



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 8 March 2005

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 9.08pm

Legislation

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

No bills were introduced in the Senate

The following bill was considered

- National Health Amendment (Prostheses) Bill 2005—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced—1 Democrat [amendment](#) to be determined

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

- Navigation Amendment Bill 2004 [This bill will now be assented to]

With amendment

- Postal Industry Ombudsman Bill 2004 [2005]—1 Opposition [amendment](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill as amended]

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](#)

Notices of motion given

Notices of motion were given to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- Guidelines in relation to the exercise of Compliance Powers in the Building and Construction Industry, made under section 88AGA of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*—15 sitting days after 8 March 2005—by Senators Marshall and Nettle
- Guidelines in relation to the exercise of Compliance Powers in the Building and Construction Industry, made under section 88AGA of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*—15 sitting days after 8 March 2005—by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances

Notice of intention given to withdraw notices

A notice of intention was given by Senator Nettle to withdraw notices to disallow [Approvals and Notices of Approval](#) in relation to 27 educational institutions, made under section 16-50(1) of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*

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

Committees

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

For committee reports [click here](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- ❑ After ATSIC—Life in the mainstream?—Administration of Indigenous Affairs Select Committee
- ❑ Possible unauthorised disclosure of private deliberations or draft report of the Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America—120th report—Committee of Privileges
- ❑ Senators' Interests Committee—Report 1 of 2005: Annual report 2004
- ❑ They still call Australia home: Inquiry into Australian expatriates—Legal and Constitutional Reference Committee

Document tabled

- ❑ National Health Amendment (Prostheses) Bill 2004—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Additional information

Appointment of a new select committee

The Senate agreed to establish a [Select Committee on Mental Health](#) to inquire into the provision of mental health services in Australia and related matters—to report by 6 October 2005

New inquiry

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiry:

- ❑ [Iraqi detainees and related matters](#)—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 21 June 2005

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee—Senator Carr to replace Senator Collins for matters relating to education
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Senators Evans and Faulkner to replace Senators Hutchins and Mackay for the inquiry into duties of Australian personnel in Iraq

Message from the House of Representatives reported

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr Byrne would replace Mr Beazley on the ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee

Public meetings

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

- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–15 March 2005 from 5pm–statutory oversight of the operations of ASIC
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–9 March 2005 from 10.30am to 11.30am–implementation of a recommendation in its report concerning the Australian meat quota consultative structure

Notice of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee–10 March 2005 from 4pm to 8pm–Regional Partnerships program

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Community Development Employment Projects](#)/Indigenous Employment Centres Award winners 2005–moved by Senator Ridgeway
- ❑ [International Women’s Day](#)–moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [International Women’s Day](#) and Whitlam Government policies–moved by Senator Faulkner
- ❑ [South Sister, Tasmania](#)–Logging–moved by Senator Brown

Motion debated

The Senate debated [a motion](#) moved by [Senator Lundy](#) about women in the workforce

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Ridgeway about the Inner Sydney ‘Blackout Violence’ campaign

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

[The Senate ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing to table instructions given by and responses to the Minister for Health and Ageing by the Department of Health and Ageing regarding the abortion issue within the past 12 months (no later than the conclusion of question time on 17 March 2005)–moved by Senator Stott Despoja

Notices of motion given

- Senator Conroy gave [a notice of motion](#) to require the tabling of a report from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) concerning the competition notice issued to Telstra by the ACCC on 19 March 2004 and the decision of the ACCC to resolve the matter without litigation (no later than 3.30pm on 17 March 2005)
- Senator Conroy gave [a notice of motion](#) to require the tabling of a report from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) giving details about the agreement made with Telstra to deal with certain matters following the issue of the competition notice to Telstra by the ACCC on 19 March 2004 (no later than 3.30pm on 10 May 2005)

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

A statement of compliance for the Human Services portfolio was 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 Defence 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:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#) [and considered]
- [A petition](#) was received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- The President informed the Senate of the death, on 3 March 2005, of James Corbett, a member of the House of Representatives for the division of Maranoa from 1966 to 1980
- Adjournment debate [link to [first speaker](#)]

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