



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 11 November 2008

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 8.46pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following private senators' bills were introduced

- Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008
- Renewable Energy Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff for Electricity) Bill 2008

The following bills were debated

- National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008 and a related bill—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following private senator's bill was discharged from the Notice Paper

- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff) Bill 2008

The following private senator's bill was given [precedence](#)

- Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Laws Bill 2008 [No. 2]

The following bills were passed

- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2008—committee of the whole continued—6 Government and 2 Opposition amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate—see Journals entries nos [4](#) and [31](#)]
- Trade Practices Amendment (Clarity in Pricing) Bill 2008 [This bill will now be assented to]

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Estimates

A [notice of motion](#) was given to schedule estimates hearings for 2009.

New inquiry

The Senate referred matters relating to the [impact of gene patents](#) on the provision of healthcare in Australia to the Community Affairs Committee to report by the last sitting day of 2009.

Public meetings

The Senate authorised various committees to hold public meetings during the sitting of the Senate [see Journals entries nos [14](#), [16](#), [17](#), [18](#), [19](#), [20](#) and [22](#)].

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Matters relating to the gas explosion at Varanus Island, Western Australia—Economics Committee—to report by 3 December 2008
- Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2008—Community Affairs Committee—to report by 2 December 2008

[Membership](#)

The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership.

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported advising of various appointments to joint 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]

Notices of motion withdrawn

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances withdrew notices of motion to disallow [4 instruments](#).

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit report no. 8](#) of 2008-09
- [Government documents](#) [and considered]

