



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 4 September 2008

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.06pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ ATMs and Cash Facilities in Licensed Venues Bill 2008 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Emergency Assistance Fund for the Lower Lakes and Coorong Region of South Australia Bill 2008 [No. 2] [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Emergency Response Consolidation) Bill 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 2 September 2008]
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Datum) Bill 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 3 September 2008]
- ❑ Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2008 [private senator's bill]

The following bill was exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration in this period of sittings]

- ❑ Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Datum) Bill 2008

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy Surcharge Thresholds) Bill 2008—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were defeated by a majority vote

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008 and 3 related bills—defeated at the second reading

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Aviation Legislation Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008
- ❑ Aviation Legislation Amendment (International Airline Licences and Carriers' Liability Insurance) Bill 2008

- ❑ Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill 2008
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (Removal of the Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements and National Governance Protocols Requirements and Other Matters) Bill 2008
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Datum) Bill 2008

[These bills will now be assented to]

Notices of motion

To introduce a private senator's bill

- ❑ Energy Efficiency Opportunities Amendment (Mandatory Implementation) Bill 2008—notice given by Senator Milne

To read bills a second time

- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Luxury Car Tax) Bill 2008 and 3 related bills—notice given by the Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector (Senator Stephens)

Message from the House of Representatives

- ❑ Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2008—agreeing to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Estimates

[Additional information](#) arising from estimates hearings was tabled.

Reports tabled

- ❑ Appropriations and Staffing Committee—Report for 2007-08
- ❑ Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee—[Inquiry](#) into the *Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007* [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated]
- ❑ Publications Committee—[4th Report](#) [report adopted]
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—Climate change and the Australian agricultural sector—[Interim report](#) [reporting date for the final report extended to 4 December 2008] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated]
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—Meat marketing—[Interim report](#) [reporting date for the final report extended to 30 June 2009] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated]
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—[93rd Report](#)—Treaties tabled on 12 March and 14 May 2008

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 10](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- ATMs and Cash Facilities in Licensed Venues Bill 2008—Community Affairs Committee—to report by 10 November 2008
- Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2008—Community Affairs Committee—to report by 25 November 2008
- Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Bill 2008—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—to report by 30 September 2008

Other references

- Draft National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical—Charges) Regulations 2008—Community Affairs Committee—to report by 2 October 2008
- Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2008 and 2 related bills—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—to report by 3 October 2008

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to refer matters relating to [expenditure](#) on Indigenous affairs and social services in the Northern Territory to the Community Affairs Committee for report by 4 December 2008.

Membership

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

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, including Governor-General's Proclamations]

Documents tabled

- National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits—Charges) Regulations 2008—Draft regulations

Orders for the production of documents

Statement by Minister

The Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law (Senator Sherry) made [a statement](#) relating to orders of the Senate [agreed to on 3 September 2008] requiring the tabling of:

- [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

Senator Milne made [a statement](#) in response.

Order with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio was tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at \$100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- [2 petitions](#)

Documents discussed

Government documents and committee reports were discussed.

Ministerial statements tabled

The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Senator Carr) tabled ministerial statements about:

- the Australian economy and global conditions
- the Australian Laureate Fellowships Scheme and New Chief Executive of the CSIRO [A [motion](#) to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to]

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

- [National Landcare Week](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

Motion debated

- [Rural and regional Australia](#)—moved by Senator Nash [[first speaker](#)]

Temporary chairs of committees

A [warrant](#) was tabled revoking and nominating senators to act as temporary chairs of committees.

Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals. [see Journals entries nos [4](#), [23](#) and [43](#)]

Statistics

Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate’s online statistical collection.

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