



# Senate Daily Summary

**Thursday, 1 March 2007**

The Senate met from 9.30am until 8.09pm

## **Legislation**

Bills and related documents available on BillsNet <[www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm)>

### **Bills considered**

The following government bills were introduced

- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 February 2007]
- Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Additional Screening Measures) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 February 2007]
- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 February 2007]
- Corporations Amendment (Takeovers) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 February 2007]
- Customs Legislation Amendment (Augmenting Offshore Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [passed by the House of Representatives on 1 March 2007]
- Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 February 2007]
- Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greater Sunrise) Bill 2007 and a related bill [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 February 2007]
- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 28 February 2007]

The following private senators' bills were introduced

- Electoral (Greater Fairness of Electoral Processes) Amendment Bill 2007
- Marriage (Relationships Equality) Amendment Bill 2007
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Access to Judicial Review of Migration Decisions) Bill 2007
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Removal of Unjust Restrictions) Bill 2007

The following bills were passed

- ACIS Administration Amendment (Unearned Credit Liability) Bill 2007 [This bill will now be assented to]
- Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2006 [This bill will now be assented to]

- Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2006 [2007] [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 [This bill will now be assented to]
- Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment Bill 2006 [This bill will now be assented to]
- Family Law (Divorce Fees Validation) Bill 2007 [This bill will now be assented to]
- Maritime Legislation Amendment (Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships) Bill 2006 [This bill will now be assented to]
- Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2006 [2007] [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Statements of Principles and Other Measures) Bill 2006 [This bill will now be assented to]

The following bill was discharged from the *Notice Paper*

- Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000 [2004] [private senator's bill]

### **Notice of motion**

#### **To exempt bills from the cut-off order**

The Minister for Justice and Customs (Senator Ellison) gave a notice of motion to exempt the following bills to enable consideration this period of sittings:

- Aged Care Amendment (Security and Protection) Bill 2007
- Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2006-2007 and a related bill
- Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Additional Screening Measures) Bill 2007
- Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Debt Agreements) Bill 2007 and a related bill
- Corporations Amendment (Takeovers) Bill 2007
- Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2007
- Health Insurance Amendment (Provider Number Review) Bill 2007
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007
- Human Services (Enhanced Service Delivery) Bill 2007
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Information and Other Measures) Bill 2007
- Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greater Sunrise) Bill 2007 and a related bill
- Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Amendment Bill 2007
- Tax Laws Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007

### **Message from the House of Representatives**

- Australian Citizenship Bill 2006—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate

## **Delegated legislation**

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

### **Notice of motion to disallow given**

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a [notice of motion](#) to disallow an [instrument](#) that nominates an agreement for the purposes of Special Disability Trusts.

## **Notice of intention to withdraw a notice**

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a notice of intention to withdraw notices to disallow a [determination](#) amending schedule 4 of determination HIB 20/2006 (made under the *National Health Act 1953*) to correct an administrative oversight in the making of the determination.

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

## **Committees**

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[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

## **Estimates**

Additional information arising from estimates hearings was tabled:

- Community Affairs Committee—budget estimates 2006-07
- Economics Committee—supplementary budget estimates 2006-07
- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee—budget and supplementary budget estimates—2006-07
- Finance and Public Administration Committee—additional estimates 2005-06 and 2006-07 and supplementary budget estimates 2006-07
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—supplementary budget estimates 2006-07
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—supplementary budget and additional estimates 2006-07

## **Reports tabled**

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—[Statutory oversight](#) of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission
- Finance and Public Administration Committee—[Transparency and accountability](#) of Commonwealth public funding and expenditure
- Publications Committee—[19th Report](#) [report adopted]
- Senators' Interests Committee—[Annual report for 2006](#)

## **Government responses tabled**

[Government responses](#) to committee reports were tabled

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Australia's defence relations with the United States
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—Antarctica: Australia's pristine frontier: The adequacy of funding for Australia's Antarctic program
- Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account Joint Committee—Operation of native title representative bodies

## **Documents tabled**

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—Customs Legislation Amendment (Modernising Import Controls and Other Measures) Bill 2006—Additional information

- ❑ Regulations and Ordinances Committee—Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation for the period March to December 2006

### New inquiries

#### Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 3](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, which recommended the following references:

- ❑ Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—to report by 20 April 2007
- ❑ Qantas Sale (Keep Jetstar Australian) Amendment Bill 2007—Economics Committee—to report by 20 March 2007

### Proposed references

The Senate *did not agree* to refer the following matters to committees:

- ❑ [climate change](#) and the Australian agricultural sector—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ [Commonwealth statutory exemptions](#) provided to religious or other organisations and individuals—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

### Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership.

## Documents

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### Orders for the production of documents

#### Explanation

The Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz), in response to a [matter](#) raised by Senator Bob Brown on 28 February 2007, gave an [explanation](#) of why various orders for the production of documents had not been complied with.

#### Orders with continuing effect

##### *Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet*

- ❑ A statement of compliance for the [Human Services portfolio](#) was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]
- ❑ A [recommendation](#) of the Finance and Public Administration Committee was adopted, enabling the Committee to consider the ongoing operation of the order and to report on relevant developments from time to time.

##### *Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet*

Statement 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 are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

## Documents tabled

- [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
  - [4 petitions](#)

## Documents discussed

Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed.

## Other business

**Questions without notice and issues arising during question time—first question  
Adjournment debate—first speaker**

## **Motions agreed to**

- ❑ [Nuclear power stations in Australia](#)—moved by Senator Milne
  - ❑ [Parliamentary zone](#)—to approve a proposal for the design and content of Women Artwork at Reconciliation Place—moved by the Minister for the Arts and Sport (Senator Brandis)

## **Motions negative**

The Senate did not agree to a motion moved by Senator Nettle about a national curriculum.

## Motion debated

The Senate debated a motion about [nuclear energy in Australia](#)—moved by Senator Wong. [first speaker]

## Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals.

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