



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 27 March 2006

The Senate met from 2.30pm until 10.20pm

Senate vacancy

[The President announced](#) the resignation, on 15 March 2006, of Senator Hill and advised the Senate that, pursuant to section 21 of the Constitution, he had notified the Governor of Victoria that there was a vacancy in the representation of that state

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Anti-avoidance) Bill 2006
- Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2006

The following bills were considered

Second reading debate continued on the following bills

- Aged Care Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005
- Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005
- Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Bill 2005
- Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2006

The following bill was passed without amendment

- Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Amendment Bill 2006 [The bill will now be assented to]

Bills assented to

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

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 the Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to disallow the Broadcasting Services (International Broadcasting) Guidelines 2005, made under section 121FP of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* [The regulations will be deemed to be disallowed if the notice is not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 27 March 2006–ie by 9 August 2006]

Notices of motion withdrawn

[Notices of motion](#) to disallow certain instruments were withdrawn

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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Reports tabled

- Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005 and related bills–Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- Examination of annual reports 2004-2005–Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account Joint Committee
- Family Assistance, Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2005 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006–Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- Operation of native title representative bodies–Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account Joint Committee
- Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2006–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- Poverty and financial hardship–A hand up not a hand out: Renewing the fight against poverty–Community Affairs References Committee
- Review of the Defence annual report 2003-04–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

Public meeting

The Senate agreed that the following public meeting may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee–28 March 2006 from 3.30pm to 5pm–Examination of the Australian Crime Commission annual report 2004-05

Reporting date extended

- Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Electoral Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2005–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–to report by 28 March 2006

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Additional estimates 2005-06–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 30 March 2006
- Additional estimates 2005-06–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–to report by 30 March 2006
- Report on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2005–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 30 March 2006
- Report on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2005–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–to report by 10 May 2006
- Water policy initiatives–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by the last sitting day in June 2006

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–29 March 2006 from 5pm to 7.45pm–Corporate responsibility
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–28 March 2006 from 4.15pm–Naval shipbuilding in Australia
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–29 March 2006 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm–Administration by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry of the citrus canker outbreak

To refer a matter to a committee

- Government administration of Indigenous labour and finances under their control, and related matters–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by the last sitting day of 2006

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Watson about Tasmanian pine resources

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet
Statements of compliance for [various agencies](#) [see Journals entries [22](#) and [27](#)] were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet

Statements of compliance for [various agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General—Audit report no. 34 of 2005-06—Performance audit—Advance passenger processing: Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs [presented since the last sitting of the Senate]
- [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled, including Governor-General's Proclamations]
- Commonwealth Day 2006—Health and vitality: The Commonwealth challenge—Message from Her Majesty the Queen, Head of the Commonwealth
- [Government documents](#) [presented since the last sitting of the Senate]
- [Illegal foreign fishing](#)—Letter from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory forwarding a copy of members' speeches on a resolution of the Assembly tabled in the Senate on [27 February 2006](#)
- [Responses](#) to a Senate resolution about aged care [resolution agreed to [1 March 2006](#)]
- [3 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time [[first question](#)]
- Adjournment debate [[first speaker](#)]

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