



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 3 September 2008

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.50pm

Senators

Senators [Farrell](#) and [Arbib](#) gave their first speeches.

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Flags (Protection of Australian Flags) Amendment Bill 2008 [private senator's bill]
- Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008 and 2 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 3 September 2008]

The following bills were debated

- Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008 and 3 related bills—second reading agreed to [Statements were made relating to the division held—[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 4) Bill 2008—1 Opposition amendment agreed to and 1 Schedule negatived [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]

Notice of motion

To introduce a private senators' bill

- Emergency Assistance Fund for the Lower Lakes and Coorong Region of South Australia Bill 2008 [No. 2]—notice given by Senator Minchin

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

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Reports tabled

- Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee—Management of [Australia's waste streams](#) (including consideration of the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008) [A [motion](#) to take note of the report was moved]
- Finance and Public Administration Committee—[Knock, knock](#) ... who's there? The Lobbying Code of Conduct [A [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated and agreed to]
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 8](#) of 2008 and [8th report](#) of 2008 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

Document tabled

- Work of Committees—Financial year statistics: 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008; and half year statistics: 1 January to 30 June 2008

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 9](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Workplace Rights) Bill 2008—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee—to report by 30 November 2008
- Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Schooling Requirements) Bill 2008—Community Affairs Committee—to report by 13 November 2008
- Tax Laws Amendment (Political Contributions and Gifts) Bill 2008—Economics Committee—to report by 5 November 2008

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee into the implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning Carbon Sink Forests to 23 September 2008.

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to refer the Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008 and 2 related bills to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for report by 3 October 2008.

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to the membership of committees.

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

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders moved by Senator Milne:

- [Documents](#) relating to emissions-intensive companies—no later than 4.00pm on 4 September 2008
- [Report](#) of the Strategic Review of Climate Change Policies—no later than 4.00pm on 4 September 2008

Documents tabled

- [Government documents](#)
- [A petition](#)

Other business

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

Matters of public interest debate—[first speaker](#)

Adjournment debate—[first speaker](#)

Motions agreed to

- [Contribution of Irish settlers](#) to Australian society—moved by Senators Hutchins and Joyce
- [Floods in India and Nepal](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Parliamentary zone](#)—to approve a proposal for the design of the Pavement Artwork at Reconciliation Place—moved by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy)

Motions negated

- [Australia-Russia uranium agreement](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam
- [Australian National University report](#) on carbon storage—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Civilian deaths in Nawabad, Afghanistan](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Motion debated

- [Murray-Darling Basin](#)—moved by Senator Bernardi [debated 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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