The Senate met from 12.30pm until 12.09am

Legislation


Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008
- Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2007-2008
- Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2007-2008
- Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2006-2007
- Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2006-2007
  [passed by the House of Representatives on 18 June 2007]

- Social Security Amendment (Apprenticeship Wage Top-Up for Australian Apprentices) Bill 2007
  [passed by the House of Representatives on 18 June 2007]

The following bills were debated

- Workplace Relations Amendment (A Stronger Safety Net) Bill 2007–second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced–44 Government amendments agreed to

The following private senator’s bill was discharged from the Notice Paper

- Public Interest Disclosure (Protection of Whistleblowers) Bill 2002 [2004]

Notices of motion

To introduce bills

- Australian Postal Corporation Amendment (Quarantine Inspection and Other Measures) Bill 2007–notice given by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (Senator Coonan)

- Independent Contractors Amendment Bill 2007–notice given by Senator Sterle [private senator’s bill]

- Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2007–notice given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Mason)

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)

Notices of motion withdrawn

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances withdrew 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

Estimates reports tabled

- Budget estimates 2007-08–Eight committees

Report tabled

- Corporations Legislation Amendment (Simpler Regulatory System) Bill 2007 and 2 related bills–Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Economics Committee into private equity markets to 16 August 2007.

Documents

Orders for the production of documents

Motion defeated

A motion moved by Senator Faulkner requiring 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 was defeated.

Notice of motion given

Senator Nettle gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (Senator Abetz) to table documents relating to the Anvil Hill coal mine.
Documents tabled
- Auditor-General—Audit report no. 45 of 2006-07
- Clerk’s documents [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Government documents
- 2 petitions

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

Motions agreed to
- Sexual exploitation and trafficking of children—moved by Senator Stephens
- The Dalai Lama—moved by Senator Bob Brown

Motion negatived
- Water resources in northern New South Wales—moved by Senators Siewert and Nettle

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