



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 4 December 2006

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.28pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 29 November 2006]

The following bill was debated

- Medibank Private Sale Bill 2006—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] and committee of the whole commenced—[2 Australian Greens amendments](#) to be determined

Notices of motion

To introduce a bill

- Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill 2006—Notice given by Senators Allison, Bob Brown, Bishop and Bartlett and [private senators' bill]

To exempt bills from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings]

- Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
- Royal Commissions Amendment (Records) Bill 2006

Message from the House of Representatives

- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment (Antarctic Seals and Other Measures) Bill 2006—Agreeing to the bill without amendment [This bill will now be assented to]

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

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Estimates

The Economics Committee tabled additional information relating to supplementary hearings on the budget estimates 2006-07.

Reports tabled

- ❑ Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—[Review of security](#) and counter terrorism legislation. This report was debated [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Migration Joint Committee—Australia-New Zealand committee exchange program—[Report of the parliamentary delegation](#), 27 to 31 August 2006
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—[409th report](#)—Developments in aviation security since the committee's June 2004 report no. 400
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[12th report of 2006](#)—Entry, search and seizure provisions in Commonwealth legislation

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to extend the reporting deadline of the Finance and Public Administration Committee for its inquiry into the transparency and accountability of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure to 8 February 2007.

Other debates and motions

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ [Australian Wheat Board](#)—moved by Senator Bob Brown
- ❑ [Mr David Hicks](#)—moved by Senator Nettle

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Document tabled

- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission—Report to the Australian Senate on anti-competitive and other practices by health funds and providers in relation to private health insurance for the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 [The report was tabled in response to the order of the Senate agreed to on [25 March 1999](#) on the motion of Senator Harradine and amended on [18 September 2002](#)]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Australian parliamentary delegation—Inter-Parliamentary Union—115th Assembly, Geneva, 16 to 19 October 2006 and a visit to Portugal, 20 to 25 October 2006—Report
- [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled, including Governor-General's Proclamations]
- [2 petitions](#)

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Senator Evans informed the Senate that he and Senator Conroy had been re-elected to the positions of Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, respectively.
- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- The President made a [statement](#) relating to unparliamentary language and a [matter](#) raised by Senator Bob Brown on 1 December 2006.
- Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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