



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 26 March 2007

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.09pm

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

- Food Safety (Trans Fats) Bill 2007 [private senator's bill]
- Health Insurance Amendment (Provider Number Review) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 22 March 2007]

The following bill was debated

- Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Vocational Rehabilitation Services) Bill 2006–second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was passed

- Native Title Amendment Bill 2006–5 further Government [amendments](#) and 1 Australian Democrats amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]

Notices of motion

To introduce a bill

- Workplace Relations (Restoring Family Work Balance) Amendment Bill 2007–notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding) [private senator's bill]

To exempt a bill from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings]

- Migration Amendment (Border Integrity) Bill 2006–notice given by the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz)

To consider bills together

The Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz) gave a notice of motion to allow the following bills to be considered together:

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 7) Bill 2006
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007

Message from the House of Representatives

- ❑ Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [2007]—agreeing to the bill without amendment [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)

Notice of motion to disallow given

Senator Siewert gave a notice of motion to disallow an [instrument](#) that determines the overcatch and undercatch 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 Senate agreed to [modify](#) the committee groupings for estimates hearings.

Reports tabled

- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—[Australia's relationship with Malaysia](#)
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—[83rd report](#)—Treaties tabled on 20 June, 17 October, 28 November 2006 and CO₂ sequestration in sub-seabed formations [This report was debated—[first speaker](#)]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2006—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee—Additional information

Proposed references

The Senate did not agree to refer matters relating to a [national plan for water security](#) to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee. [[first speaker](#)]

Notice of motion

A notice of motion was given to authorise the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee to hold a meeting while the Senate is sitting on Thursday, 29 March 2007 from 5.30pm to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007.

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 the [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]
- Visit by the President of the Senate to Cambodia and Vietnam, 14 to 23 February 2007—Report
- [3 petitions](#)

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

- [Death of Professor Tanya Reinhart](#)—moved by Senator Nettle

Motions negatived

- [Climate change action plan](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Euthanasia](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
- [Iraq](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
- [Mr David Hicks](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Murray-Darling Basin](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- [World Day for Water](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

Statement by the President

The President made a [statement](#) relating to the conduct of question time and supplementary questions asked by Senators Fierravanti-Wells and Nash on 22 March 2007.

Notices of motion

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

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