



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 17 November 2010

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.18 pm

Legislation

For [bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 November 2010]
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (FEE-HELP Loan Fee) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 November 2010]
- ❑ International Financial Institutions Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 November 2010]
- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 November 2010]
- ❑ Territories Law Reform Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 November 2010]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2010—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]-1 Opposition second reading [amendment](#) to be determined

The following bill was passed

- ❑ Australian National Preventive Health Agency Bill 2010-1 Senator Xenophon amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendment](#) made by the Senate]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Correspondence relating to the Social Security Amendment (Income Support for Regional Students) Bill 2010

Notices of motion

To introduce private senators' bills

- ❑ Banking Amendment (Controls on Variable Interest Rate Changes) Bill 2010—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- ❑ Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Amendment (Fair Indexation) Bill 2010—notice given by Senator Ronaldson

To give precedence to a private senator's bill

- ❑ Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2010—notice given by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig)

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

- ❑ International Financial Institutions Legislation Amendment Bill 2010—notice given by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy)

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ Australian Civilian Corps Bill 2010—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2010—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ National Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2010—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Radiocommunications Amendment Bill 2010—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)

Other reports

- ❑ Legislation committees—Examination of annual reports tabled by 30 April 2010
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 9](#) of 2010 and [9th report](#) of 2010 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

New inquiries

- ❑ [Australia's koala population](#)—Environment and Communications References Committee—with effect from the first day of sitting of 2011, to report by 1 June 2011
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Income Support for Regional Students) Bill 2010—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—to report by the second sitting day in February 2011

Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee to hold a public hearing while the Senate is sitting on 18 November 2010 from 3.45 pm for the committee's inquiry into the Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2010 and a similar bill.

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Bill 2010 and a related bill—to report by 7 December 2010
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—
 - Donor conception practices in Australia—to report by the Wednesday of the first sitting week in February 2011
 - Review of government compensation schemes—to report by 6 December 2010
- Reform of the Australian Federation Select Committee—to report by the last sitting day in May 2011
- Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Airports Amendment Bill 2010—to report by 18 November 2010
- Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee–Pilot safety including consideration of the Transport Safety Investigation Amendment (Incident Reports) Bill 2010—to report by the second sitting day in March 2011

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to authorise the Economics References Committee to hold private briefings while the Senate is sitting on 22 and 25 November 2010.

Messages from the House of Representatives

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported advising of resolutions of the House varying the appointment of the [Cyber Safety](#) Joint Select Committee and the [Parliamentary Library](#) Joint Committee. The Senate concurred with the resolutions.

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

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- [Advice](#) relating to the GST Agreement—no later than 5.00 pm on 18 November 2010

- Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) to table [documents](#) relating to the National Broadband Network—no later than 17 November 2010

[Notices of motion](#) given

The following notices of motion were given requiring Ministers to table documents:

- Documents relating to the Building the Education Revolution program—by 23 November 2010—moved by Senator Mason
- Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) to table documents relating to the National Broadband Network—by 22 November 2010—notice given by Senator Fisher

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for the Department of Defence was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- [Government documents](#)

Other business

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

[Matters of public interest debate—first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- [Burma](#) and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi—moved by Senator Ludlam
- [Credit card surcharges](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- [Death of Dr Roberta ‘Bobbi’ Sykes](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

Motions negated

- [Mr Liu Xiaobo](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Non-biodegradable plastic bags](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Matter of public importance discussed

- The Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program—[proposed](#) by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

Statement by President

The President made a [statement](#) relating to question time. A motion moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz) to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to [[first speaker](#)].

Statements by leave

Statements were made relating to the engagement of His Royal Highness Prince William of Wales KG to Miss Catherine Middleton [[first speaker](#)].

Notices of motion

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

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