



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 9 August 2005

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 7.58pm

New senators sworn in

Certificates of election for [senators elected](#) on 9 October 2004 to serve in the Senate from 1 July 2005 were tabled. The senators made and subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance.

Election of officers

Senators [Calvert](#) (Lib., Tas.) and [Nettle](#) (AG, NSW) were both proposed to take the office of President of the Senate. Senator Calvert was declared elected after a [ballot was held](#) (Senator Calvert 67, and Senator Nettle 7 votes).

Senators [Hogg](#) (ALP, Qld) and [Milne](#) (AG, Tas.) were both proposed to take the office of Deputy President of the Senate and Chair of Committees. Senator Hogg was declared elected after a [ballot was held](#) (Senator Hogg 70, and Senator Milne 4 votes).

Ministry and ministerial arrangements

The Leader of the Government in the Senate advised the Senate of changes to the Howard Ministry and [ministerial arrangements](#) in the Senate.

Other party arrangements

The Leaders in the Senate of the [Opposition](#), [The Nationals](#), [Australian Democrats](#), [Australian Greens](#), and the [Family First Party](#) advised the Senate of various party appointments

Legislation

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

No bills were introduced in the Senate

No bills were passed

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

- ❑ Customs Amendment (Extension of Import Cut-over Time) Bill 2005–Notice of motion given by the Minister for Justice and Customs

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

Delegated legislation

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

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given by Senator Bartlett to disallow the Migration Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 6) as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 171 and made under the *Migration Act 1958* [The regulations will be deemed to be disallowed if the notice is not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 9 August 2005–ie. by 4 October 2005]

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

Committees

For scheduled public committee hearings [click here](#)

For committee reports [click here](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Review of the listing of seven terrorist organisations–ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee
- ❑ Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 and Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Public meeting

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

- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–10 August 2005 from 4pm to 7pm–Operation of the wine-making industry

Reporting dates extended

- ❑ Australian personnel in Iraq–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 18 August 2005
- ❑ Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia’s Skills Needs) Bill 2005–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee–to report by 18 August 2005
- ❑ Chen Yonglin and Vivian Solon cases–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 18 August 2005
- ❑ Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–to report by 15 August 2005

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ National Animal Welfare Bill 2005–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–to report by the last sitting day in June 2006
- ❑ Possible links between household debt, demand for imported goods and Australia’s current account deficit–Economics References Committee–to report by 6 October 2005

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–11 August 2005 from 4pm–Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee–11 August 2005 from 3.30pm–Regional Partnerships program
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee–18 August 2005 from 4pm to 7pm–government advertising

Notices of motion

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

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]

No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice were answered. [The President made [a statement](#) about the allocation of questions at question time. [The Senate debated](#) and agreed to take note of the statement on the motion of [Senator Evans](#).]
- ❑ The President made [a statement](#) about the terrorist attacks in London. All senators stood in silence as a mark of respect.
- ❑ Senators [Hurley](#) (ALP, SA) and [McEwen](#) (ALP, SA) made their first speeches [A [notice of motion](#) was given to enable Senators Ronaldson, Fielding and Milne to make their first speeches on 10 August 2005]
- ❑ Adjournment debate [link to [first speaker](#)]

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