The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7.27 pm

Senators

Senator O’Sullivan gave his first speech

Legislation

Bills and related documents

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2014 [private senator’s bill]
- Farm Household Support Bill 2014 and the Farm Household Support (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 18 March 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]
- Social Security Legislation Amendment (Increased Employment Participation) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 18 March 2014] [Minister’s second reading speech]

Message from the House of Representatives

Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013–agreeing to certain amendments, and disagreeing to 2 amendments and making amendments in place of those amendments [The Senate will consider the amendments disagreed to by the House, and the amendments made in their place, on a future sitting day]

Notices of motion

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

- Civil Aviation Amendment (CASA Board) Bill 2014
- Farm Household Support Bill 2014
- Farm Household Support (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2014
Quarantine Charges (Collection) Bill 2014
Quarantine Charges (Imposition—Customs) Bill 2014
Quarantine Charges (Imposition—Excise) Bill 2014
Quarantine Charges (Imposition—General) Bill 2014
To introduce a private senator's bill
Privacy Amendment (Privacy Alerts) Bill 2014–notice given by Senator Singh

Bills assented to
Assent to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

Committees
Scheduled public committee hearings
Committee reports

Reports tabled
- 2012-13 annual reports of bodies established under the ASIC Act–Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee [report] [a motion to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Alert Digest No. 3 of 2014 and 3rd report of 2014–Scrutiny of Bills Committee
- Annual reports tabled by 31 October 2013–
  - Community Affairs Legislation Committee [report]
  - Economics Legislation Committee [report]
  - Education and Employment Legislation Committee [report]
  - Environment and Communications Legislation Committee [report]
  - Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [report]
  - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee [report]
  - Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee [report]
  - Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee [report]
- Care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD)–Community Affairs References Committee [interim report] [a motion was moved and agreed to relating to the presentation of the final report]
- Delegated legislation monitor no. 3 of 2014–Regulations and Ordinances Committee

Notice of motion
To hold meeting when the Senate is sitting
Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–26 March 2014 from 5 pm–public meeting–Australia Post
Membership

Messages were received from the House of Representatives notifying changes in the membership of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit and the Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

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].

Disallowance motions

Proposed disallowance motion

The Senate commenced debate on a motion to disallow the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Delegation) Regulation 2013 [F2013L02122]—matter to be determined [first speaker].

Disallowance notice

The Chair of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee (Senator Edwards) gave a notice of motion to disallow the Declaration of ‘corresponding State laws’ under subsection (7) of the Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002 [F2013L02043].

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion

Senator Carr gave a notice of motion requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Industry to table documents on the review of the South Australian economy and the Victorian manufacturing and industry economic review—no later than noon on 24 March 2014.

Orders with continuing effect

Departmental and agency contracts published on the Internet

A letter of advice for the Immigration and Border Protection 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].

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for various portfolios were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are required to be tabled twice a year].
Ministerial statement
The Minister for Indigenous Affairs (Senator Scullion) tabled a ministerial statement on deregulation [a motion to take note of the statement was agreed to]

Documents tabled
Government documents [and considered]

Other business
Questions without notice–first question
Matters of public interest debate–first speaker
Adjournment debate–first speaker

Hours of meeting and routine of business
The Senate did not agree to a motion to vary the hours of meeting and routine of business on 20 March 2014 [statements were made]

Statement by the President–Suspension of standing orders–Conduct of the Assistant Treasurer
The President made a statement relating to questions, asked of the Assistant Treasurer, which he ruled out of order during question time on 18 March 2014
The Senate agreed to a motion moved by the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate (Senator Wong) to suspend standing orders to enable debate on a motion relating to the conduct of the Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sinodinos) and that motion was agreed to [first speaker] [consequential statements were made by Senator Sinodinos and Senator Wong during matters of public interest debate]

Matter of public importance discussed
Administration–Ministerial standards–proposed by Senator Moore [first speaker]

Motions agreed to
□ Family and community services–Carers–moved by Senator Siewert
□ Foreign affairs–South Sudan–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Milne) and Senator Singh
□ Industrial relations–Construction industry–Safety–moved by Senator Rhiannon [statements were made]

Motion negatived
Environment–Coal seam gas–moved by Senator Waters

Notices of motion
Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals

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