



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 11 October 2005

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.45pm

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005

The following bill was passed

With amendments

- Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005–4
Government amendments agreed to, 1 Schedule and 16 items negatived
[The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]

Notices of motion given to introduce bills

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Bill 2005–Notice of motion given by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- Defence Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005–Notice of motion given by the Minister for Defence

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 motion given

Notices were given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to disallow the following delegated legislation [The determination and variation will be deemed to be disallowed if the notice is not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 11 October 2005–ie by the first sitting day of 2006]:

- Health Insurance (Obstetric Item 15999) Determination HS/02/2005, made under subsection 3C(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*
- Variation to Licence Area Plan for Scottsdale Radio–No. 1 of 2005, made under subsection 26(2) of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*

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:

- ❑ Crimes Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 81 and made under the *Crimes Act 1914*
- ❑ Income Tax Assessment Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 2), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 75 and made under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*
- ❑ 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*
- ❑ Student Assistance Amendment Regulations 2005 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 123 and made under the *Student Assistance Act 1973*

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

Committees

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–Additional estimates 2004-05

Report tabled

- ❑ Review of the Defence Annual Report 2003-04–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

Documents tabled

- ❑ Australia's defence relations with the United States–Report of the delegation to the United States, 28 June to 13 July 2005–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- ❑ Australia's human rights dialogue process–Qualifying comments by Senator Brian Harradine–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

Membership

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

Public meeting

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

- Australia Crime Commission Joint Committee–13 October 2005 from 9.30am to 11.30am–review of the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002*

Reporting dates extended

- Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–to report by the first sitting day in 2006
- Government advertising–Finance and Public Administration References Committee–to report by 1 December 2005

Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Brown to refer the logging of old-growth forests in Tasmania and relevant matters to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Industrial agreements–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–to report by 30 November 2005

To refer a matter to a committee

- Impact of the package of industrial relations changes and [related matters](#)–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–to report by the first sitting day of 2006

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [David Hicks](#)–moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- [Deep sea biodiversity protection](#)–moved by Senator Siewert
- [Kurnell Peninsula](#)–proposed desalination plant–moved by Senator Nettle
- [Living Murray initiative](#)–moved by Senator Siewert
- [Mental health](#)–moved by Senators George Campbell and Stephens

Motions defeated

The Senate did not agree to a motion moved by Senator Bob Brown about [tax deductibility](#) for non-government organisations

Questions on notice–failure to provide answers

Senator Bishop asked the Minister for Defence (Senator Hill) for an explanation of answers not being provided to several [questions on notice](#). [Senator Hill](#) indicated that answers would be provided.

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion defeated

The Senate did not agree to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Nettle to require the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Science and Training to table copies of the departmental documents on the three options for voluntary student unionism

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#)
- Parliamentary Service Commissioner—Annual report 2004-05
- A [petition](#) was received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- The Leader of the Government in the Senate informed the Senate that Senator Eggleston was appointed as acting Government Whip
- Adjournment debate

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