The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.29pm

**Legislation**


**Bills considered**

The following bills private senators’ bills were introduced

- Peace and Non-Violence Commission Bill 2007–introduced by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
- Trade Practices Amendment (Predatory Pricing) Bill 2007–introduced by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)

The following bills were debated

- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2007–second reading agreed to [details of the bill will be considered on a future sitting day]
- Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007–second reading debate commenced

**Notice of motion**

To discharge a private senator’s bill from the Notice Paper

- Public Interest Disclosure (Protection of Whistleblowers) Bill 2002 [2004]–notice given by Senator Murray

*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 intention to withdraw notices**

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a notice of intention to withdraw notices to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- an instrument to set out the circumstances in which the Repatriation Commission may accept financial liability for pharmaceutical benefits provided to an entitled person for treatment of malignant neoplasia
an instrument to set out the circumstances in which the Repatriation Commission may accept financial responsibility for treatment provided to entitled persons for malignant neoplasia

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

Committees

For scheduled public committee hearings
For committee reports

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill 2007 and a related bill–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2007–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2007–Community Affairs Committee

Other reports

- Electoral Matters Joint Committee–Civics and electoral education

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to extend the reporting deadline of the Economics Committee for its inquiry into private equity markets to 16 August 2007.

Documents

Orders for the production of documents–Notice of motion given

Senator Faulkner gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Defence (Senator Ellison) to table documents relating to complaints and allegations made in 1997 and 1998 about substandard maintenance on navy ships.

Documents tabled

- Australian parliamentary observer delegation–First round of 2007 presidential election in East Timor, 7 to 11 April 2007–Report
- Clerk’s documents [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Original certificate of the choice by the South Australian Parliament of Senator Fisher
- Parliamentary zone–proposal and documentation relating to the construction of an extension to the National Gallery of Australia. A notice of motion was given to approve the proposal.
- A petition
**Other business**

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

**Motions negatived**

- **Equality** of IVF treatment and adoption rights—moved by Senator Nettle
- **Israel and Palestine**—moved by Senator Nettle
- **Russia**—moved by Senator Milne

**Notices of motion**

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

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