



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 5 September 2005

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.27pm

Privilege

The Deputy President made [a statement](#) relating to a matter of privilege raised by the Finance and Public Administration References Committee concerning the apparent conflict between an answer to a question given by a witness and the facts as subsequently disclosed to the committee. Senator Forshaw gave a [notice of motion](#) to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges.

New senator sworn in

[Senator Carol Brown](#) (Australian Labor Party, Tasmania) [was sworn in](#) to fill the casual vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Mackay

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Corporations Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005
- Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005
- Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Promoting Safer Workplaces) Bill 2005
- Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Bill 2005
- Offshore Petroleum Bill 2005
- Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Bill 2005
- Offshore Petroleum (Repeals and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005
- Offshore Petroleum (Royalty) Bill 2005
- Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment Bill 2005

The following bills were considered

- Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill 2005 and Building and Construction Industry Improvement (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2005—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced—3 Democrat [amendments to be determined](#)

The following bill was passed without amendment

- ❑ Human Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 [The bill will now be assented to]

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

[Agreeing to the bills without amendment]

- ❑ Arts Legislation Amendment (Maritime Museum and Film, Television and Radio School) Bill 2005 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Customs Amendment (Extension of Import Cut-over Time) Bill 2005 [The bill will now be assented to]

Notice of motion given

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

- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005
- ❑ Protection of the Sea (Shipping Levy) Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 5) Bill 2005

Bills assented to

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

See **Committees** for details of reports relating to legislation

Delegated legislation

For a complete list of [notices of motion to disallow](#) (and outcomes)

See **Documents** for details of instruments [Clerk's documents] tabled

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005–Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- ❑ Review of the listing of four terrorist organisations–ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee
- ❑ Timeshare: The price of leisure–Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee

Government response to committee report tabled

- ❑ Indian Ocean territories: Review of the annual reports of the Department of Transport and Regional Services and the Department of the Environment and Heritage–National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee

Documents tabled

- Standing order 37(3)–Access to committee documents–Report
- Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005–Economics Legislation Committee–Additional information

Membership

The Senate agreed that Senator Adams be appointed as a participating member of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation and References Committees, and replace Senator Ronaldson for the reference committee’s inquiry into the economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment

Public meetings

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

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–6 September 2005 from 6pm–economic impact of salinity in the Australian environment
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–6 and 7 September 2005 from 4pm–Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon cases

Reporting date extended

- Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005–Economics Legislation Committee report–to report by 8 September 2005

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Annual reports tabled by 30 April 2005–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 13 October 2005

To refer matters to a committee

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–any bill providing for the further sale of Telstra introduced in the Senate, and the provisions of any related bill introduced into the House of Representatives–to report by 10 October 2005

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- [West Papua](#)–University of Sydney’s Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies report–moved by Senator Brown
- [Income tax system](#)–moved by Senator Murray [debated as a matter of urgency–link to [first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

Statement 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]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

Statement of compliance for [various agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–[Audit reports](#) nos 7 and 8 of 2004-05 presented since the last sitting of the Senate [[and considered](#)]
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Nuclear waste site–Letter forwarding text of a resolution–from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory
- ❑ Responses to Senate resolutions about:
 - ❑ [Hiroshima and Nagasaki](#)–60th anniversary–from the Ambassador of Japan [resolution agreed to [11 August 2005](#)]
 - ❑ [Tobacco policy](#)–Royal Australasian College of Physicians and the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists–from the Premier of Queensland [resolution agreed to [15 June 2005](#)]
- ❑ [7 petitions](#) were received

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [link to [first question](#)]
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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