



Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 13 August 2007

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.54pm

Legislation

Bills and related documents available on BillsNet <www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm>

Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Protecting Services for Rural and Regional Australia into the Future) Bill 2007 [passed by the House of Representatives on 9 August 2007]

The following bills were debated

- Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Testing) Bill 2007–Second reading debate agreed to [details of the bill will be considered on a future sitting day]
- Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007 and 4 related bills–Second reading debate continued

The following bill was passed

- Aviation Legislation Amendment (2007 Measures No. 1) Bill 2007 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

Notices of motion

To introduce bills

- Parliamentary (Judicial Misbehaviour or Incapacity) Commission Bill 2007–notice given by Senator Kirk [private senator's bill]

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

- Water Bill 2007 and a related bill

Changes to hours of meeting

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) moved by the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz) to vary the hours of meeting for 13 to 16 August 2007 to allow the Governments' legislative program to be considered.

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Notice of motion withdrawn

The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances withdrew a notice to disallow [regulations](#) to amend the Australian Federal Police Regulations 1979 to prescribe matters related to the suspension of AFP appointees from their duties and matters related to drug testing.

Notice of intention to withdraw notices

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances (Senator Watson) gave a notice of intention to withdraw notices to disallow the following delegated legislation made under the *Australian Communications and Media Authority Act 2005*:

- [Broadcasting](#) (Charges) Determination 2007
- [Radiocommunications](#) (Charges) Determination 2007

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- [Social Security](#) and Other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Bill 2007 and 4 related bills—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Other reports

- Appropriations and Staffing Committee—Annual report for 2006-07
- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—
 - [Annual report](#) of committee activities 2006-07
 - [Review](#) of administration and expenditure no. 5, Australian Intelligence Organisations
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 9](#) of 2007 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

Documents tabled

- Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007 and the Trade Practices Amendment (Predatory Pricing) Bill 2007—Economics Committee—Additional information

Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 13 August 2007 from 5.30 pm for the committee's inquiry into the future impact of serious and organised crime on Australian society.

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to authorise the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee to hold a meeting while the Senate is sitting on 15 August 2007 from 3.30pm to allow officers of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Biosecurity Australia and Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service to provide a briefing to the committee.

Documents

Documents tabled

- [Clerk's documents](#) [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Australian parliamentary delegation—Cambodia and the 116th assembly of the Inter-parliamentary Union held in Bali—21 April to 4 May 2007
- [2 petitions](#)

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

- [Queensland](#) local government amalgamations—moved by the Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Boswell)

Motions negated

- [Discrimination](#) against same-sex couples—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Food labelling](#)—moved by Senator Bartlett
- [Nuclear non-proliferation](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- [Yangtze River dolphin](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Notices of motion

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

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