



# Senate Daily Summary

**Wednesday 9 February 2005**

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.43pm

## Legislation

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### **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**

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**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](#)—60<sup>th</sup> 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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