



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 9 September 2009

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.51pm

## 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

- Aviation Transport Security Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 9 September 2009]
- Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 and 2 related bills [passed by the House of Representatives on 8 September 2009]
- Military Justice (Interim Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2009 and a related bill [new Senate bills]
- Resale Royalty Right for Visual Artists Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 8 September 2009]

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

- Military Justice (Interim Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2009 and a related bill

The following bills were debated

- Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2009
  - second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)]
  - draft regulations and explanatory statements relating to the bill were tabled. An Opposition [second reading amendment](#) was agreed to providing for further consideration of the bill to take place three sitting days after the tabling (15 September 2009)
- Native Title Amendment Bill 2009—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- International Monetary Agreements Amendment Bill 2009 [The bill will now be assented to]

- ❑ Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2009 Measures No. 2) Bill 2009–1 Senator Xenophon [amendment](#) (as amended by the Government) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate]
- ❑ Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Bill 2008 [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bills were defeated by a majority vote

- ❑ Fairer Private Health Insurance Incentives Bill 2009 and 2 related bills–defeated at second reading [[first speaker](#)]

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

## Committees

---

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

### Reports tabled

- ❑ [Six legislation committees](#)–Examination of annual reports tabled by 30 April 2009
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 11](#) of 2009 and [10th report](#) of 2009 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

### Documents tabled

- ❑ Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 and 2 related bills–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Additional information

### New inquiry

The Senate agreed to refer [matters](#) relating to the Government’s Primary Schools for the 21st Century program to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee.

### Private meeting

The Senate authorised the Fuel and Energy Select Committee to hold a private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1) on 10 September 2009.

### Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee into annual reports tabled by 30 April 2009 to 15 September 2009.

### Notices of motion to refer matters to committees

- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee–[Hearing health in Australia](#)–to report by the last sitting day in February 2010–notice given by Senator Siewert
- ❑ Community Affairs References Committee–[Suicide in Australia](#)–to report by the last sitting day in April 2010–notice given by Senator Siewert

- Privileges Committee—[Possible contempt](#) in relation to a witness to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee’s inquiry into access to justice—notice given by the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee (Senator Barnett) [The President made a [statement](#)]

### Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to the membership of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee:

- Senator Collins discharged and Senator Bilyk appointed
- Senator Collins appointed as a participating member

## 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]

### Motion to disallow defeated

The Senate did not agree to a motion by Senator Milne to disallow the [Energy Efficiency Opportunities Amendment Regulations 2009 \(No. 1\)](#), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 119 and made under the *Energy Efficiency Opportunities Act 2006* [[first speaker](#)].

### Orders for the production of documents—Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for [various agencies](#) were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

### Documents tabled

- [A petition](#)

### Ministerial statement tabled

The Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) tabled a ministerial statement—Injection of momentum into the Doha Round of negotiations resulting from the meeting of trade ministers in New Delhi, India.

## Other business

---

[Questions without notice and issues arising during question time—first question](#)

[Matters of public interest debate—first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate—first speaker](#)

### Notices of motion

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

