



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 2 December 2008

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.37pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were passed

- Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [This bill will now be assented to]
Schools Assistance Bill 2008—4 Government and 4 Opposition amendments agreed to and 1 clause negatived [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]

Notices of motion

To introduce bills

- Auditor-General Amendment Bill 2008—notice given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Faulkner)
- Corporations Amendment (No. 1) Bill 2008—notice given by the Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (Senator Sherry)
- Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2008—notice given by the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Senator Evans)
- Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Medical Devices and Other Measures) Bill 2008—notice given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator McLucas)
- Water Amendment (Saving the Goulburn and Murray Rivers) Bill 2008—notice given by Senator Birmingham [private senator's bill]

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

- Nation-building Funds Bill 2008 and 2 related bills—notice given by the Minister for Human Services (Senator Ludwig)

To vary the hours of meeting

A [notice](#) was given by the Minister for Human Services (Senator Ludwig) to vary the hours of meeting for 4 December 2008 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered.

[Message from the House of Representatives](#)

- ❑ Water Amendment Bill 2008—informing the Senate that the House has agreed to 3 amendments made by the Senate, disagreed to 12 amendments and made an amendment to 1 amendment—the Senate did not insist on its amendments and agreed to the amendment made by the House to its amendment. The motion that the report of the committee be adopted was amended, and the debate was adjourned until the next day of sitting.

Variation to hours of meeting

The Senate agreed to vary the [hours of meeting](#) and routine of business for 2 and 3 December 2008 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered.

See **Committees** for details of reports relating to legislation

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- ❑ [Nation-building Funds Bill 2008](#) and 2 related bills—Economics Committee
- ❑ [Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising](#) (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2008—Community Affairs Committee

Other reports

- ❑ Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee—Pricing and supply arrangements in the Australian and global fertiliser market—[Interim report](#) [reporting date for the final report extended to 30 June 2009] [A [motion](#) to take note of the interim report was agreed to]
- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—[Opportunity not opportunism](#): Improving conduct in Australian franchising [a motion to take note of the report was [debated](#)]
- ❑ Economics Committee—[Joint marketing arrangements](#) on the North West Shelf project [a motion to take note of the report was [debated](#)]
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—[Review of the Defence annual report 2006-07](#) [A [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- ❑ Migration Joint Committee—[Immigration detention in Australia](#): A new beginning [a motion to take note of the report was [debated](#) and agreed to]
- ❑ National Broadband Network Select Committee—[Interim report](#) [a motion to take note of the report was [debated](#)]
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee—[9th report of 2008](#)—Referrals tabled between June and September 2008 [A [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

Documents tabled

- ❑ Community Affairs Committee—Forgotten Australians: A report on Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children—Additional information

Private meeting

The Senate authorised the Fuel and Energy Select Committee to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) while the Senate is sitting on 2 December 2008 from 4.00pm.

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management (Repeal and Consequential Amendment) Bill 2008–Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee–to report by 18 December 2008
- ❑ Residential and community aged care in Australia–Finance and Public Administration Committee–to report by 29 April 2009

Notice of motion given

Senator Siewert gave a notice of motion to refer [matters](#) relating to forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee for report by 25 June 2009.

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) were tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Orders for the production of documents–Notice of motion given

Senator Fisher gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong) to table a document relating to section 86A of the *Water Act 2007* by 30 March 2009.

Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General–[Audit report no. 10](#) of 2008-09
- ❑ [Government documents](#)

Ministerial statement tabled

The Minister for Human Services (Senator Ludwig) tabled a ministerial statement about draft building standards for people with disabilities and [documents](#) relating to the matter.

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- ❑ [Australian National Academy of Music](#)–moved by Senators Milne and Ronaldson

