



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 28 August 2008

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.23pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Aviation Legislation Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 August 2008]
- ❑ Aviation Legislation Amendment (International Airline Licences and Carriers' Liability Insurance) Bill 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 August 2008]
- ❑ Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Workplace Rights) Bill 2008 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Emergency Water (Murray-Darling Basin Rescue) Bill 2008 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Amendment Bill 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 August 2008]
- ❑ Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 August 2008]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was defeated by a majority vote

- ❑ National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008—defeated at the second reading

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2008—[10 Government amendments](#) agreed to and 8 items negatived [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Protection of the Sea Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [This bill will now be assented to]

- ❑ Telecommunications Interception Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Legislation Amendment (Annual Charges) Bill 2008 [This bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion

To introduce private senators' bills

- ❑ ATMs and Cash Facilities in Licensed Venues Bill 2008—notice given by Senator Xenophon
- ❑ Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2008—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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Reports tabled

- ❑ [Family Law](#) Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
- ❑ [Tax Laws](#) Amendment (2008 Measures No. 3) Bill 2008—Schedules 1 and 2—Economics Committee
- ❑ [Tax Laws](#) Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008 and 3 related bills—Economics Committee

New inquiries

- ❑ [Emergency Water](#) (Murray-Darling Basin Rescue) Bill 2008—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—to report by 30 September 2008 in conjunction with part (1) of the committee's inquiry into the provision of water from and sustainable management of the Murray-Darling Basin system
- ❑ [Matters](#) relating to Australian Rules Football in Tasmania—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—to report by 30 June 2009
- ❑ [Western Australian gas crisis](#)—Economics Committee—to report by 14 October 2008

Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to a motion moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) to refer matters relating to the [Exclusive Brethren](#) to the Community Affairs Committee. [[first speaker](#)]

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee into the implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning Carbon Sink Forests to 3 September 2008.

Notices of motion given

A notice of motion was given to authorise the Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee to hold [various meetings](#) while the Senate is sitting.

Membership

Senator Lundy was discharged from and Senator Furner appointed to the Community Affairs Committee.

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

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]

Orders for the production of documents—Order with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for [various portfolios](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- Department of the Senate—Travel expenditure—1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008
- Department of the Senate—Travelling allowance payments made to senators and members—1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008
- Parliamentary zone—proposal and documentation relating to the design of the Pavement Artwork at Reconciliation Place. A [notice of motion](#) was given to approve the proposal.

Documents discussed

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](#)

Motions agreed to

- [Death of Yvonne Butler](#)—moved by Senator Siewert
- [Demolition of the Cairns Yacht Club](#)—moved by Senators Macdonald and Joyce
- [Townsville General Hospital](#)—moved by Senator Macdonald

Motion debated

- ❑ [Cost of living pressures](#)—moved by Senator Parry

Statements by President

The President made statements relating to:

- ❑ a [matter](#) raised during debate on 27 August 2008 about the incorporation of documents in Hansard
- ❑ a [matter](#) raised during question time on 28 August 2008 relating to a question asked by Senator Abetz. [A [motion](#) to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to]

Notices of motion

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

Statistics

Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate’s online statistical collection.

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