



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 29 March 2006

The Senate met from 9.30am until 9.44pm

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Bill 2006
- ❑ Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Fees and Charges) Bill 2006
- ❑ Family Assistance, Social Security and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2005 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006
- ❑ Health Legislation Amendment (Pharmacy Location Arrangements) Bill 2006
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Employer Sanctions) Bill 2006
- ❑ National Health and Medical Research Council Amendment Bill 2006
- ❑ Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Trustee Board and Other Measures) Bill 2006

### The following bills were considered

- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2005-2006—second reading debate continued
- ❑ Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2005-2006—second reading debate continued
- ❑ Family Assistance, Social Security and Veterans Affairs Legislation Amendment (2005 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2006—second reading debate continued
- ❑ Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2006—committee of the whole continued—7 Government amendments agreed to, 2 Government amendments postponed, and 3 Government amendments to be determined [*see Journals* entries [5](#) and [38](#)]

### The following bills were passed without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Anti-avoidance) Bill 2006
- ❑ Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Fees and Charges) Bill 2006
- ❑ Health Legislation Amendment (Pharmacy Location Arrangements) Bill 2006
- ❑ Ministers of State Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2005

**The following message from the House of Representatives was reported**

- Energy Efficiency Opportunities Bill 2005–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the [amendments made](#) by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

**The following message from the House of Representatives was considered**

- Postal Industry Ombudsman Bill 2005 [2006]–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill with [an amendment](#). The Senate agreed to the amendment made by the House [The bill will now be assented to]

**Notice of motion given to introduce a bill**

- Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising Bill 2006–Notice of motion given by Senator Allison [Private senator's bill]

**Bills assented to**

[Assent](#) to three 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)

**Motions to disallow regulations defeated**

The Senate agreed *not to disallow* the following legislative instruments:

- Declaration of percentage of Commonwealth supported places to be provided by Table A providers for a course of study in medicine, made under paragraph 36-35(1)(b) of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*
- Guide to the Assessment of the Degree of Permanent Impairment [second edition], made under subsection 28(1) of the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*

**Notice of motion given**

A notice of motion was given by Senator Wong to disallow the Workplace Relations Regulations 2006, as contained in Selective Legislative Instrument 2006 No. 52 and made under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* and the *Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Act 2005* [The regulations will be deemed to be disallowed if the notice is not agreed to or withdrawn within 15 sitting days after 29 March 2006–ie by 14 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*

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–Budget estimates 2005-06 (Supplementary)

- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–Budget estimates 2005-06 (Supplementary)

### Reports tabled

- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee–[Reports](#)
- ❑ [Reports on annual reports tabled by 31 October 2005](#)–No. 1 of 2006–Six legislation committees
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 3](#) of 2006 and [2<sup>nd</sup> report](#) of 2006 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

### New inquiry

- ❑ Women in sport and recreation in Australia [and related matters](#)–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–to report by the first sitting day in September 2006

### Private meetings

The Senate agreed that the following private meetings may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- ❑ Migration Joint Committee–to hold private meetings other than in accordance with standing order 33(1) during sittings of the Senate

### Motion defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to [a motion](#) moved by Senator Conroy to refer the matter of the impact of proposed changes to cross media laws and related matters to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee

### Notice of motion given

*To refer a matter to a committee*

- ❑ Housing needs of low and middle income households [and related matters](#)–Community Affairs References Committee–to report by 29 November 2006

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Pro Hart](#)–Death of–moved by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts and the Minister for the Arts and Sport
- ❑ [Snowy Hydro Company](#)–Commonwealth shares–moved by the Minister for Finance and Administration

## Motions defeated

The Senate *did not agree* to motions about:

- ❑ [Palestinian Land Day](#)–moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [West Papua](#)–moved by Senator Stott Despoja

## Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

Senator Bishop asked the Minister representing the Minister for Defence (Senator Ian Campbell) for an explanation of answers not being provided to a number of [questions on notice](#). [Senator Campbell indicated](#) that an explanation or answers would be provided as soon as possible.

## 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](#) 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 [two 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:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Response to a Senate resolution about aged care—from the Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory [resolution agreed to [1 March 2006](#)]
- ❑ [3 petitions](#) were received

## 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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