

# Senate Daily Summary

# Tuesday, 21 August 2012

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 9.12 pm

# Legislation

Bills and related documents

#### Bills considered

The following bill was debated

□ Cybercrime Legislation Amendment Bill 2011–second reading debate commenced [first speaker] —1 Australian Greens second reading amendment to be determined [expressing a view about the policy of the bill]

## The following bill was passed

□ Criminal Code Amendment (Cluster Munitions Prohibition) Bill 2010 [The bill will now be assented to]

#### Bill assented to

Assent to the Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing and Other Measures) Act 2012 was reported in the Senate.

#### Committees

Scheduled <u>public committee hearings</u> <u>Committee reports</u>

## Reports tabled

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–Statutory oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission [report]
- □ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–More than just talk: Australia's human rights dialogues with China and Vietnam [report]
- Public Works Joint Committee—4th report of 2012–Referrals made May 2012: Proposed integrated fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at the site known as 913 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill, Victoria; Proposed development and construction of housing for Defence members and their families at Lindfield, NSW; Proposed development and construction of housing for Defence members and their families at Weston Creek, ACT [report]

# Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the following meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting:

- □ Cyber Safety Joint Select Committee–22 August and 12 September 2012 from 4.15 pm–public meetings–Cyber-safety for senior Australians
- □ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—12 September 2012 from 11.00 am, and 19 September 2012 from 11.00 am to 12.15 pm—private meetings, followed by public meetings—Review of the Auditor-General's audit reports
- □ Treaties Joint Committee–10 and 17 September 2012 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm–public meetings–Review of tabled treaties

# **Notices of motion**

To refer a matter to a committee

□ Social determinants of health–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 27 March 2013–notice given by the Chair of the Community Affairs References Committee (Senator Siewert)

#### To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- □ Community Affairs Legislation Committee–11 September 2012 from 12.30 pm–private meeting
- □ Economics Legislation Committee–23 August 2012 from 3.30 pm–private meeting

#### To extend a reporting deadline

□ Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—Allowance payment system—to report by 29 November 2012

#### Membership

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mrs Griggs would replace Mr Secker on the National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee.

#### **Documents**

## **Delegated legislation**

See <u>Disallowance Alert</u> for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

□ <u>Clerk's documents</u> were tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

#### **Documents tabled**

- □ 2 petitions
- □ Auditor-General—Audit report no. 1 of 2012-13
- □ Australian parliamentary delegation—European Parliament and institutions, and bilateral visit to Israel–20 April to 4 May 2012–Report
- □ Government documents

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# Other business

Questions without notice and issues arising during question time—<u>first question</u> Adjournment debate—first speaker

## Motions agreed to

- □ <u>Effects of otitis media on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children</u>—moved by Senator Siewert
- □ Freedom of expression in Russia–2 motions, moved by Senators Xenophon and the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) respectively [see Journals entries 14 and 17]
- □ Mr Peter Norman and the 1968 Olympics—moved by Senator Di Natale

## **Motion negatived**

□ <u>Implementation of recommendations from the Houston report</u>—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

## Matter of public importance discussed

□ Schools funding—proposed by Senator Fifield [first speaker]

#### **Notices of motion**

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals.

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