



# Senate Daily Summary

**Monday 29 November 2004**

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.31pm

## Legislation

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

### No bills were introduced in the Senate

#### The following bills were considered

*Second reading debate continued on the following bills*

- ❑ Bankruptcy and Family Law Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Family Law Amendment (Annuities) Bill 2004
- ❑ Fisheries (Validation of Plans of Management) Bill 2004

#### The following bill was passed without amendments

- ❑ Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment (Stored Communications) Bill 2004 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

#### The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Bankruptcy and Family Law Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Disability Discrimination Amendment (Education Standards) Bill 2004
- ❑ Family Law Amendment (Annuities) Bill 2004
- ❑ Fisheries (Validation of Plans of Management) Bill 2004

#### Notices of motion given

*To introduce a bill*

- ❑ Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill 2004—Notice of motion given by the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

*To restore bills to the Notice Paper* [to enable consideration of the bills 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]—moved by Senator Brown
- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Workplace Death and Serious Injury) Bill 2004—moved by Senator Nettle

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

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Agreement Validation) Bill 2004—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

### Government response tabled

- Not a town centre: Proposal for pay parking in the Parliamentary Zone—National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee

### Inquiry resumed

- Inquiry into entry, search and seizure provisions in Commonwealth legislation [The Senate agreed to the recommendation of the Scrutiny of Bills Committee to re-adopt the inquiry referred to the Committee in the previous Parliament]

### Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership

### Message from the House of Representatives considered

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—The Senate agreed with the [resolution](#) of the House of Representatives relating to the appointment of the Committee, with a government [amendment](#)

### Notices of motion given

*To refer certain matters to committees*

- [Electoral funding and disclosure](#) and related matters—Electoral Matters Joint Committee—to report as soon as practicable
- [Operation of the Regional Partnerships Program](#) and related matters—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 15 March 2005

## Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion about the [Western Sahara](#)—moved by Senator Allison

## 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 [various 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:

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Report No. 15](#) of 2004-05—Presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ Response to a Senate resolution about the tax status of certain public benevolent institutions—from the Minister for Revenue and Assistant Treasurer [resolution agreed to [1 April 2004](#)]
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [3 petitions](#) were received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The President informed the Senate of the death, on 20 November 2004, of Janine Haines, former senator for South Australia and Leader of the Australian Democrats. The Senate agreed to a [condolence motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- ❑ Address-in-reply [debate continued](#) (with [an amendment](#) moved by the Australian Democrats)
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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