



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 7 November 2005

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.19pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005
- Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Related Amendments) Bill 2005
- Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill 2005
- Energy Efficiency Opportunities Bill 2005
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 4) Bill 2005
- Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Video Link Evidence and Other Measures) Bill 2005
- National Health Amendment (Budget Measures—Pharmaceutical Benefits Safety Net) Bill 2005
- Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

- Migration Litigation Reform Bill 2005 [The bill will now be assented to]

With amendments

- Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Video Link Evidence and Other Measures) Bill 2005—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

Agreeing to the following bills without amendments [The bills will now be assented to]

- Acts Interpretation Amendment (Legislative Instruments) Bill 2005
- Consular Privileges and Immunities Amendment Bill 2005

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

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

Delegated legislation

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

Notice of intention given to withdraw notices

A notice of intention was given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw notices to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- ❑ Electoral and Referendum Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 125 and made under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984*
- ❑ Health Insurance (Allied Health and Dental Services) Determination 2005, made under subsection 3C(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*

Notices of motion withdrawn

Notices of motion to disallow the following instruments were withdrawn:

- ❑ Social Security (Means Test Treatment of Private Trusts—Excluded Trusts) Declaration 2005 [DEST], dated 17 May 2005, made under subsection 1207P(4) of the *Social Security Act 1991*
- ❑ Social Security (Means Test Treatment of Private Trusts—Excluded Trusts) Declaration 2005 [DEWR], dated 29 April 2005, made under subsection 1207P(4) of the *Social Security Act 1991*
- ❑ Social Security (Means Test Treatment of Private Trusts—Excluded Trusts) Declaration 2005 [FACS], dated 26 April 2005, made under subsection 1207P(4) of the *Social Security Act 1991*

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Australia's free trade agreements with Singapore, Thailand and the United States: Progress to date and lessons for the future—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- ❑ [Bills relating](#) to the establishment of Carnegie Mellon University 2005—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee
- ❑ Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2005—Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Video Link Evidence and Other Measures) Bill 2005—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- ❑ National Health Amendment (Budget Measures—Pharmaceutical Benefits Safety Net) Bill 2005—Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ Procedure Committee—[2nd report](#) of 2005
- ❑ Public Accounts Joint Committee—404th report—Review of the Auditor-General's reports 2003-04: Third and fourth quarters; and first and second quarters of 2004-05
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee—18th report of 2005—Proposed RAAF Base Amberley redevelopment stage 2, Queensland

- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee–19th report of 2005–Proposed relocation of RAAF College: RAAF Base East Sale, Victoria and RAAF Base Wagga, New South Wales
- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005–Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee–68th report–Treaties tabled on 7 December 2004 and 9 August 2005
- ❑ Workplace agreements–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- ❑ Current health preparation arrangements for the deployment of Australian Defence Forces overseas–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
- ❑ Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?: Inquiry into governance on Norfolk Island–National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed that Senator Murray be discharged from and Senator Siewert be appointed to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Reporting date extended

- ❑ Energy Efficiency Opportunities Bill 2005–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 8 November 2005

Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Bob Brown to refer the matter of Australia's response to the earthquake catastrophe in Pakistan, Afghanistan and India to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Petrol sniffing–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 30 March 2006
- ❑ Workplace exposure to toxic dust–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 2 March 2006

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee–10 November 2005 from 4pm–workplace exposure to toxic dust
- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–9 November 2005 from 7pm–statutory oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional References Committee–8 November 2005 from 7.30pm–administration of the Migration Act

To refer bills to a committee

- ❑ Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Related Amendments) Bill 2005–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—to report by 6 December 2005

To amend terms of reference and reporting date

- ❑ [Workplace Relations](#) Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) moved by the Minister for Defence, the Leaders of the Opposition, the Nationals, and the Australian Democrats in the Senate, the Leader of the Family First Party and Senator Bob Brown about the death of Mr William (Evan) Allan

Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Siewert about shark fishing

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

Statements of compliance for [various agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

A statement of compliance for the Health and Ageing portfolio was 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:

- ❑ Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 13 and 14 for 2005-06 presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ China and Mongolia—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation, 7 to 19 April 2005
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Commonwealth Parliamentary Association—51st Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Nadi, Fiji Islands, 1 to 10 September 2005—Report

- Department of Parliamentary Services—Report 2004-05
- [Government documents](#) presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- Letters from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory transmitting two resolutions of the Assembly [see Journals entries [26](#) and [27](#)]
- Response to a Senate resolution about [Indigenous Wayuu people](#)—from the Vice President, Sustainable Development and Community Relations, BHP Billiton Limited [resolution agreed to [22 June 2005](#)]
- [6 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- The Senate was informed of the death of Dr William Robert Lawrence, a member of the House of Representatives for the division of Wimmera from 1949 to 1958
- The President made [a statement](#) about certain behaviour in the Senate on 12 October 2005
- Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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