



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>

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

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

[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

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 negatived

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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