



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 14 August 2007

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.17pm

President of the Senate

A letter was tabled from Senator the Honourable Paul Calvert resigning from the office of President of the Senate. Senators [Ferguson](#) and [Nettle](#) were proposed to the Senate for its President. A [ballot was held](#) and Senator Ferguson was elected as President.

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Judges' Pensions Amendment Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 August 2007]
- ❑ National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Target Bill 2007 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Same-Sex: Same Entitlements Bill 2007 [private senators' bill]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 4) Bill 2007 and 2 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 August 2007]

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

- ❑ Water Bill 2007 and a related bill

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007 and 4 related bills—Second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced—[1 Opposition amendment](#) to be determined

Notices of motion

To introduce bills

- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2007—notice given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Mason)
- Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2007—notice given by the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Minchin)
- Privacy (Data Security Breach Notification) Amendment Bill 2007—notice given by Senator Stott Despoja [private senator's bill]

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Notice of motion withdrawn

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson) withdrew a 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](#)

Report tabled

- [Water Bill 2007](#) and a related bill—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee

Document tabled

- Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007 and 4 related bills—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—Corrigendum

Committee briefing

The Senate authorised the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee to hold a meeting while the Senate is sitting on 15 August 2007 from 3.30pm to allow officers of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Biosecurity Australia and Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service to provide a briefing to the committee.

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to extend the reporting deadline of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee for its inquiry into the current level of academic standards of school education to 13 September 2007.

Documents

Documents tabled

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Travel expenditure—1 July 2006 to June 2007
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Travelling allowance payments made to senators and members—1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007
- ❑ [Government document](#)
- ❑ Response from the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Mr Andrews) to a Senate resolution about the [human rights of children](#) [resolution agreed to on 19 June 2007]
- ❑ [A petition](#)

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

- ❑ [Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)—moved by Senator Milne

Motions negated

- ❑ [Alcohol abuse](#)—moved by Senator Murray
- ❑ [Russia and human rights](#)—moved by Senator Milne

Notices of motion

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

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