



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 11 September 2007

The Senate met from 2.30pm until 11.16pm

Prime Minister of Canada

Senators attended the House of Representatives chamber to hear an [address](#) by the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada.

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Northern Territory National Emergency Response Amendment (Alcohol) Bill 2007 [new Senate bill]
- Parliamentary (Judicial Misbehaviour or Incapacity) Commission Bill 2007 [private senator's bill]

The following bill was exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings]

- Northern Territory National Emergency Response Amendment (Alcohol) Bill 2007

The following bill was debated

- Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007—Second reading debate commenced

The following bills were passed

- Northern Territory National Emergency Response Amendment (Alcohol) Bill 2007 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Protecting Services for Rural and Regional Australia into the Future) Bill 2007 [This bill will now be assented to]

Change to hours of meeting

The Senate agreed to vary the [hours of meeting](#) for 11 September 2007 to allow the Government's legislative program to be considered.

Notice of motion

To exempt a bill from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- Quarantine Amendment (Commission of Inquiry) Bill 2007—notice given by the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz)

See *Committees* for details of reports relating to legislation

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 [regulations](#) correcting an anomaly in the operation of exemptions in the Radiocommunications Taxes Collection Regulations.

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Estimates

The Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee tabled additional information arising from the budget and additional estimates 2004-05.

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- [Offshore Petroleum](#) Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2007—Economics Committee

Other reports

- Privileges Committee—[131st report](#)—Possible false or misleading evidence and improper refusal to provide information to the Finance and Public Administration Committee [A motion to agree to a recommendation and to endorse a finding was moved. The debate will continue on a future sitting day.]

Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to refer matters relating to the [Australia-Russia](#) Nuclear Cooperation Agreement to the Treaties Joint Committee.

Public meetings

The Senate authorised the following public meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee—13 September 2007 from 4pm—Australia's involvement in international peacekeeping operations

- Public Works Joint Committee–13 September 2007 from 9.30am to 11.45am–refurbishment of staff apartments at the Australian embassy complex in Tokyo, Japan

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to extend the reporting deadline of the Community Affairs Committee for its inquiry into the cost of living pressures on older Australians to the last sitting day in March 2008.

Documents

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 [2 agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General–[Audit report](#) no. 6 of 2007-08
- [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#)
- Parliamentary zone–proposal and documentation to redevelop the National Library of Australia forecourt to create the Humanities and Science Campus Square. A [notice of motion](#) was given to approve the proposal.
- Response to a Senate resolution about the [human rights of children](#)–from the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Downer) [resolution agreed to on 19 June 2007]
- [2 petitions](#)

Other business

[Questions without notice and issues arising during question time–first question](#)
[Adjournment debate–first speaker](#)

Motions negated

- [APEC security arrangements](#)–moved by Senator Nettle
- [Australian forces in Iraq](#)–moved by Senator Nettle
- [Australia's cultural heritage buildings](#)–moved by Senator Milne
- [Kyoto Protocol](#)–moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
- [Leukaemia and nuclear facilities](#)–moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
- [Obesity](#)–moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
- [Sydney Declaration on Climate Change](#) and proposed pulp mill in Tasmania–moved by Senator Milne

Notices of motion

[Notices of motion](#) given today are available in the Senate Journals.

