



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 24 November 2011

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 10.39 pm

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Regional Commercial Radio) Bill 2011 [Senate bill]
- ❑ Fair Work Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry) Bill 2011 [Senate bill]
- ❑ Government Investment Funds Amendment (Ethical Investments) Bill 2011 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE-HELP and Other Measures) Bill 2011 [Senate bill]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bioregional Plans) Bill 2011—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was introduced and passed

- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Review of Future Uses of Broadcasting Services Bands Spectrum) Bill 2011 [passed by the House of Representatives on 23 November 2011] [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Auditor-General Amendment Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Competition and Consumer Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Corporations (Fees) Amendment Bill 2011
- ❑ Personal Property Securities Amendment (Registration Commencement) Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Fair Protection for Firefighters) Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]

- Work Health and Safety Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Work Health and Safety (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2011 [The bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion to introduce private senators' bills

- Fair Work Amendment (Arbitration) Bill 2012—notice given by Senator Madigan
- Treaties (Parliamentary Approval) Bill 2012—notice given by Senator Madigan

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[Committee reports](#)

New inquiries

- Australia and the countries of the Indian Ocean rim—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 1 November 2012 [[terms of reference](#)]
- *Lobbying Code of Conduct* and the Lobbyist Register—Finance and Public Administration References Committee—to report by 1 March 2012 [[terms of reference](#)]
- Marriage visa classes—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 3 May 2012 [[terms of reference](#)]
- Possible relationship between the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) and Mr Graeme Wood—Privileges Committee [[terms of reference](#)]

Proposed establishment of a committee

The Senate did not agree to establish a select committee on the Australia Network service [[terms of reference](#)].

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee to hold a public hearing into the Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011 and the Qantas Sale Amendment (Still Call Australia Home) Bill 2011 during the sitting of the Senate on 24 November 2011 from 4.30 pm.

Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Electoral Matters Joint Committee into the funding of political parties and election campaigns to 12 December 2011.

Notices of motion

To hold a meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Cyber Safety Joint Select Committee—8 February 2012 from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm—public meeting

To refer a matter to a committee

- Review of the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 30 June 2012–notice given by Senator Di Natale

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing and the Minister representing the Minister for Human Services to table a report from Medicare Australia on matters relating to the Medicare Chronic Disease Dental Scheme–no later than 5.00 pm on 7 February 2012.

Documents tabled

- [1 petition](#)

Other business

[Questions without notice–first question](#)

[Adjournment debate–first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- [Mr Patrick Cummins](#)–moved by Senator Payne
- [Parliamentary zone](#)–to approve a proposal relating to landscape works and the installation of a concrete bench at the High Court of Australia–moved by the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence (Senator Feeney)
- [Transgender Day of Remembrance](#)–moved by Senators Hanson-Young and Pratt
- [United Nations Climate Change Conference](#) in Durban, South Africa–moved by Senator Milne

Motions negated

- [Iranian exiles and asylum seekers in Iraq](#)–moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- [Discrimination against LGBTI people](#)–moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- [Tasmanian timber communities](#)–moved by Senator Madigan
- [West Papua](#)–two motions moved by Senators Di Natale and Madigan respectively

Censure motion

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz) to censure the Government [[first speaker](#)].

Statement by President

The President made a [statement](#) relating to the resignation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives (Mr Jenkins).

Notices of motion

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

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