



# Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 20 March 2007

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.25pm

## 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

- Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Debt Agreements) Bill 2007 and a related bill [passed by the House of Representatives on 1 March 2007]

The following bills were debated

- Airspace Bill 2006 and a related bill—second reading commenced and adjourned [[first speaker](#)]
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2007—second reading commenced and adjourned [[first speaker](#)]
- Energy Efficiency Opportunities Amendment Bill 2006—second reading commenced and adjourned [[first speaker](#)]
- Native Title Amendment Bill 2006—second reading commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- Private Health Insurance Bill 2006 and 6 related bills—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] [details of the bill will be considered on a future sitting day]

### Notices of motion

To extend the hours of meeting

A [notice](#) was given by the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz) to extend the hours of meeting for the remainder of the Autumn sittings to allow the Government's legislative program to be considered.

To introduce a private senator's bill

- Criminal Code Amendment (Anti-Child Abuse and Pornography Materials) Bill 2007—notice given by Senator Ludwig

### Message from the House of Representatives

- Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 2) 2006 [2007]—agreeing to the bill without amendment [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## **Notice of motion withdrawn**

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson) withdrew a notice to disallow a [determination](#) amending Schedule 4 of Determination HIB 20/2006 (made under the *National Health Act 1953*) to correct an administrative oversight in the making of the determination.

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

## **Committees**

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

## **Reports tabled**

- [Aged Care](#) Amendment (Security and Protection) Bill 2007–Community Affairs Committee
- [AusCheck Bill 2006](#)–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
- [Human Services](#) (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007–Finance and Public Administration Committee
- [Qantas Sale](#) (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007–Economics Committee

## **Notice of motion given**

A notice of motion was given to refer matters relating to [mental health services](#) in Australia to the Community Affairs Committee for report by 30 June 2008.

## **Membership**

The Senate discharged Senator Ellison and appointed Senator Abetz as a member of the Selection of Bills Committee.

## **Documents**

### **Orders for the production of documents–Orders with continuing effect**

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for [various agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

## Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for [2 agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

## Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 29 and 30 of 2006-07
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled, including Governor-General's Proclamations]
- ❑ Commonwealth Day message from Her Majesty the Queen
- ❑ Government documents [See Journal entries nos [2](#) and [23](#)]
- ❑ [2 petitions](#)

## Other business

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

## Ministerial arrangements

The Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Minchin) informed the Senate of changes to the [Howard Ministry](#).

## Motions agreed to

- ❑ [Register of Senators' Interests](#)—moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans) [debated as a matter of urgency—[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ [Variation to the hours of meeting](#)—moved by the Minister for Human Services (Senator Ellison)

## Motion negatived

- ❑ [Mr David Hicks](#)—moved by Senator Nettle

## Condolence motion

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Minchin) relating to the airline crash in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 7 March 2007. [[first speaker](#)]

## Notices of motion

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

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