



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 6 December 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.55pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2006 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Royal Commissions Amendment (Records) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 5 December 2006]
- ❑ Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 2) 2006 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2006 [new Senate bill]

The following bill was exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings]

- ❑ Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2006

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2006—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was passed

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 4) Bill 2006—[2 Government amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Notices of motion

To introduce bills

- ❑ Migration Amendment (Review Provisions) Bill 2006—notice given by the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
- ❑ Pregnancy Counselling (Truth in Advertising) Bill 2006—notice given by Senators Stott Despoja, Troeth, Carol Brown and Nettle [private senators' bill]
- ❑ Removal of Recognition of US Military Commissions (David Hicks) Bill 2006—notice given by Senator Nettle [private senator's bill]

To allocate time to complete consideration of a bill

- ❑ [Environment and Heritage](#) Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006—notice given by the Minister for Justice and Customs

Message from the House of Representatives

- ❑ Copyright Amendment Bill 2006—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [This bill will now be assented to]

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

Notices of motion to disallow given

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave [notices](#) to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- ❑ [principles](#) specifying the payment factor which is the denominator used in the formula in subsection 9BA(5) of the Social Security Act 1991
- ❑ [principles](#) specifying the criteria that an income stream, purchased on or after 20 September 2004, must satisfy for it to be an asset-test exempt income stream for the purposes of section 1118 of the Social Security Act 1991

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee—[19th report of 2006](#)—Extension and accommodation upgrade to the existing Chancery of the Australian Embassy in Beijing, China
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[13th report](#) of 2006 and [Alert Digest No. 15](#) of 2006 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—[Report No. 81](#)—Treaties tabled on 8 August 2006. This report was debated. [\[first speaker\]](#)

Document tabled

- ❑ Register of Senators' Interests, incorporating statements of registrable interests and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 20 June and 4 December 2006—Standing Committee of Senators' Interests

Reporting dates extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Community Affairs Committee into the funding and operation of the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement to 8 February 2007.

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes and appointments to committee membership:

- ❑ Electoral Matters Joint Committee—Senator Hogg discharged and Senator Polley appointed
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—Senator Johnston to replace Senator Scullion for the committee’s inquiry into the Native Title Amendment Bill 2006 (with Senator Scullion appointed as a participating member)
- ❑ Migration Joint Committee—Senator Kirk discharged and Senator Polley appointed

Other debates and motions

The Senate agreed to a motion moved by Senator Milne about [climate change](#).

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ Australian troops in Iraq—moved by Senator Allison [debated as a matter of urgency—[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ [China](#)—moved by Senator Bob Brown
- ❑ [Mr David Hicks](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [Right to die with dignity](#)—moved by Senator Bob Brown

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Milne gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation to table correspondence between the federal government and the government of Tasmania concerning the protection of old-growth forests in the Styx and Florentine valleys.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Report for 2005-06 on activities in monitoring controlled operations conducted by the Australian Crime Commission and the Australian Federal Police—Commonwealth Ombudsman
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)] [[first speaker](#)]

