



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 21 March 2007

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.32pm

## 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

- ❑ Airports Amendment Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 20 March 2007]
- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Anti-Child Abuse and Pornography Materials) Bill 2007 [private senator's bill]

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

- ❑ Aged Care Amendment (Security and Protection) Bill 2007
- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2006-2007 and a related bill
- ❑ Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Additional Screening Measures) Bill 2007
- ❑ Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Debt Agreements) Bill 2007 and a related bill
- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Takeovers) Bill 2007
- ❑ Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2007
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Provider Number Review) Bill 2007
- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Information and Other Measures) Bill 2007
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greater Sunrise) Bill 2007 and a related bill
- ❑ Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Amendment Bill 2007
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2007—consideration in committee of the whole commenced—[4 government amendments](#) to be determined

The following bills were passed

- Energy Efficiency Opportunities Amendment Bill 2006 [This bill will now be assented to]
- Airspace Bill 2006 and a related bill [These bills will now be assented to]

### **Notice of motion**

To introduce a bill

- Lobbying and Ministerial Accountability Bill 2007—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) [private senator's bill]

### **Changes to hours of meeting**

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) moved 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.

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)

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

### **Committees**

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

### **Estimates**

The following reports relating to estimates hearings were tabled:

- Additional estimates 2006-07—[Seven legislation committees](#)

Notice of motion

- 2007-08 Budget estimates hearings—[amendment to committee groupings](#)

### **Reports tabled**

- Public Works Joint Committee—[70th annual report](#)
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 3](#) of 2007 and [3rd report](#) of 2007 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

### **Document tabled**

- Senators' Interests Committee—[Explanatory notes](#) relating to statements of registrable interests

### **New inquiry**

#### **Selection of Bills Committee report**

The Senate adopted [report no. 4](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, which recommended that the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 be referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee for inquiry and report by 1 May 2007.

### **Proposed references**

The Senate did not agree to refer the following matter to a committee:

- ❑ [Exclusive Brethren](#)—Community Affairs Committee

The following proposed reference was withdrawn:

- ❑ Housing needs of low and middle income households—Community Affairs Committee

### **Reporting date extended**

The Senate agreed to extend the time for the presentation of the report of the Economics Committee on the 2006-07 additional estimates to 22 March 2007.

### **Notice of motion given**

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting:

- ❑ Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—23 March 2007 from 9.30am—two classified hearings to take evidence for the committee's inquiries into the review of administration and expenditure no. 5: Australian Intelligence Organisations, and the review of the re-listing of Tanzim Qa'idat al-Jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayan (TQJBR) as a terrorist organisation under the *Criminal Code Act 1995*.

### **Membership**

The Acting Deputy President (Senator Hutchins) reported that letters had been received from Senator Brandis resigning his position as a member of the Council of the National Library of Australia, and resigning from the Parliamentary Library Joint Committee.

## **Documents**

---

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

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statement of compliance for [2 agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

### **Documents tabled**

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [and considered]
- ❑ [7 petitions](#)

## Other business

---

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

[Matters of public interest debate—first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

### Motion agreed to

- [75th anniversary](#) of the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge—moved by Senators Hutchins, Faulkner, George Campbell, Stephens and Forshaw

### Motions negated

- [Carbon dioxide emissions](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- [Mr David Hicks](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Mr David Hicks](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- [Proposed Bell Bay pulp mill](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- [Sri Lankan asylum seekers](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Zimbabwe](#)—moved by Senator Nettle

### Motion debated

The Senate discussed issues relating to [rebuilding Iraq](#), raised by Senator Allison as a matter of public importance. [[first speaker](#)]

### Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals—see entries nos [13](#) and [27](#)

\* \* \* \* \*

#### Online

The *Senate Daily Summary* is available on the Internet at [www.aph.gov.au/senate](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate)

It is issued by the Senate Table Office as a convenient summary of each day's proceedings in the Senate. For a complete account see the official record, the *Journals of the Senate*, on the Internet at <http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/pubs/index.htm>

#### Related resources

The *Order of Business* (or 'Senate Red') and the *Dynamic Red* (which updates the *Order of Business* throughout the sitting day) are also available on the Internet at [www.aph.gov.au/senate](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate)

#### Contact details

Inquiries, comments and suggestions:      phone 6277 3015  
e-mail: [sds@aph.gov.au](mailto:sds@aph.gov.au)