



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 12 November 2008

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.28pm

## Legislation

Bills and related documents available on BillsNet <[www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/bills/index.htm)>

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Customs Amendment (Australia-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2008 and a related bill [passed by the House of Representatives on 12 November 2008]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Education Refund) Bill 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 November 2008]
- ❑ Transport Security Amendment (2008 Measures No. 1) Bill 2008 [passed by the House of Representatives on 11 November 2008]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Bill 2008—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced—[1 Government amendment](#) agreed to and 1 Part negatived [further amendments and requests remain to be considered]

The following bills were defeated by a majority vote

- ❑ National Fuelwatch (Empowering Consumers) Bill 2008 and a related bill—[defeated](#) at the second reading [[first speaker](#)]

The following bill was agreed to with requests

- ❑ Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008—3 Government and 1 Opposition amendments agreed to and 2 Government requests for amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) requested by the Senate]

### Messages from the House of Representatives

- ❑ Family Law Amendment (De Facto Financial Matters and Other Measures) Bill 2008—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [This bill will now be assented to]

- ❑ Offshore Petroleum Amendment (Greenhouse Gas Storage) Bill 2008—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Safe Work Australia Bill 2008—insisting on disagreeing to the [amendments](#) made and insisted on by the Senate [The Senate will reconsider the amendments disagreed to by the House on a future sitting day]

## Committees

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[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

### Estimates

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) establishing dates for estimates hearings for 2009.

### Reports tabled

- ❑ Economics Committee—[Lost in Space?](#) Setting a new direction for Australia's space science and industry sector [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the report]
- ❑ Procedure Committee—[Third report of 2008](#)—Restructuring question time
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 12](#) of 2008 and [12th report](#) of 2008 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

### Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Community Affairs Committee to hold a private meeting while the Senate is sitting on 12 November 2008.

### Notices of motion given

To establish committees:

- ❑ [Integrity of the Prime Minister's Office](#) Select Committee—to report by 3 December 2008—notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)
- ❑ [Men's Health](#) Select Committee—to report by 30 May 2009—notice given by Senator Bernardi

To extend a reporting deadline:

- ❑ Natural resource management and conservation challenges—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—to report by 12 March 2009

To refer a matter to a committee:

- ❑ Exposure draft of the Personal Property Securities Bill 2008—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—to report by 24 February 2009

To vary resolutions of appointment of certain select committees:

- ❑ [Four select committees](#)—Variation of provisions relating to quorums

### Membership

The Senate discharged Senator Fierravanti-Wells from and appointed Senator Fifield to the Fuel and Energy Select Committee.

## Documents

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### 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]

### Documents tabled

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

### Ministerial statement tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator McLucas) tabled a ministerial statement about global food security.

## Other business

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[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

- [Australian National Academy of Music](#)—moved by Senator Ronaldson
- [Skin cancer prevention](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

### Motion negated

- [Uranium exports](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam

### Days of meeting

The Senate agreed to a motion establishing the [days of meeting](#) for 2009.

### Notices of motion

[Notices of motion](#) given today are available in the Senate Journals.

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