



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 10 August 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 8.36pm

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Australia-Japan Foundation (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 9 August 2006]

The following bills were passed without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill 2006
- ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2006

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

A notice of motion was given by Senator Bartlett to introduce the Migration Legislation Amendment (Provisions Relating to Character and Conduct) Bill 2006 [Private senator's bill]

Delegated legislation

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

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to disallow the Broadcasting Services (Anti-Terrorism Requirements for Open Narrowcasting Television Services) Standard 2006, made under subsection 125(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](#)

Report on restructuring the committee system

The Chairman of the Procedure Committee tabled a report on a proposal to restructure the Senate committee system. The committee examined the practicability of the proposal and amendments to standing orders required to give it effect.

Features of the proposed system include:

- ❑ establishing eight standing committees (combining the functions of the 16 legislation and references committees) with eight members each instead of six;
- ❑ a government senator to chair each standing committee, with a non-government senator as deputy chair;
- ❑ more flexible arrangements to appoint substitute members of committees.

This report will be considered by the Senate on Monday, 14 August.

Government response to a report tabled

A [government response](#) to the 65th Report of the Treaties Joint Committee was tabled

Membership changes

- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—Senator Marshall appointed and Senator Webber discharged
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Senator Moore to replace Senator Ludwig for the committee's inquiry into Indigenous workers whose paid labour was controlled by Government

Other debates and motions

The Senate agreed to a procedural [motion](#) moved by the Minister for Justice and Customs about divisions on Thursdays after 4.30pm.

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ [Conflict in Lebanon and Israel](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [Rising oil prices](#)—moved by Senator Allison
- ❑ [Rising oil prices](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- ❑ [Tasmania's Tarkine wilderness](#)—moved by Senator Bob Brown

The Senate debated motions about:

- ❑ Broadband infrastructure—moved by Senator Conroy [debated as a matter of public importance—link to [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Housing and accommodation affordability—moved by Senator Carr [link to [first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ A [petition](#) was presented

No government documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

Statistics

Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate's online statistical collection.

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