



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 1 December 2005

The Senate met from 9.30am until 11.38pm

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Other Measures) Bill 2005
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Amendment Bill 2005
- Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work) Bill 2005

### The following bill was considered

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced—28 Government [amendments agreed to](#) [The Senate agreed that the bill was “urgent”. The Senate also agreed to allot times when stages for the consideration of the bill would be completed. The Senate will consider the bill on Friday 2 December 2005, with the final stage allotted by 6.00pm.]

### No bills were passed

### The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

- Migration and Ombudsman Legislation Amendment Bill 2005—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

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

## Delegated legislation

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

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

## Committees

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

### Report tabled

- Norfolk Island financial sustainability: The challenge—Sink or swim—National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee

### Government responses to committee reports tabled

- Australian Accounting Standards tabled in compliance with the *Corporations Act 2001* on 30 August and 16 November 2004—Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee
- Expanding Australia's trade and investment relations with the Gulf States—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Planning for retirement—Superannuation Select Committee
- Review of skilled labour migration programs 2004—Migration Joint Committee

### Membership

The Senate agreed that Senator Hurley be appointed as a participating member of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation and References Committees.

## Notices of motion

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

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General—Audit report no. 19 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Managing for quarantine effectiveness—Follow-up: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Biosecurity Australia
- [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 [[first question](#)]
- Senator Bob Brown informed the Senate of his appointment as Leader of the Australian Greens
- Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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