



# Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 24 November 2008

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.15pm

## 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

- National Measurement Amendment Bill 2008
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Economic Security Strategy) Bill 2008 and 2 related bills [see also bills passed]  
[passed by the House of Representatives on 13 November 2008]

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

- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Economic Security Strategy) Bill 2008 and 2 related bills

The following bills were passed

- National Rental Affordability Scheme Bill 2008—1 Opposition second reading amendment agreed to [expressing a view about the policy of the bill—see Journals entries nos [2](#) and [30](#)] [This bill will now be assented to]  
National Rental Affordability Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008—2 Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) made by the Senate]
- Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—Superannuation) Bill 2008—a message was reported advising that the House had made the amendments requested by the Senate—the third reading of the bill was [debated](#) and agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate—see Journals [entry no. 27](#), 12 November 2008]
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Economic Security Strategy) Bill 2008 and 2 related bills [These bills will now be assented to]

The following bill was agreed to with requests

- Same-Sex Relationships (Equal Treatment in Commonwealth Laws—General Law Reform) Bill 2008–90 Government amendments and 2 Government requests for amendments agreed to, 24 items and 2 Parts negatived [see Journals [entry no. 28](#), 12 November 2008 for previous consideration of the bill] [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments](#) requested by the Senate]

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

## Committees

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For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

### Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- [Aged Care Amendment](#) (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008–Community Affairs Committee
- [Interstate Road Transport Charge](#) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2008 and a related bill–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee
- [Social Security](#) Legislation Amendment (Employment Services Reform) Bill 2008–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee
- [Temporary Residents’](#) Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 and a related bill–Economics Committee
- Water Amendment Bill 2008–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee–Interim report and [final report](#)

Other reports

- Treaties Joint Committee–[96th report](#)–Treaties tabled on 16 September 2008

### Documents tabled

- Tax Laws Amendment (2008 Measures No. 5) Bill 2008–Economics Committee–Additional comments by Opposition senators
- Temporary Residents’ Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 and a related bill–Economics Committee–Minority report by Senator Xenophon

### New inquiry

- [Bank mergers](#)–Economics Committee–to report by 26 February 2009

### Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Economics Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 24 November 2008 from 4.00pm for the committee’s inquiry into the Corporations Amendment (Short Selling) Bill 2008.

### Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines:

- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Short Selling) Bill 2008–Economics Committee–to report by 6 February 2009
- ❑ Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008–Finance and Public Administration Committee–to report by 15 June 2009

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting:

- ❑ Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings Joint Committee–25 November 2008 from 4.00pm
- ❑ Economics Committee–25 November 2008 from 6.00pm–COAG Reform Fund Bill 2008 and 2 related bills

To refer matters to committees:

- ❑ [Impact of the ABC Learning collapse](#)–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee–to report by 12 March 2009–notice given by Senator Hanson-Young
- ❑ Fair Work Bill 2008–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee–to report by 27 February 2009–notice given by the Minister for Human Services (Senator Ludwig)

### Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes and appointments to committee membership:

- ❑ Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee–Senator Parry discharged and Senator Troeth appointed
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Committee–Senator Fierravanti-Wells discharged and Senator Parry appointed

## 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]

### Notice of intention to withdraw notices

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a notice of intention to withdraw notices to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- ❑ [Defence Force](#) (Home Loans Assistance) Amendment Regulations 2008 (No. 1)
- ❑ [Wool Services Privatisation](#) (Research Body) Declaration 2008

### Documents tabled

- ❑ [Government documents](#)

