Senate Daily Summary
Tuesday, 17 October 2006

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 8.30pm

Legislation
For full text of bills and other associated documents

Bills considered
The following bills were introduced
- Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Amendment Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 October 2006]
- Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 October 2006]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]
- Long Service Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Amendment Bill 2006
- Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment Bill 2006

The following bills were passed
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]
- Privacy Legislation Amendment (Emergencies and Disasters) Bill 2006–2 Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

Notice of motion
To introduce a bill
A notice of motion was given by Senator Ludwig to introduce the Crimes Amendment (Victim Impact Statements) Bill 2006 [private senator’s bill]
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

Estimates
The Economics Committee tabled additional information arising from the 2004-05 budget estimates

Public meeting
The Senate authorised the Economics Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 19 October 2006 from 3.30pm for the committee’s inquiry into petrol pricing in Australia.

Notices of motion given
To extend reporting deadlines:

- A notice was given to extend various reporting deadlines of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting:

- Several notices were given to authorise various committees to meet during the sitting of the Senate

Membership
The Senate appointed Senator Bernardi to replace Senator Mason as a member of the Finance and Public Administration Committee for the period 23 October to 22 December 2006.

Other debates and motions
The Senate did not agree to motions about:

- Anti-Poverty Week—moved by Senators Siewert and Bartlett
- Arab-Israeli conflict—moved by Senator Allison
- Climate change and water resources in Australia—moved by Senators Siewert and Bartlett
- Reports of incidents in the Himalayas—moved by Senator Bob Brown

The Senate discussed issues relating to Australians living in poverty, raised by Senators Evans, Bartlett and Siewert as a matter of public importance [first speaker]
Notices of motion
For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given
Senator Nettle gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Attorney-General to table lists providing details of passengers purported to have boarded the vessel known as SIEV X—no later than 11am on 19 October 2006.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General–Audit report no. 7 of 2006-07
- Clerk’s documents [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Government documents [and considered]
- 1 petition

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [first question]
- The President made a statement about a matter raised after question time on 12 October 2006 by Senator Troeth
- Adjournment debate [first speaker]

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