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## Senate Daily Summary

Monday 12 September 2005

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.20pm

### Legislation

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

#### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Better Bargaining) Bill 2005

#### The following bills were considered

- Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2005 and Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Issues) Bill 2005—second reading debate continued [A Green amendment to postpone consideration of the bills until 4 October 2005 to be determined]

#### The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

- Postal Industry Ombudsman Bill 2005—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill with [an amendment](#) [The Senate will now consider the message on a future sitting day]

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

- Appropriation (Regional Telecommunications Services) Bill 2005-2006
- Telecommunications (Carrier Licence Charges) Amendment (Industry Plans and Consumer Codes) Bill 2005
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Future Proofing and Other Measures) Bill 2005

#### Bill assented to

[Assent](#) to a law was reported in the Senate

*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 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:

- Export Control (Meat and Meat Products) Amendment Orders 2005 (No. 1), made under regulation 3 of the Export Control (Order) Regulations 1982
- Modification Declaration No.1, made under section 177 of the *Retirement Savings Account Act 1997*
- Veterans' Entitlements (Veterans' Children Education Scheme—Scholarships, Statistics, MRCA) Instrument 2004—Instrument No. R11/2004, made under subsection 117(1) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*

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

## Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

### Reports tabled

- Australia's human rights dialogue process—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Intelligence Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005—ASIO, ASIS and DSD Joint Committee
- Mr Chen Yonglin's request for political asylum—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
- Reform of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2005 and related bills—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee
- Treaties Joint Committee—67<sup>th</sup> report—Treaties tabled on 21 June

### Membership

- The Senate agreed to the appointment of Senator Carol Brown to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

### Notices of motion given

#### *To determine a reporting deadline*

- Australia's relationship with China—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 10 November 2005

#### *To hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting*

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—13 September 2005 from 4pm—Australia's relationship with China

## Motion debated

The Senate debated [a motion](#) moved by [Senator McLucas](#) about private health insurance in Australia

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### *Documents tabled*

The Acting Deputy President [tabled](#) project progress reports, financial statements, business plans and annual project plans from various agencies that receive funding for pregnancy counselling and/or family planning activities from the Department of Health and Ageing [The documents were tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [15 June 2005](#) on the motion of Senator Allison]

### **Orders with continuing effect**

#### *Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet*

A statement of compliance for the Education, Science and Training portfolio agencies were 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]
- Industrial relations—Letter forwarding text of a resolution—from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory
- 3 [petitions](#) were received

No government documents were tabled

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [link to [first question](#)]
- The President informed the Senate of the death, on 4 September 2005, of Dame Nancy Eileen Buttfield, DBE, a senator for South Australia from 1955 to 1965 and 1968 to 1974. The Senate agreed to a [condolence motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- Adjournment debate [link to [first speaker](#)]

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