



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 9 August 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.38pm

## Proposed censure

The normal routine of business for the Senate was interrupted from 3pm when the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Evans) was given leave to move a [motion](#) proposing to censure the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

After nearly 3 hours of debate, the motion was defeated in a division: 34 ayes and 37 noes.

## Legislation

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

### Consideration of legislation

- Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2006
  - The bill was debated and read a second time.
  - Senator Evans, also on behalf of Senators Bartlett and Siewert, moved a [motion](#) to divide the bill into two separate bills.
  - The debate is listed for further consideration on the next day of sitting.

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 8 August 2006]
- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment (Antarctic Seals and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [a new Senate bill]

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

- A notice of motion was given by Senator Bob Brown to disapprove clause 2.2 of the Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2006/11, made under subsections 5(2A), 7(1), 7(3D) and 7(4) of the Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973.
  - Usual disallowance provisions do not apply to this Determination. The Senate may pass a resolution to disapprove it within 15 sitting days of tabling. The Determination was tabled on 8 August 2006.

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

## Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

### Estimates additional information tabled

- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee—Additional estimates 2005-06

### Reports tabled

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 7](#) of 2006 and [5th Report](#) of 2006 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 7](#) of 2006 [report adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

### Reporting dates extended

- Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill 2006—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 16 August 2006

### Motion to refer a matter to a committee defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Bob Brown to refer the matter of the proposed security treaty or pact with Indonesia to the Treaties Joint Committee

### Notice of motion given to refer a matter to a committee

- [Temporary Business Long Stay \(subclass 457\) visa](#)—Legal and Constitutional References Committee

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Abolition of the death penalty](#)—moved by Senators Stott Despoja, Humphries, Nettle and Payne
- ❑ [Australian Book Industry Awards](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Australian literature](#)—Ms Kate Grenville and Ms Meg Stewart—moved by Senator Allison
- ❑ [Human rights in Burma](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [Support for football](#) in Australia—moved by Senators Kemp and Lundy

## Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ [Afghani asylum seekers](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [Guantanamo Bay](#)—Mr David Hicks—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- ❑ [International Day of Peace](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- ❑ [Japanese ‘Comfort Women’](#)—International day of action for justice—moved by Senator Stott Despoja

## Notices of motion

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

## Ministerial statement

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts tabled a ministerial statement about the Australian Defence Force commitment to Afghanistan. Senator Bartlett moved that the Senate take note of the statement, but there was no time for debate.

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]
- ❑ [3 petitions](#) were received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Matters of public interest debate [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Questions without notice [[first question](#)]
- ❑ Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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