



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 17 November 2010

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.18 pm

## Legislation

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For [bills and related documents](#)

### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other Measures) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 November 2010]
- ❑ Higher Education Support Amendment (FEE-HELP Loan Fee) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 November 2010]
- ❑ International Financial Institutions Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 November 2010]
- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 November 2010]
- ❑ Territories Law Reform Bill 2010 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 November 2010]

The following bill was debated

- ❑ National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme) Bill 2010—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]-1 Opposition second reading [amendment](#) to be determined

The following bill was passed

- ❑ Australian National Preventive Health Agency Bill 2010-1 Senator Xenophon amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendment](#) made by the Senate]

### Documents tabled

- ❑ Correspondence relating to the Social Security Amendment (Income Support for Regional Students) Bill 2010

### Notices of motion

To introduce private senators' bills

- ❑ Banking Amendment (Controls on Variable Interest Rate Changes) Bill 2010—notice given by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- ❑ Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Amendment (Fair Indexation) Bill 2010—notice given by Senator Ronaldson

To give precedence to a private senator's bill

- ❑ Restoring Territory Rights (Voluntary Euthanasia Legislation) Bill 2010—notice given by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Senator Ludwig)

To exempt a bill from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ International Financial Institutions Legislation Amendment Bill 2010—notice given by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy)

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

- ❑ Australian Civilian Corps Bill 2010—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2010—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ National Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2010—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)
- ❑ Radiocommunications Amendment Bill 2010—Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [\[report\]](#)

Other reports

- ❑ Legislation committees—Examination of annual reports tabled by 30 April 2010
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 9](#) of 2010 and [9th report](#) of 2010 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

### New inquiries

- ❑ [Australia's koala population](#)—Environment and Communications References Committee—with effect from the first day of sitting of 2011, to report by 1 June 2011
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Income Support for Regional Students) Bill 2010—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—to report by the second sitting day in February 2011

### **Public meeting**

The Senate authorised the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee to hold a public hearing while the Senate is sitting on 18 November 2010 from 3.45 pm for the committee's inquiry into the Evidence Amendment (Journalists' Privilege) Bill 2010 and a similar bill.

### **Reporting dates extended**

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Bill 2010 and a related bill—to report by 7 December 2010
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—
  - Donor conception practices in Australia—to report by the Wednesday of the first sitting week in February 2011
  - Review of government compensation schemes—to report by 6 December 2010
- Reform of the Australian Federation Select Committee—to report by the last sitting day in May 2011
- Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Airports Amendment Bill 2010—to report by 18 November 2010
- Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee–Pilot safety including consideration of the Transport Safety Investigation Amendment (Incident Reports) Bill 2010—to report by the second sitting day in March 2011

### **Notice of motion given**

A notice of motion was given to authorise the Economics References Committee to hold private briefings while the Senate is sitting on 22 and 25 November 2010.

### **Messages from the House of Representatives**

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported advising of resolutions of the House varying the appointment of the [Cyber Safety](#) Joint Select Committee and the [Parliamentary Library](#) Joint Committee. The Senate concurred with the resolutions.

## **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]

### **Orders for the production of documents**

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- [Advice](#) relating to the GST Agreement—no later than 5.00 pm on 18 November 2010

- Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) to table [documents](#) relating to the National Broadband Network—no later than 17 November 2010

#### [Notices of motion](#) given

The following notices of motion were given requiring Ministers to table documents:

- Documents relating to the Building the Education Revolution program—by 23 November 2010—moved by Senator Mason
- Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (Senator Conroy) to table documents relating to the National Broadband Network—by 22 November 2010—notice given by Senator Fisher

#### Orders with continuing effect

*Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet*

A statement of compliance for the Department of Defence was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

#### Documents tabled

- [Government documents](#)

### 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

- [Burma](#) and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi—moved by Senator Ludlam
- [Credit card surcharges](#)—moved by Senator Milne
- [Death of Dr Roberta ‘Bobbi’ Sykes](#)—moved by Senator Siewert

#### Motions negated

- [Mr Liu Xiaobo](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Non-biodegradable plastic bags](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

#### Matter of public importance discussed

- The Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program—[proposed](#) by Senator Fifield [[first speaker](#)]

#### Statement by President

The President made a [statement](#) relating to question time. A motion moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Abetz) to take note of the statement was debated and agreed to [[first speaker](#)].

**Statements by leave**

Statements were made relating to the engagement of His Royal Highness Prince William of Wales KG to Miss Catherine Middleton [[first speaker](#)].

**Notices of motion**

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

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