



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 24 June 2008

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.28pm

Legislation

Bills and related documents available on BillsNet <www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm>

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 June 2008]
- ❑ Governor-General Amendment (Salary and Superannuation) Bill 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 June 2008]
- ❑ Judiciary Amendment Bill 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 June 2008]
- ❑ Military Memorials of National Significance Bill 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 June 2008]
- ❑ Save Our Solar (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008 [private senator's bill]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008—second reading agreed to [an Opposition [second reading amendment](#) expressing a view on the policy of the bill was agreed to] and [committee of the whole](#) commenced—1 Opposition amendment, 2 Government amendments and 1 Government request for an amendment agreed to; 2 Schedules and 2 items negated [further amendments remain to be considered]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008—second reading agreed to and [committee of the whole](#) commenced—2 Government amendments agreed to and 5 Schedules negated [further amendments remain to be considered]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment (Assessments and Advertising) Bill 2008
 - ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2008
 - ❑ Judiciary Amendment Bill 2008
- [These bills will now be assented to]

Notices of motion

To introduce a bill

- Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2008—notice given by the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Senator Evans)

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

- Governance Review Implementation (AASB and AUASB) Bill 2008
 - Governor-General Amendment (Salary and Superannuation) Bill 2008
- notice given by the Minister for Human Services (Senator Ludwig)

Messages from the House of Representatives

- Dental Benefits Bill 2008
 - Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008
 - Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008
- [Agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate. These bills will now be assented to]

See **Committees** for details of reports relating to legislation

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Estimates—Reports relating to estimates hearings

- Budget estimates 2008-09—[Seven committees](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- [Families, Housing](#), Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008—Finance and Public Administration Committee
- [Passenger Movement](#) Charge Amendment Bill 2008—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
- [Tax Laws](#) Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2008—Economics Committee

Other reports

- Community Affairs Committee—[Ready-to-drink alcohol beverages](#) [A [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated and agreed to]
- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—[Better shareholders](#) - Better Company: Shareholder engagement and participation in Australia [A [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated and agreed to]

New inquiries

The Senate agreed to refer the following matters to committees:

- [Academic freedom](#) in school and higher education—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee—to report by 11 November 2008

- [Challenges facing Papua New Guinea](#)—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee—to report by 30 May 2009

Private meeting

The Senate authorised the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee to hold a private meeting while the Senate is sitting on 24 June 2008 from 3.30pm for the committee's inquiry into the Rights of the Terminally Ill (Euthanasia Laws Repeal) Bill 2008.

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Australia's involvement in peacekeeping operations—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee—to report by 31 July 2008
- Budget estimates 2008-09—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—to report by 25 June 2008

Notices of motion given

To establish committees:

- [Fuel and Energy](#) Select Committee—to report by 21 October 2009
- [National Broadband Network](#) Select Committee

To hold a meeting when the Senate is sitting:

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee—26 June 2008 from 4.00pm—review of reforms to Australia's military justice system by the Australian Defence Force

To refer matters to committees:

- [Food production in Australia](#)—Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee—to report by 27 November 2008
- [Save Our Solar](#) (Solar Rebate Protection) Bill 2008—Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee—to report by 15 August 2008

Documents

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

- [Clerk's documents](#) were tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled, including Governor-General's Proclamations]

Notice of motion to disallow given

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Wortley) gave a notice of motion to disallow the [Film Certification Advisory Board Rules 2008](#), which establish the Film Certification Advisory Board and specify procedures governing the Board's operation.

Notices of motion withdrawn

[Notices of motion](#) to disallow certain instruments were withdrawn

Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following [orders](#):

- ❑ Each minister in the Senate to table lists of all appointments made and vacancies to be filled by the Government—no later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings—moved by Senator Minchin
- ❑ Each minister in the Senate to table a list of grants approved—no later than 7 days before the commencement of the budget, supplementary budget and additional estimates hearings—moved by Senator Minchin

Notice of motion given

Senator Minchin gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner) to table a statement of the commercial harm that will result from the disclosure of documents relating to defence procurement projects. [See also Journals of [15 May 2008](#) and [19 June 2008](#)]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no.43 of 2007-08
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [A petition](#)

Ministerial statements tabled

The Special Minister of State (Senator Faulkner) tabled ministerial statements about:

- ❑ Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation
- ❑ Drought
- ❑ Small business

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- ❑ [Carbon sequestration](#) in Australia—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- ❑ [Kokoda Track campaign](#)—moved by Senators Barnett and McGauran
- ❑ [Persecution](#) of Falun Gong practitioners in China—moved by Senators Nettle and Bartlett
- ❑ [Temporary retirement visas](#)—moved by Senator Ellison

Motions negatived

- [Effects of global warming](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
- [Tensions](#) between the United States of America, Israel and Iran—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Tibet](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Valedictory speeches

[Senator Murray](#) gave his valedictory speech. A series of speeches were given recognising his contribution to the Senate. [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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