Senate
Daily Summary
Thursday 18 November 2004

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.59pm

Legislation
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No bills were introduced in the Senate

The following bill were passed without amendments
[These bills will now be assented to]
- Customs Amendment (Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2004
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) 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

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

Committees
For scheduled public committee hearings click here
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Estimates
Additional information tabled
- Budget estimates 2004-05–Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Answers to estimates questions
- Answers to questions on notice to be provided by 31 January 2005

No reports were tabled

Document tabled
- Consolidated register of Senate committee reports 1970 to 2004
Membership
Appointment of members to Senate committees
The Senate agreed that senators be appointed members to various committees

Appointment of members to joint standing committees
The Senate agreed to House of Representatives resolutions concerning the appointment of certain joint committees [The Senate will consider the resolution relating to the proposed Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee on a future sitting day]

Changes in membership
The Senate agreed to changes to the membership of various committees

New inquiries
The Senate agreed to the following new inquiries:
- The level of expenditure on, and the nature and extent of, Commonwealth government advertising since 1996 and related matters–Finance and Public Administration References Committee–to report by 22 June 2005 [The committee to have the power to consider and use the records of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee appointed in the previous Parliament]
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Agreement Validation) Bill 2004–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee–to report by 29 November 2004

Select committee re-appointed
- Scrafton Evidence Select Committee [appointed by resolution of the Senate on 30 August 2004]–to report by 2 December 2004

Statement
Senator Harris made a statement informing the Senate of his inadvertent disclosure of unpublished evidence received by the Select Committee on the Lindeberg Grievance, and unreservedly apologised to the Senate

Notice of motion given to refer a matter to a committee
- The overall effectiveness and appropriateness of the Privacy Act 1988 as a means of protecting the privacy of Australians and related matters–Legal and Constitutional References Committee–to report by 30 June 2005

Motions agreed to
The Senate agreed to motions about:
- ANZAC–Use of word by Australian Rugby League–moved by Senator Harris
- Darfur militia attacks–moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- Yasser Arafat–Death–moved by Senator Nettle
Motion debated

The Senate debated a motion about telecommunications services standards in rural and regional Australia—moved by Senator Conroy. [The debate may continue on a future sitting day]

Ministerial statement

The Minister for Defence tabled a ministerial statement and report relating to allegations of drug use in cycling. The Senate debated a motion (moved by Senator Lundy) to take note of the statement and report. The motion was agreed to.

Notices of motion

For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere click here

Documents

The following documents were tabled:
- Clerk’s documents [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Petitioning document—tabled by Senator Nettle

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Address-in-reply debate continued (with an amendment moved by the Australian Democrats)
- 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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