



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 22 March 2007

The Senate met from 9.30am until 11.31pm

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

- ❑ Australian Energy Market Amendment (Gas Legislation) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 March 2007]
- ❑ Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 March 2007]
- ❑ Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Amendment Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 March 2007]
- ❑ Tourism Australia Amendment Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 21 March 2007]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Climate Change Action Bill 2006 [private senator's bill]—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Amendment Bill 2007—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)] [The Opposition moved a [second reading amendment](#) expressing a view on the policy of the bill]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Aged Care Amendment (Security and Protection) Bill 2007—[1 government amendment](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate]
- ❑ Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2007—[4 government amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- ❑ Australian Energy Market Amendment (Gas Legislation) Bill 2006 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Additional Screening Measures) Bill 2007 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Debt Agreements) Bill 2007 and a related bill [These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greater Sunrise) Bill 2007 and a related bill [These bills will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tourism Australia Amendment Bill 2007 [This bill will now be assented to]

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 Economics Committee tabled a report on additional estimates 2006-07.

Reports tabled

- ❑ National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—Review of the [Griffin Legacy amendments](#)
- ❑ Examination of annual reports—[Eight standing committees](#)

Document tabled

A corrigendum was tabled to the report of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee into the Migration Amendment (Review Provisions) Bill 2006 [2007].

Government response tabled

A [government response](#) to the 80th report of the Treaties Joint Committee was tabled.

Meetings during Senate sittings

The Senate authorised two committees to meet while the Senate is sitting. [See Journal entries nos [9](#) and [31](#)]

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]

Documents tabled

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

Documents discussed

Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed.

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion moved by Senator Faulkner about former Prime Minister, [Mr EG Whitlam](#).

Personal explanations

- ❑ Leader of the Family First Party ([Senator Fielding](#))—article in the *Age* on 22 March 2007 concerning Mr David Hicks and the United States of America military commission process
- ❑ Leader of The Nationals in the Senate ([Senator Boswell](#))—comments made on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation news on 22 March 2007 concerning broadband

Notices of motion

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

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