Senate Daily Summary
Tuesday, 27 March 2007

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.43pm

Legislation


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 negatived [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

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
For scheduled public committee hearings
For committee reports

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

Membership
The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership.

Documents
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
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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