



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 12 June 2007

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.49pm

New Senators

[Ms Mary Josephine Fisher](#) was sworn in as a senator for South Australia.

[Senator Boyce](#) gave her [first speech](#).

Resignation

The President informed the Senate of the [resignation](#) of Senator Ian Campbell.

Legislation

[Bills and related documents available on BillsNet](#) <www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm>

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Amendment Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 May 2007]
- ❑ Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 May 2007]
- ❑ Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Amendment Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 May 2007]
- ❑ Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 May 2007]
- ❑ Communications Legislation Amendment (Content Services) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 May 2007]
- ❑ Corporations (NZ Closer Economic Relations) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 May 2007]
- ❑ Defence Force (Home Loans Assistance) Amendment Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 May 2007]
- ❑ Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services Bill 2007 and a related bill [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 May 2007]
- ❑ Governance Review Implementation (Science Research Agencies) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 May 2007]

- ❑ Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 May 2007]
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 May 2007]
- ❑ Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment (2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 May 2007]
- ❑ Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 May 2007]
- ❑ National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 31 May 2007]
- ❑ Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 May 2007]
- ❑ Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Amendment (2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 May 2007]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 3) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 24 May 2007]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2007 and a related bill [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 May 2007]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 May 2007]
- ❑ Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 May 2007]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 3) Bill 2007
Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business) Bill 2007
–Second reading agreed to [the bills will be considered on a future sitting day]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Support Reform Consolidation and Other Measures) Bill 2007 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2007 and a related bill [These bills will now be assented to]

Message from the House of Representatives

- ❑ Governance Review Implementation (Treasury Portfolio Agencies) Bill 2007—agreeing to the amendment made by the Senate [This bill has been assented to]

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

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

Notice of motion to disallow given

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson) gave [notice](#) to disallow the following delegated legislation made under the *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005*:

- [Broadcasting](#) (Charges) Determination 2007
- [Radiocommunications](#) (Charges) Determination 2007

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- [Aged Care](#) Amendment (Residential Care) Bill 2007–Community Affairs Committee
- [Australian Centre](#) for International Agricultural Research Amendment Bill 2007–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee
- [Cluster Munitions](#) (Prohibition) Bill 2006–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee
- [Communications](#) Legislation Amendment (Content Services) Bill 2007–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee
- [Forestry](#) Marketing and Research and Development Services Bill 2007 and a related bill–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee
- [Tax Laws](#) Amendment (2007 Measures No. 3) Bill 2007–Economics Committee
- [Tax Laws](#) Amendment (Small Business) Bill 2007–Economics Committee

Other reports

- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee–[Review](#) of the re-listing of Ansar al-Sunna, JeM, LeJ, EIJ, IAA, AAA and IMU as terrorist organisations
- Public Works Joint Committee–
 - [2nd report](#) of 2007–Proposed Defence Force School of signals redevelopment, Simpson Barracks, Watsonia, Victoria
 - [3rd report](#) of 2007–Proposed National Towers Program stage 1 – Adelaide, Canberra, Melbourne, Rockhampton
 - [4th report](#) of 2007–Proposed Lavarack Barracks redevelopment stage 4, Townsville, Queensland

Documents tabled

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee–Indigenous stolen wages–Additional information. These documents were debated [[first speaker](#)]

Public meetings

The Senate authorised the following public meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting:

- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–13 June 2007 from 3.30pm–Corporations Legislation Amendment (Simpler Regulatory System) Bill 2007 and related bills
- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–12 June 2007 from 4.30pm–Continuing oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission
- ❑ Migration Joint Committee–13 June 2007 from noon to 1.30pm–Temporary business visas

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Australia’s Indigenous visual arts and craft sector–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee–to report by 21 June 2007
- ❑ Australia’s public diplomacy–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee–to report by 9 August 2007

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to authorise the Publications Committee to hold a meeting while the Senate is sitting on 18 June 2007 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into printing standards for documents presented to Parliament.

Documents

Orders for the production of documents–Order with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for Austrade was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General–Audit reports nos 36 to 42 of 2006-07 [see Journals entries nos [26](#) and [27](#)]
- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled, including Governor-General’s Proclamations]
- ❑ Government documents [see Journals entries nos [2](#) and [25](#)]
- ❑ [1 petition](#)

Other business

[Questions without notice and issues arising during question time—first question](#)
[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motion negated

The Senate *did not agree* to a motion moved by Senator Nettle about [Wollemi National Park](#).

Personal explanation

Senator Forshaw gave a [personal explanation](#) relating to an article in the *Herald Sun* of 12 May 2007 concerning Australian Labor Party preselections.

Notices of motion

[Notices of motion](#) given today are available in the Senate Journals.

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