



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 7 December 2004

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.47pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Post-2005 Arrangements) Bill 2004
- ❑ National Water Commission Bill 2004
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Superannuation Reporting) Bill 2004
- ❑ Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment (Post-2005 Scheme) Bill 2004

The following bill was considered

- ❑ National Water Commission Bill 2004—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

- ❑ Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill 2004 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Post-2005 Arrangements) Bill 2004 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2004 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business Measures) Bill 2004 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment (Post-2005 Scheme) Bill 2004 [This bill will now be assented to]

With amendments

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

- ❑ Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill 2004—3 Opposition [amendments](#) agreed to
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Superannuation Reporting) Bill 2004—1 Opposition and 1 Democrat [amendments](#) agreed to

The following message from the House of Representatives was considered

- ❑ Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Bill 2004—The message reported that the House of Representatives had disagreed to the [amendments made by the Senate](#). The Senate agreed not to insist on its amendments. [The bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion given

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

- ❑ Customs Amendment Bill 2004

To introduce bills

Notices of motion were given by the Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) to introduce the following bills:

- ❑ Australian Sports Commission Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Bill 2004
- ❑ Customs Amendment 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 given

Senator Sherry gave notice of a motion to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- ❑ New Divisions 9.2A and 9.2B in item [10] of Schedule 1 to the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2004 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2004 No. 84 and made under the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993*—to be moved on 9 December 2004

See the **Documents** section for details of instruments [Clerk's documents] tabled

Committees

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

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Reports tabled

- ❑ Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill 2004—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- ❑ National Water Commission Bill 2004—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Superannuation Reporting) Bill 2004—Economics Legislation Committee

Document tabled

- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—Corrigenda to the 61st report: The Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership

New inquiries

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiries:

- [Proposed agreement](#) between Australia and the US relating to the non-surrender of US nationals to the International Criminal Court–Treaties Joint Committee–to report by 30 June 2005
- Unfair dismissal and [related matters](#)–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–to report by 14 June 2005

Meeting

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

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–9 December 2004 from 10.30am–to take evidence on a matter relating to the Department of Health and Ageing

Reporting date

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

- Disability Discrimination Amendment (Education Standards) Bill 2004–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–to report by 8 December 2004

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Disability Discrimination Amendment (Education Standards) Bill 2004–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–to report by 8 February 2005 [[The motion](#) will also seek to extend the terms of reference of the inquiry]

To refer matters to committees

- Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004 and the Australian Communications and Media Authority (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004 [and related matters](#)–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–to report by 10 March 2005
- Compensation arrangements for wheat growers after the writing-off of the Iraqi wheat debt and [related matters](#)–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 11 May 2005

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Hanukkah](#)–moved by Senator Ludwig
- [Multiculturalism](#)–Christmas celebrations–moved by Senator Ludwig

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Statement by Minister

The Minister for Justice and Customs made [a statement](#) relating to the order of the Senate [agreed to on [2 December 2004](#)] requiring the tabling of the final letters and any attachments and annexures exchanged between the governments of Australia and the United States (US) of America to finalise the free trade agreement between Australia and the US (no later than 4pm on 7 December 2004). The Minister indicated the documents have been placed on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade web site. [Senator Bartlett](#) sought clarification of this process. [Publication of the documents on the web does not meet the requirement that the documents be tabled in the Senate]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [3 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Adjournment debate [link to [first speaker](#)]

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