



# Senate Daily Summary

**Monday 28 November 2005**

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.22pm

## **Change in sitting hours and additional sitting days**

[The Senate agreed](#) to a variation in sitting hours and routine of business on 1 and 8 December 2005, and to sit on 2 and 9 December 2005

## **Legislation**

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

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

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions Splitting) Bill 2005
- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005

### **The following bill was considered**

- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005—second reading debate continued

### **No bills were passed**

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

- ❑ Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Video Link Evidence and Other Measures) Bill 2005—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the [amendments made](#) by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

### **Bills assented to**

[Assent](#) to a number of laws 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 \(and outcomes\)](#)

### Notices of motion given

Notices were given to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- ❑ Building and Construction Industry Improvement Regulations 2005, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 204 and made under the *Building and Construction Industry Improvement Act 2005*—by Senator Siewert
- ❑ Schedule 7 of the Migration Amendment Regulation 2005 (No. 8), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 221 and made under the *Migration Act 1958*—by Senator Bartlett

### Notices of motion withdrawn

Notices of motion to disallow the following delegated legislation were withdrawn:

- ❑ Australian Passports Determination 2005, made under section 57 of the *Australian Passports Act 2005* and section 8 of the *Australian Passports (Application Fees) Act 2005*
- ❑ Foreign Passports Determination 2005, made under section 24 of the *Passports Act 1938*
- ❑ Health Insurance (Obstetric Item 15999) Determination HS/02/2005, made under subsection 3C(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Committee Regulations 2005, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2005 No. 127 and made under the *Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951*
- ❑ Variation to Licence Area Plan for Scottsdale Radio—No. 1 of 2005, made under subsection 26(2) of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992*

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

## Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

### Estimates

*Additional information tabled*

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2005-06

### Reports tabled

- ❑ Anti-Terrorism Bill (No. 2) 2005—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- ❑ Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work and Other Measures) Bill 2005 and Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare to Work) Bill 2005—Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—405<sup>th</sup> report—Annual report 2004-05
- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Bill 2005—Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

### **Government response to a committee report**

- ❑ Duties of Australian personnel in Iraq–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

### **Membership**

The Senate agreed to the following changes in committee membership:

- ❑ Committee of Privileges–Senator Hutchins discharged and Senator Evans appointed until 11 December 2005
- ❑ Committee of Privileges–Senator Ray appointed from 11 December 2005
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–Senator George Campbell discharged and Senator Crossin appointed

### **Reporting date extended**

- ❑ Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Bill 2005 and a related bill–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee–to report by 29 November 2005

### **Notices of motion given**

*To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting*

- ❑ Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account Joint Committee–29 November 2005 from 5pm to 7pm–Native Title representation bodies
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–30 November 2005 from 11.30am to 1pm–Aviation security in Australia

## **Motion agreed to**

The Senate agreed to a motion about [nuclear non-proliferation](#)–moved by Senator Allison

## **Motions defeated**

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ [Climate change](#)–moved by Senator Milne
- ❑ [Proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas](#)–moved by Senator Nettle

## **Notices of motion**

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

## **Documents**

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Auditor-General–[Audit reports](#) nos 15 and 16 of 2005-06 presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) presented since the last sitting of the Senate

- Parliamentary zone—proposals and documentation relating to the construction of two kiosk concession buildings and associated works at Commonwealth Place; and the installation of artworks at Reconciliation Place. A [notice of motion](#) was given to approve the proposals.
- Responses to Senate resolutions about:
  - [Murray River](#)—Letter from the Premier of South Australia [[resolution](#) agreed to 11 October 2005]
  - [Mr Nguyen Tuong Van](#)—Letter from the High Commissioner of the Republic of Singapore [[resolution](#) agreed to 8 November 2005] [The Senate took note of the document]
- [A petition](#) was received

### Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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