



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 14 June 2007

The Senate met from 9.30am until 11.29pm

Legislation

Bills and related documents available on BillsNet <www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm>

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Township Leasing) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 June 2007]
- ❑ Corporations Legislation Amendment (Simpler Regulatory System) Bill 2007 and 2 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 14 June 2007]
- ❑ Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Legislation Amendment (Child Care and Other 2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 14 June 2007]
- ❑ Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Restructures) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 June 2007]
- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 June 2007]
- ❑ Lobbying and Ministerial Accountability Bill 2007 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Migration (Sponsorship Fees) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 14 June 2007]
- ❑ Public Interest Disclosures Bill 2007 [private senator's bill]

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

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Simplified GST Accounting) Bill 2007
- ❑ Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2007

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced—[3 Government amendments](#) agreed to
- ❑ Pregnancy Counselling (Truth in Advertising) Bill 2006 [private senator's bill]—second reading debate commenced

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Amendment Bill 2007
 - ❑ Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007
 - ❑ Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007
 - ❑ Corporations (NZ Closer Economic Relations) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2007
 - ❑ Defence Force (Home Loans Assistance) Amendment Bill 2006
 - ❑ Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2007
 - ❑ Governance Review Implementation (Science Research Agencies) Bill 2007
 - ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Inappropriate and Prohibited Practices and Other Measures) Bill 2007
 - ❑ Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment Bill 2007
 - ❑ Migration Amendment (Statutory Agency) Bill 2007
 - ❑ Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Amendment (2007 Budget Measures) Bill 2007
 - ❑ Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007
- [These bills will now be assented to]

Changes to days and hours of meeting

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) moved by the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz) to vary the days and hours of meeting for the remainder of the Winter sittings to allow the Government's legislative program to be considered.

Notices of motion

To introduce private senators' bills

- ❑ Migration (Climate Refugees) Amendment Bill 2007—notice given by Senator Nettle
- ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (Predatory Pricing) Bill 2007—notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)

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 intention to withdraw notices

Senator Siewert gave notice of her intention to withdraw a notice to disallow an [instrument](#) that determines the total allowable catch for the 2007 fishing year in the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery.

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Estimates

The Community Affairs Committee tabled additional information arising from the 2006-07 additional estimates and 2007-08 budget estimates.

Reports tabled

- [Workplace Relations](#) Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007—
Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee
- [Workplace Relations](#) (Restoring Family Work Balance) Amendment Bill 2007—
Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee

Government responses tabled

[Government responses](#) to the following reports were tabled

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Expanding Australia's trade and investment relations with North Africa
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Review of Australia-New Zealand trade and investment relations
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Mr Chen Yonglin's request for political asylum. This response was debated [[first speaker](#)]
- Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Administration and operation of the *Migration Act 1958*. This response was debated [[first speaker](#)]
- Migration Joint Committee—Detention centre contracts: Review of audit report no. 1, 2005-06, *Management of the detention centre contracts: Part B* [[first speaker](#)]
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—Current and future governance arrangements for the Indian Ocean territories
- Publications Joint Committee—Distribution of the Parliamentary Paper Series

New inquiry

The Senate referred [matters](#) relating to cost of living pressures on older Australians to the Community Affairs Committee for report by 13 September 2007.

Public meetings

The Senate authorised various committees to hold public meetings while the Senate is sitting. [See Journals entries nos [5](#) and [14](#)]

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to refer the Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2007 to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for report by 7 August 2007.

Membership

The Senate appointed Senator Boyce as a participating member of the Economics Committee and the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee.

Documents

Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 44 of 2006-07
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [A petition](#)

Documents discussed

Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed. [See Journal entries [48](#) and [49](#)]

Other business

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

Motions negatived

- ❑ [Ethiopian prisoners of conscience](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
- ❑ [Global Fund](#) to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- ❑ [Paid maternity leave](#)—moved by Senators Nettle and Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Renewable electricity market](#)—moved by Senator Milne

Notices of motion

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

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