



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 9 February 2005

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.43pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Authorised Non-operating Holding Companies Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Adjustment of Certain FTB Child Rates) Bill 2004
- ❑ Financial Institutions Supervisory Levies Collection Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Life Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Retirement Savings Account Providers Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2004
- ❑ Superannuation Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2004

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

- ❑ Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2004 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Authorised Non-operating Holding Companies Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2004 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Disability Discrimination Amendment (Education Standards) Bill 2004 [2005] [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Financial Institutions Supervisory Levies Collection Amendment Bill 2004 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2004 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Life Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2004 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Retirement Savings Account Providers Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2004 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Superannuation Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Bill 2004 [This bill will now be assented to]

With amendments

- Bankruptcy and Family Law Legislation Amendment Bill 2004 [2005]–
1 Opposition and 2 Government [amendments agreed to](#) [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill as amended]

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

- Tax Laws Amendment (Long-term Non-reviewable Contracts) Bill 2004–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the [amendments made by the Senate](#) [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Adjustment of Certain FTB Child Rates) Bill 2004
- Private Health Insurance Incentives 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](#)

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

Committees

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

Estimates

Document tabled

- Additional estimates 2002-03 and Budget estimates 2003-04–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Letter from the Department of Transport and Regional Services about the First Home Owners Scheme

Reports tabled

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 1](#) of 2005 and [1st report](#) of 2005 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 1](#) of 2005 [report adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Document tabled

- Work of Committees–Year statistics: 1 January to 31 December 2004; and half-year statistics: 1 July to 31 December 2004

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Senator Brandis to replace Senator Heffernan for the committee’s inquiry into the Regional Partnerships program on 10 February 2005, in place of Senator Johnston
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Senator Tchen to replace Senator Ferris for the consideration of the 2004-05 additional estimates on 18 February 2005

Message from the House of Representatives reported

A message from the House of Representatives reported that Mr Hatton would replace Mr Beazley on the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

*See the **Reports tabled** section (Selection of Bills Committee Report) for details of bills referred to committees*

Public meetings

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

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–10 February 2005 from 9.30am to 1.30pm–to take evidence relating to the Australian Communications and Media Authority Bill 2004 and nine related bills
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee–10 February 2005 from 3.30pm to 8.30pm–to take evidence relating to the Regional Partnerships program

Reporting date

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

- Budgetary and environmental implications of the Government’s Energy White Paper–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–to report by 18 April 2005

Motion to refer a matter to a committee defeated

The Senate defeated [a motion](#) by Senator Nettle to refer the matter of the private health insurance rebate and related matters to the Community Affairs References Committee

Notices of motion given

To refer matters to committees

- [Cancer treatment](#)–delivery of services and options for treatment, and related matters–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 23 June 2005
- [Impact of climate change](#) on agriculture, and related matters–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by the last sitting day in March 2006
- [Provision of mental health services](#) in Australia, and related matters–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 23 June 2005

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Auschwitz](#)–60th anniversary of liberation–moved by Senator Ludwig
- ❑ [Child care places](#)–moved by Senator Allison
- ❑ [Disaster Victim Identification Team](#)–Thailand–moved by Senator Ludwig
- ❑ [Federation of Ethnic Communities](#) Council’s Transformations Conference–moved by Senator Ludwig
- ❑ [Kyoto protocol](#)–moved by Senator Brown
- ❑ [Ms Cornelia Rau](#)–detention–moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [New Zealand Waitangi Day](#)–moved by Senator Ludwig
- ❑ [Shrove Tuesday](#)–moved by Senator Ludwig
- ❑ [Sri Lanka Independence Commemoration Day](#)–moved by Senator Ludwig
- ❑ [Vietnamese New Year of the Rooster](#)–moved by Senator Ludwig

Motion debated

The Senate [debated a motion](#) moved by Senator Sherry about Australia’s current account deficit

Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Brown about the death of former Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang

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]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [and considered]

No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Senator George Campbell made a statement about the Opposition shadow ministry
- ❑ Address-in-reply debate continued [with [an amendment](#) moved by the Australian Democrats]
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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