

Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 13 March 2013

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.28 pm

Legislation

Bills and related documents

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- □ Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 12 March 2013] [Minister's second reading speech]
- Higher Education Support Amendment (Further Streamlining and Other Measures) Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 12 March 2013] [Minister's second reading speech]
- International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Amendment Bill 2013 [Senate bill] [Minister's second reading speech]
- □ Not-for-profit Sector Freedom to Advocate Bill 2013 [Senate bill] [Minister's second reading speech]
- □ Royal Commissions Amendment Bill 2013 [passed by the House of Representatives on 13 March 2013] [Minister's second reading speech]
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Caring for Single Parents) Bill 2013 [private senator's bill] [introducing senator's second reading speech]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings – 5 February to 21 March 2013]

- Completion of Kakadu National Park (Koongarra Project Area Repeal) Bill 2013
- □ Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping Commission) Bill 2013

The following bill was debated

□ Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012–second reading debate commenced [first speaker]

The following bills were passed

 Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012 [The bill will now be assented to] □ Maritime Powers Bill 2012 and a related bill [These bills will now be assented to]

See Committees for details of reports relating to legislation

Committees

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

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- Australian Education Bill 2012–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee [report]
- □ Crimes Legislation Amendment (Organised Crime and Other Measures) Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [report]
- Customs Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2012–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [report]
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Bill 2012–Community Affairs Legislation Committee [report]

Other reports

- □ Human Rights Joint Committee–3rd report of 2013–Examination of legislation in accordance with the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*: Bills introduced 5 February to 28 February 2013 and legislative instruments registered with the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments 5 January to 15 February 2013 [report] [a motion was moved to take note of the report]
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Management of the Murray-Darling Basin [report] [a motion to take note of the report was debated – <u>first</u> <u>speaker</u>]
- □ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–<u>Alert Digest No. 3</u> and <u>3rd report</u> of 2013 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- □ Treaties Joint Committee–132nd report–Treaties tabled on 18 September and 30 October 2012 [report] [a motion was moved to take note of the report]

New inquiry

The Senate referred the Broadcasting Services Amendment (Material of Local Significance) Bill 2013 and matters relating to the <u>delivery of news coverage in rural</u> and regional areas by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee to report by 30 April 2013.

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–14 March 2013 from 10.00 am–public meeting–Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Reform of Self Managed Superannuation Funds Supervisory Levy Arrangements) Bill 2013
- □ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–14 March 2013 from 4.00 pm–public meeting–Victims of sexual and other abuse in Defence

 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–21 March 2013 from 3.00 pm–public meeting–Foreign Investment Review Board national interest test

Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee into the Anti-Money Laundering Amendment (Gaming Machine Venues) Bill 2012 to 28 June 2013.

Notice of motion to extend reporting deadlines

□ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee-

- Aviation accident investigation-to report by 30 April 2013
- Fresh pineapple imports—to report by 24 June 2013
- New Zealand potatoes import risk analysis-to report by 24 June 2013
- Fresh ginger import risk analysis-to report by 24 June 2013

Documents

Delegated legislation

See <u>Disallowance Alert</u> 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]

Determination approved

The Senate approved the Health Insurance (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Amendment Determination 2013 (No. 1), made under subsection 10B(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* [homepage]

Orders for the production of documents

Motion defeated

The Senate did not agree to a <u>motion</u> requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood and Childcare to table a report by the Productivity Commission into early childhood education and care.

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for <u>various portfolios</u> were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are <u>required to be tabled</u> twice a year]

Documents tabled

- $\Box \quad \underline{1 \text{ petition}}$
- Government documents

Other business

Questions without notice and issues arising during question time–<u>first question</u> Matters of public interest debate–<u>first speaker</u> Adjournment debate–<u>first speaker</u>

Death of former senator

The President informed the Senate of the death on, 10 March 2013, of Brian Roper Archer, a senator for the state of Tasmania from 1975 to 1994. A <u>motion</u> of condolence moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Senator Conroy) was carried [first speaker].

Motions agreed to

- □ <u>2/40th Battalion memorials</u>—moved by Senators Bushby and Polley
- <u>Centenary of Canberra</u>-moved by Senators Humphries and Lundy
- □ <u>Northern Territory container deposit scheme</u>—moved by Senator Whish-Wilson

Motions negatived

- □ <u>Coal terminals in the Hunter region</u>-moved by Senator Rhiannon
- <u>Community digital radio services</u>-moved by Senator Ludlam
- □ <u>Review of bilateral uranium supply arrangements</u>-moved by Senator Ludlam
- Women in senior management and board positions-moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne)

Matter of public importance discussed

□ <u>Urban planning</u>-proposed by Senator Siewert [first speaker]

Notices of motion

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

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