



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 17 August 2011

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.15 pm

Senators

Senators [Gallacher](#) and [Wright](#) gave their first speeches.

Legislation

[Bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following private senator's bill was introduced

- ❑ Air Navigation and Civil Aviation Amendment (Aircraft Crew) Bill 2011 [private senator's bill]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Bill 2011—committee of the whole continued—[1 Government amendment](#) to be determined [further amendments remain to be considered]

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

Committees

[Scheduled public committee hearings](#)
[Committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Examination of annual reports tabled by 30 April 2011 [[report](#)]
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Administration of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)] [[report](#)]
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 8](#) of 2011 and [8th report](#) of 2011 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—118th report—Treaties tabled on 23 March and 11 May 2011 [[report](#)] [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Senators' Interests Standing Committee—Register of senators' interests incorporating statements of registrable interests of senators lodged by 5 August 2011 and notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 1 July and 5 August 2011

New inquiries

- ❑ Environment and Communications References Committee—Matters relating to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation—to report by 12 October 2011 [[terms of reference](#)]
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Matters relating to the transfer of asylum seekers—to report by 22 September 2011 [[terms of reference](#)]
- ❑ Privileges Committee—Possible interference with a witness [[terms of reference](#)]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee—18 August 2011 from 4.00 pm—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—18 August 2011 from 11.30 am—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Gambling Reform Joint Select Committee—23 August 2011 from 4.00 pm—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Migration Joint Committee—24 August 2011 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm—public meeting
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—24 August 2011 from 11.15 am to 1.00 pm—private briefing
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—22 August 2011 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm—public meeting

Reporting date extended

The Senate extended the reporting date for the inquiry of the Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee into the live export trade to 21 September 2011.

Notices of motion

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ Matters relating to university funding—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—to report by 7 May 2013—notice given by Senator Mason

To change a reporting deadline

- ❑ Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee—Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2] and a related bill—to report by 21 September 2011

To extend reporting deadlines

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2011—to report by 22 August 2011

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

Notice of motion to disallow given

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a notice of motion to disallow Instrument no. CASA EX48/11, made under subregulation 308(1) of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 [[homepage](#)].

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig) to table documents relating to a claimed high conservation value area in the Tasmanian Forest Intergovernmental Agreement, no later than 5.00 pm on 18 August 2011.

Document tabled

A letter from the Chairman of the Productivity Commission was tabled in response to orders of the Senate relating to superannuation funds [The orders were agreed to on [16 November 2010](#) and [10 February 2011](#)] [[a motion](#) was moved to take note of the document].

Documents tabled

- [Business of the Senate](#)—1 January to 30 June 2011 [a digest of business considered by the Senate in 2011]
- Petition pursuant to standing order 207 disputing the election of a senator together with advice from the Clerk of the Senate
- [Questions on notice summary](#)—28 September 2010 to 30 June 2011
- Responses to Senate resolutions about—
 - Boycotts of Israel—from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Rudd) [resolution agreed to on [5 July 2011](#)] [[a motion](#) to take note of the document was agreed to]
 - Community hospitals in South Australia—from the Acting Minister for Health and Ageing (Mr Butler) [resolution agreed to on [12 May 2011](#)] [[a motion](#) to take note of the document was agreed to]
 - Death of Dr Itamar Franco—from the Ambassador of Brazil (His Excellency Rubem Corrêa Barbosa) [resolution agreed to on [7 July 2011](#)]
 - Egypt—from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Rudd) [resolution agreed to on [22 June 2011](#)]
 - National Capital Authority—from the Chairman of the National Capital Authority (Professor Aitkin, AO) [resolution agreed to on [16 June 2011](#)]

- Problem gambling—from the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (Ms Macklin) [resolution agreed to on [23 March 2011](#)]
 - South Sudan and Sudan—from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Rudd) [resolution agreed to on [7 July 2011](#)]
 - Sri Lanka—from the President of the United Nations Human Rights Council (Ms Lasserre) [resolution agreed to on [7 July 2011](#)]
 - World Refugee Day—from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Rudd) [resolution agreed to on [20 June 2011](#)]
- [2 petitions](#)

Ministerial statements tabled

- The global economy
- Import conditions for apples from New Zealand [a motion to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

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

- [Mr Cadel Evans](#) and the health benefits of cycling—moved by Senators Williams, Bernardi and Arbib
- [Burdekin Falls Dam](#)—moved by Senator Macdonald

Motion negatived

- [Compensation for Gunns Ltd](#)—moved by Senator Colbeck

Questions on notice—Failure to provide answers

[Senator Ludlam](#) asked the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Senator Conroy) why answers had not been provided to questions on notice nos 338 and 364 asked on 6 and 17 December 2010. [Senator Conroy](#) provided an explanation. A [motion](#) moved by Senator Ludlam to take note of the explanation was debated and agreed to [[first speaker](#)].

Notices of motion

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

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