



# Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 27 March 2007

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.43pm

## Legislation

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

### Bills considered

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Airports Amendment Bill 2006—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)] [The Opposition moved a [second reading amendment](#) expressing a view on the policy of the bill]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ AusCheck Bill 2006—[12 Government amendments](#) agreed to and 1 clause negated [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- ❑ Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2006—passed after the question for the [third reading of the bill](#) was put again [statements were made relating to the vote for the third reading—[first speaker](#)][7 Government amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

### Notices of motion

To introduce bills

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Mason) gave notices of motion to introduce the following bills:

- ❑ Food Standards Australia New Zealand Amendment Bill 2007
- ❑ Gene Technology Amendment Bill 2007

## Delegated legislation

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See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

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

## Committees

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[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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### Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 29 March 2007 from 5.30pm to for the committee's inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Maritime Crew) Bill 2007.

### Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee–Workforce challenges in the Australian transport sector–to report by 9 August 2007

To refer matters to a committee

- [Impact](#) of the Trade Practices (Horticulture Code of Conduct) Regulations 2006–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee–to report by 10 May 2007

### Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership.

## Documents

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### Orders for the production of documents–Order with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for the Transport and Regional Services portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created 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]
- [Government documents](#)
- [1 petition](#)

## Other business

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

[Adjournment debate–first speaker](#)

### Motions agreed to

- [Slavery](#)–moved by Senator Hutchins
- [Tasmanian Tigers](#) cricket team–moved by Senators Carol Brown, O'Brien, Polley, Sherry, the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation (Senator Abetz), the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration (Senator Colbeck), Senators Barnett, Calvert, Watson and Parry, the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) and Senator Milne

**Motions not agreed to**

- [Mr David Hicks](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- [Nuclear weapons](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Democrats (Senator Allison)
- [Senator Heffernan](#)—moved by Senator Ray

**Matter of public importance**

The Senate discussed issues relating to industrial relations, raised by Senator Wong as a matter of public importance. [[first speaker](#)]

**Notices of motion**

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

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