



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 11 August 2005

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.59pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 4) Bill 2005
- ❑ Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment (Protection of Submarine Cables and Other Measures) Bill 2005

The following bills were considered

- ❑ Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 and Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005—second reading debate continued [together with debate on a [second reading amendment](#) moved by the Australian Greens expressing a view about the bill's policy]

The following bill was restored to the *Notice Paper*

- ❑ Truth in Food Labelling Bill 2003 [Private senator's bill. Consideration of the bill may be resumed at the stage reached in the last session of the Parliament.]

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

- ❑ Arts Legislation Amendment (Maritime Museum and Film, Television and Radio School) Bill 2005 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- ❑ Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment (Protection of Submarine Cables and Other Measures) Bill 2005 [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 \(and outcomes\)](#)

Motion to disallow regulations debated

The Senate resumed debate on a motion by Senator Bartlett to disallow the Migration Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 6) as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 171 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*. The debate will continue on a future sitting day. [The regulations will be deemed to be disallowed if the notice is not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 9 August 2005—ie. by 5 October 2005]

Notice of intention given to withdraw a notice

A notice of intention was given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw a notice to disallow the HIH Royal Commission (Transfer of Records) Regulations 2005, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 11 and made under the *HIH Royal Commission (Transfer of Records) Act 2003*

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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Report tabled

- Trafficking of women for sexual servitude—Supplementary report—Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- Annual reports referred to legislation committees—Report No. 1 of 2005—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
- Norfolk Island: Review of the annual reports of the Department of Transport and Regional Services and the Department of the Environment and Heritage—National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee

New inquiry

- Proposals relating to the unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings as contained in the 122nd report of the Committee of Privileges, its appendices and associated documents [Paragraph 3.60 of the 122nd report of the Committee of Privileges recommended the reference to the Procedure Committee. The Senate agreed to adopt the recommendation.]—Procedure Committee—no reporting date specified

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Discovery and NASA](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Hiroshima and Nagasaki](#)—60th anniversary—moved by Senator Allison
- ❑ [Victory in the Pacific Day](#)—60th anniversary—moved by the Minister for Defence

Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ [Burma—human rights](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Global warming](#)—moved by Senator Brown
- ❑ [Iraq](#)—withdrawal of Australian troops—moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [Uranium mining](#)—moved by Senator Milne

Motions debated

The Senate debated motions about:

- ❑ [Skills shortage](#)—moved by Senator George Campbell [link to [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ [Telstra](#)—full sale—moved by Senator Conroy [link to [first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General—Audit report no. 5 of 2005-06—Performance audit—A financial management framework to support managers in the Department of Health and Ageing
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [3 petitions](#) were received

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice were answered
- ❑ The President made [a statement](#) about unparliamentary conduct and made a ruling about the conduct. The Senate agreed to take note of the statement. Senator Allison [moved a motion](#) that the President's ruling be dissented from. The Senate will debate the motion on the next sitting day.
- ❑ Senators [Adams](#) (Lib, WA), [Polley](#) (ALP, Tas.) and [Siewert](#) (AG, WA) made their first speeches [Senators Joyce, Sterle and Trood will make their first speeches on 16 August 2005]
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate [link to [first speaker](#)]

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