



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 4 March 2004

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.43pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Extension of Sunset of Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title Bill 2004
- ❑ Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ International Transfer of Prisoners Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Duration of Detention) Bill 2004

The following bill was considered

- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Compliance with Court and Tribunal Orders) Bill 2003—second reading debate continued

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

- ❑ Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Amendment Bill 2004 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Australian Crime Commission Amendment Bill 2003 [2004] [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Extension of Sunset of Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title Bill 2004 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment (Rotterdam Convention) Bill 2004 [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Industry Research and Development Amendment Bill 2003 [The bill will now be assented to]

With amendments

- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Terrorist Organisations) Bill 2003—2 Government [amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

- ❑ Norfolk Island Amendment Bill 2003 [2004]–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Improved Remedies for Unprotected Action) Bill 2002–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the [amendment](#) made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Notice of motion given

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

- ❑ Australian Sports Drug Agency Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Paraquat Dichloride) Bill 2004
- ❑ Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ International Transfer of Prisoners Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Medical Indemnity Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Medical Indemnity (IBNR Indemnity) Contribution Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Duration of Detention) Bill 2004
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 1) Bill 2004

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](#)

Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion to disallow the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 5), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 251 and made under the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* was withdrawn

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

Committees

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

No reports were tabled

Finding of Privileges Committee endorsed

The Senate agreed to endorse the finding at paragraph 28 of the [116th report](#) of the Committee of Privileges

Document tabled

- ❑ Delegated legislation monitor–Regulations and disallowable instruments tabled in the Senate in 2003–Regulations and Ordinances Committee

Variation of resolution of appointment of a committee

The Senate agreed to vary the [resolution](#) of appointment of the Electoral Matters Joint Committee and to seek the concurrence of the House of Representatives

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Economics Legislation Committee—Senator Ridgeway to replace Senator Murray for the committee's inquiry into the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment Bill 2004

New inquiry

The Senate agreed to refer to the Electoral Matters Joint Committee [certain matters](#) relating to electoral funding and disclosure—to report by the last sitting day in June 2004

Motion to refer a matter to a committee defeated

The Senate **defeated** a [motion](#) moved by Senator Nettle to refer the matter of funding and disclosure of political parties, candidates and elections to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee

Meetings

The Senate agreed that the following public meeting may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—10 March 2004 from 11.30am to 2pm—Competition in broadband services

Reporting dates

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

- Administration of AusSAR in relation to the search for the *Margaret J*—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 27 May 2004
- Administration of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 5 August 2004

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- Leasing of Commonwealth accommodation in Centenary House—[call for review](#) of Royal Commission findings—moved by Senator Murray
- [Western Sahara](#)—moved by Senators Allison and Nettle

Motion debated

The Senate debated a motion moved by Senator George Campbell about [retirement income measures](#)

Motion defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Nettle on the socio-economic status system of funding education was defeated

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

Statements of compliance for [two agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Australian parliamentary delegation to Japan and the Republic of Korea, 8 to 19 December 2003–Report
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

No petitions were received

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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