

# Daily Summary enate

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# Tuesday, 8 September 2009

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 8.32pm

# Legislation

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

#### Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- □ International Monetary Agreements Amendment Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 7 September 2009]
- □ Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 4) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 7 September 2009]

#### The following bill was debated

□ Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008—second reading debate commenced [first speaker]—1 AG second reading amendment to be determined [expressing a view about the policy of the bill]

#### The following bill was passed

☐ Migration Amendment (Abolishing Detention Debt) Bill 2009 [No. 2] [The bill will now be assented to]

#### **Document tabled**

□ Correction to the explanatory memorandum relating to the Veterans' Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform) Bill 2009

#### **Notices of motion**

To introduce bills

- □ Military Justice (Interim Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2009
- □ Military Justice (Interim Measures) Bill (No. 2) 2009
- -notices given by the Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner)

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

□ Military Justice (Interim Measures) Bill (No. 1) and a related bill—notice given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig)

#### Bills assented to

Assent to a number of laws was reported in the Senate

# **Committees**

For scheduled <u>public committee hearings</u> For <u>committee reports</u>

#### Reports tabled

- □ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—<u>Inquiry</u> into aspects of agribusiness managed investment schemes [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to <u>first speaker</u>]
- □ Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—<u>Effects</u>
  of climate change on training and employment needs [a motion to adopt the
  recommendation of the committee that the reference into Australia's research and training
  capacity in the area of climate change not proceed further was agreed to]
- □ Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—<u>Review</u> of administration and expenditure: No. 6 Australian intelligence agencies
- □ Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—A possible contempt in relation to a witness to the committee's inquiry into access to justice

# **New inquiry**

The Senate agreed to refer matters relating to the <u>economic stimulus initiatives</u> to the Economics References Committee to report by 2 October 2009.

# Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the following meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting:

- □ Economics References Committee–9 September 2009 from 3.00pm–Private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee
  - 9 September 2009 from 11.15am to 1.30pm—Role of the Auditor-General in monitoring compliance with the 'Guidelines on Campaign Advertising'
  - 16 September 2009 from 11.15am to 1.30pm—Review of the *Auditor-General Act 1997*

#### Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- □ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment (Removal of Excessive Super) Bill 2009–to report by 17 September 2009
- □ Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Relationship between the Central Land Council and Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd—to report by 26 November 2009

## Notices of motion given

#### To extend reporting deadlines

□ Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–Annual reports tabled by 30 April 2009–to report by 15 September 2009

## To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

□ Fuel and Energy Select Committee–10 September 2009–private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

#### To refer matters to committees

- <u>Dairy industry in Tasmania</u>-Economics References Committee-to report by 25 November 2009-notice given by Senator O'Brien
- □ <u>Implementation</u> of the Primary Schools for the 21st Century program—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—notice given by Senator Marshall
- □ Waste and mismanagement within the Government's Primary Schools for the 21st Century program—notice given by Senator Barnett

# **Documents**

#### Delegated legislation

See <u>Disallowance Alert</u> for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

 A Clerk's document was tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

#### Motion to disallow defeated

The Senate did not agree to a motion by Senator Fierravanti-Wells to disallow the <u>Migration Amendment Regulations</u> 2009 (No. 6), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 143 and made under the *Migration Act 1958* [first speaker].

#### Transfer of notice of motion

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a notice of intention to withdraw a notice of motion to disallow the <u>Aviation Transport</u> <u>Security</u> Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1). Senator Xenophon indicated his objection to the withdrawal and his name was put on the notice of motion.

#### Orders for the production of documents-Order with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

A statement of compliance for the Australian Taxation Office was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are <u>required to be tabled</u> twice a year]

#### **Documents tabled**

- □ Auditor-General—Audit report no. 3 of 2009-10 [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to first speaker]
- □ Government documents [and considered]
- □ A petition

#### Ministerial statement tabled

The Minister for Defence (Senator Faulkner) tabled a ministerial statement on the contribution of defence science to the security of the nation.

# Other business

Questions without notice and issues arising during question time–<u>first question</u> Adjournment debate–<u>first speaker</u>

# Motions agreed to

- □ Equal pay for women—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- <u>United Nations International Literacy Day</u>—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

## **Motion negatived**

□ National Threatened Species Day—moved by Senator Siewert

#### Motion debated

□ <u>The New South Wales Labor Government</u>—moved by Senator Fierravanti-Wells [debated as a matter of public importance—<u>first speaker</u>]

#### **Notices of motion**

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

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