The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.49pm

**Legislation**

**Bills considered**

The Senate agreed to a motion moved by the Minister for Justice and Customs to consider two communications bills received from the House of Representatives together with two broadcasting bills introduced in the Senate.

The following bills were introduced

- Communications Legislation Amendment (Enforcement Powers) Bill 2006
- Television Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 October 2006]
- Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Veterans’ Affairs Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget Measures) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 October 2006]
- Housing Loans Insurance Corporation (Transfer of Assets and Abolition) Repeal Bill 2006
- Housing Loans Insurance Corporation (Transfer of Pre-transfer Contracts) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 10 October 2006]

The following bills were debated

- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006
- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Digital Television) Bill 2006
- Communications Legislation Amendment (Enforcement Powers) Bill 2006
- Television Licence Fees Amendment Bill 2006–Second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced

**Notices of motion**

To introduce a bill

- Migration Legislation Amendment (Enabling Permanent Protection) Bill 2006–Notice given by Senator Bartlett [private senator’s bill]
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To allocate time to complete consideration of bills

- Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2006 and related bills–Notice given by the Minister for Justice and Customs

See Committees for details of reports relating to legislation

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
For committee reports

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- Customs Amendment (2007 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2006 and a related bill–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee

Other reports

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–Alert Digest No. 11 of 2006 and 8th report of 2006 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

Documents tabled

- Tax Laws Amendment (2006 Measures No. 4) Bill 2006–Economics Committee–additional information

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted report no. 11 of the Selection of Bills Committee, which recommended the following references:

- Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Bill 2006 and a related bill–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee–to report by 7 November 2006
- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee–to report by 17 November 2006

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Public meetings

The Senate authorised the Electoral Matters Committee [Journals entry no. 19] and the Rural and Regional Affairs Committee [Journals entry no. 20] to hold public meetings during sittings of the Senate.

Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee–Australia’s future oil supply–to report by 27 November 2006

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee–16 October 2006 from 7.30pm–performance of the Australian Federal Police

To vary terms of reference

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee–Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2006

Membership

The Senate appointed Senator Allison as a participating member of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee.

Other debates and motions

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- High seas bottom trawling–moved by Senator Nettle
- Mental health–moved by Senator Stephens
- Violence against women in Papua New Guinea–moved by Senator Allison

The Senate did not agree to motions about:

- King Island Council–moved by Senator Bob Brown
- North Korea’s nuclear weapons test–moved by Senator Milne [debated as a matter of urgency–first speaker]
- Reva electric car–moved by Senator Milne

Notices of motion

For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere
The following documents were tabled:

- Clerk’s documents [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Government documents [and considered]
- 2 petitions

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Matters of public interest debate [first speaker]
- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [first question]
- Adjournment debate [first speaker]

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