meets the requirements for a simultaneous dissolution of both houses under [s.57](#) of the Constitution]

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

- Health Legislation Amendment (Medicare) Bill 2003—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to [the amendment](#) made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion given

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2003-2004
- Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2003-2004
- Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2003-2004
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- Sex Discrimination Amendment (Teaching Profession) Bill 2004
- Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2004

- Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment Bill 2004

To introduce a bill

- Flags Amendment (Eureka Flag) Bill 2004—[Notice of motion](#) given by Senator Marshall [Private senator's bill]

Assent to laws

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

Proclamations

[A proclamation](#) by the Administrator of the Commonwealth was tabled announcing that Part 2 of the *Maritime Transport Security Act 2003* would come into operation on 1 July 2004

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](#)
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Report tabled

- Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Bill 2003 and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2003—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following change to committee membership:

- Economics Legislation Committee—Senator Brown appointed as a participating member

Notices of motion given

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—24 March 2004 from 4pm—Corporations Amendment Regulations
- Economics Legislation Committee—25, 29 March and 1 April 2004 from 4pm—[various matters](#)
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—25 March 2004 from 4 to 6pm—the second year of operation of the Senate order for production of lists of departmental and agency contracts
- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—24 March 2004 from 5.30pm—Disability Discrimination Amendment Bill 2003

To refer a matter to a committee

- ❑ [Communications between](#) the Australian Federal Police Commissioner and the executive in relation to Australia's involvement in the war on Iraq—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by 14 May 2004

To determine a reporting deadline

- ❑ Current health preparation arrangements for the deployment of Australian Defence Forces overseas—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report on 17 June 2004

Resolution varied

The Senate agreed to vary the resolution to adopt the [2nd report of 2004](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee [agreed to 3 March 2004] to provide that the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment Bill 2004 *not be referred* to the Economics Legislation Committee

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Anti-Semitism in Australia](#)—moved by Senator Stephens
- ❑ [Australian Council for International Development](#)—Millennium Development Goals—moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

Statements of compliance for [three agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Australia-United States free trade agreement](#) (draft)—Two volumes
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [4 petitions](#) were received

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Matter of public importance discussion about anti-Semitism in Australia—proposed by Senators [Stephens](#) and [Mason](#)
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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