



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 17 June 2009

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.23pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives 16 June 2009]
- ❑ Family Assistance Amendment (Further 2008 Budget Measures) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives 17 June 2009]
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Apprentices) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives 16 June 2009]
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform and Other 2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 June 2009]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Fair Work (State Referral and Consequential and Other Amendments) Bill 2009 [This bill will now be assented to]
Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009–1 Xenophon [amendment](#) agreed to [see Journals [entry no. 45](#), 16 June 2009 for previous consideration of the bill] [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
- ❑ International Monetary Agreements Amendment (Financial Assistance) Bill 2009 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Training Incentives) Bill 2009 [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 2) Bill 2009 [This bill will now be assented to]

The following bill was discharged from the Notice Paper

- ❑ Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Commonwealth Seniors Health Card) Bill 2009

Notice of motion to vary the hours of meeting

A [notice](#) was given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) to vary the hours of meeting for 18 June 2009 to enable the Government's legislative program to be further considered.

Messages from the House of Representatives

Agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bills:

- ❑ National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008 [No. 2]
 - ❑ Trade Practices Amendment (Cartel Conduct and Other Measures) Bill 2008
- [These bills will now be assented to]

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee—[Examination](#) of the annual report for 2007-08 of the Australian Crime Commission [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee—[Compliance audits](#) on Medicare benefits
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 7](#) of 2009 and [6th report](#) of 2009 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 8](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- ❑ Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009—Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee—to report by 20 August 2009
- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2009—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 5 August 2009
- ❑ Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment (Removal of Excessive Super) Bill 2009—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—to report by 8 September 2009
- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform and Other 2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—to report by 23 June 2009

Other references

- ❑ [Matters](#) relating to support and advocacy for international students—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—to report by 16 November 2009

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–
 - 17 and 24 June 2009 from 5.30pm
 - 18 June 2009 from 9.30am to 11.30am–Private briefing by officers of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–17 June 2009
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–24 June 2009 from 11.30am to 1.30pm–Review of Auditor-General’s reports

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee–Oversight of the child care industry–to report by 17 September 2009
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Public passenger transport in Australia–to report by 20 August 2009

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–National registration and accreditation scheme for doctors and other health workers–to report by 6 August 2009
- Economics References Committee–Foreign investment in Australia–to report by 17 September 2009
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Natural resource management and conservation challenges–to report by 11 August 2009

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Economics References Committee–22 and 23 June 2009 from 7.30pm–Foreign investment in Australia
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–18 June 2009 from 3.45pm—Major economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific–In camera hearing

To refer bills to a committee

- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2009 and the Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Amendment Bill 2009–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 12 August 2009

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to the membership of committees:

- Economics Legislation Committee—Senator Abetz to replace Senator Joyce for the committee’s inquiry into the Car Dealership Financing Guarantee Appropriation Bill 2009, and Senator Joyce appointed as a participating member
- Economics References Committee—Senator Xenophon appointed

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]

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Fifield gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister for Employment Participation (Senator Arbib) to table documents relating to the Employment Services Contract 2009-12—no later than 5.00pm on 22 June 2009.

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 41 of 2008-09
- [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]

Ministerial statement tabled

The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Senator Carr) tabled ministerial statements about:

- The Government’s response to trafficking in persons, and the report of the Anti-People Trafficking Interdepartmental Committee
- The wellbeing of Australia’s children

Other business

[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

- [Coal exploration](#) near the food plain at Caroona, New South Wales—moved by the Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce)
- [Failure to provide information](#) relating to the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme—moved by the Chair of the Fuel and Energy Select Committee (Senator Cormann)
- [Mountain ash forests in Victoria](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Motion negatived

- [Coal exploration](#) near the food plain at Caroona, New South Wales—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Motion debated

The Senate discussed [issues](#) relating to changes to the Independent Youth Allowance, raised by Senator Williams as a matter of public importance. [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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