



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 28 March 2007

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.37pm

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 Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2007 [new Senate bill]
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Border Integrity) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives 27 March 2007]
- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Information and Other Measures) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 26 March 2007]

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

- ❑ Migration Amendment (Border Integrity) Bill 2006

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Airports Amendment Bill 2006–[33 Government amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- ❑ Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2007 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment (Information and Other Measures) Bill 2007 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Private Health Insurance (Reinsurance Trust Fund Levy) Amendment Bill 2006—a message was reported advising that the House had made the amendments requested by the Senate—the bill was read a third time [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [The bill will now be assented to]
Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 7) Bill 2006–[1 Schedule negatived](#) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate]

Notices of motion

To introduce bills

- Energy Savings (White Certificate Trading) and Productivity Bill 2007—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison) [private senator's bill]
- Repatriation of Citizens Bill 2007—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison) and Senator Stott Despoja [private senators' bill]

Messages from the House of Representatives

Agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bills:

- Aged Care Amendment (Security and Protection) Bill 2007 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Private Health Insurance Bill 2006
Private Health Insurance (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2006 [These bills 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

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) gave a notice to disallow Amendments [56](#), [59](#), [60](#) and [61](#) of the National Capital Plan made under section 19 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988*.

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- Public Works Joint Committee—[First report of 2007](#)—Redevelopment of propellant manufacturing and other specified capabilities at Mulwala
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 4](#) of 2006 and [4th report](#) of 2006 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

Document tabled

- Qantas Sale (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007—Economics Committee—Corrected version of comments on the report by Senator Joyce

New inquiries

The Senate referred the following matters to committees:

- [National Action Plan](#) on Mental Health—Community Affairs Committee—to report by 30 June 2008

- [Patient Assisted Travel Schemes](#)—Community Affairs Committee—to report by 20 September 2007

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee into workforce challenges in the Australian transport sector to 9 August 2007.

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline:

- Australia's national parks—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee—to report by 12 April 2007

To refer matters to a committee:

- [Private equity market activity](#)—Economics Committee—to report by 20 June 2007

Membership

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Ms Hall and Mr Wilkie had been appointed to the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee.

Documents

Documents tabled

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

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [Science Meets Parliament](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- [Northern Ireland](#)—moved by Senator Watson
- [Opal fuel](#) and substance abuse—moved by Senator Siewert

Motions not agreed to

- [Mr David Hicks](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- [National affordable housing strategy](#)—moved by Senator Bartlett [debated as a matter of urgency—[first speaker](#)]
- [Proposed pulp mill](#) in Tasmania—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Proposed pulp mill](#) in Tasmania—moved by Senator Milne

- [Slavery](#) and trafficking of humans—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)

Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals—see entries nos [12](#) and [36](#).

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