



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 2 December 2003

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.12pm

Privilege

The Senate agreed to refer to the Committee of Privileges [a matter of privilege](#) concerning possible improper interference with a witness before the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Legislation

[For full text of bills and other associated documents click here](#)

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002 [No.2]

The following bills were considered

- ❑ Age Discrimination Bill 2003—second reading debate continued
- ❑ Age Discrimination (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2003—second reading debate continued
- ❑ Family Law Amendment Bill 2003—second reading agreed to [details of the bill will be considered in committee of the whole on a future sitting day]

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

- ❑ Legislative Instruments (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003 [The bill will now be assented to]

With amendments

[The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate to these bills]

- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2003—4 Democrat [amendments](#) agreed to
- ❑ Legislative Instruments Bill 2003—20 Government and 1 Democrat [amendments](#) agreed to, 1 clause omitted
- ❑ Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2003—1 Opposition/Democrat [amendment](#) agreed to

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

- [Maritime Transport Security](#) Bill 2003
- [Non-Proliferation Legislation](#) Amendment Bill 2003–

The messages reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the amendments made to these bills by the Senate [The bills will now be assented to]

The following messages from the House of Representatives were considered

- [Spam Bill 2003](#)
- [Spam \(Consequential Amendments\)](#) Bill 2003–

The messages reported that the House of Representatives had not agreed to the amendments made to these bills by the Senate. The Senate did not insist on the amendments disagreed to by the House [The bills will now be assented to]

Notice of motion given

To exempt a bill from certain provisions of standing order 111 [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ASIO Legislation Amendment Bill 2003

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to several bills was reported in the Senate

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

Delegated legislation

For a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes) [click here](#)

See the **Documents** section for details of instruments tabled

Committees

For scheduled public committee hearings [click here](#)

For committee reports [click here](#)

Reports tabled

- Draft Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2003–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- Public Works Joint Committee–
 - Community recreation centre on Christmas Island–16th report of 2003
 - Development of off-base housing for Defence at Queanbeyan, NSW–14th report of 2003
 - Respecified Christmas Island immigration reception and processing centre–15th report of 2003

Document tabled

Register of senators' interests incorporating notifications of alterations of interests of senators lodged between 20 June and 27 November 2003–Senators' Interests Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following change to committee membership:

- Finance and Public Administration Legislation and References Committees—
Senator O'Brien appointed as a participating member

Reporting dates

The Senate agreed to the following extensions of time for a committee to report:

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—
 - Forestry plantations—to report by 11 March 2004
 - Rural water resource usage—to report by 24 June 2004

Motion defeated

The Senate did not agree to refer the ASIO Legislation Amendment Bill 2003 to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—
 - Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority—to report by 11 March 2004
 - Import risk assessment on New Zealand apples—to report by 11 March 2004
 - Administration of AusSAR in relation to the search for the *Margaret J*—to report by 11 March 2004

To schedule estimates hearings

- [Schedule of estimates hearings](#) by legislation committees and reporting dates for 2003-04 additional estimates and 2004-05 Budget estimates

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Australia-United States free trade agreement](#)—moved by Senator Ridgeway
- [Australia-United States free trade agreement](#)—environmental impact—moved by Senator Brown
- [Australian Davis Cup team](#)—Australian tennis—moved by Senator Kemp
- [Steve Waugh](#)—Australian cricket—moved by Senators Kemp and Lundy
- [Violence against women](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

Senator Hutchins asked the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing for [an explanation](#) for an answer not being provided to a question relating to blood products manufactured from hepatitis C positive plasma. The [Minister indicated](#) that an answer would be provided.

Notices of motion

For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere [click here](#)

Orders for the production of documents

Notices of motion given

- ❑ Senator Nettle gave [a notice of motion](#) to require the tabling of all correspondence and documents between certain parties about the PBS listing of, and education campaign for, the Thiazolidineione group of drugs (by 3pm on 4 December 2003)
- ❑ Senator Nettle gave [a notice of motion](#) to require the tabling of those parts of the audit report on the Sepon mine project in Laos referred to by the Minister for Finance and Administration in his statement to the Senate on 25 November 2003 which relate to the environmental and social impacts of the project (by 3pm on 4 December 2003)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Department of the Senate—Register of Senate senior executive officers' interests incorporating notifications of alterations of interests of senior executive officers lodged between 20 June and 27 November 2003
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [5 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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