

Senate Daily Summary

Monday, 22 June 2009

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.15pm

Legislation

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

The Senate did not agree to a motion moved by Senator Parry to vary the Government's legislative program [see Journals entries nos 3 and 22] [first speaker]. A notice of motion was given to vary the program for 24 June 2009.

Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

□ Migration Amendment (Protection of Identifying Information) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 18 June 2009]

The following bills were debated

□ Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 [a second reading amendment expressing a view about the policy of the bill was moved by the Australian Greens] and 10 related bills—second reading debate commenced [first speaker]

Notices of motion

To introduce a private senator's bill

□ Anti-Terrorism Laws Reform Bill 2009–notice given by Senator Ludlam

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

 Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform and Other 2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009–notice given by the Minister for Climate Change and Water (Senator Wong)

To give precedence to a private senator's bill

 Crimes Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Child Protection from Predatory Tourism Offences) Bill 2008–to have precedence over government business from 9.30am on 12 August 2009–notice given by Senator Bernardi

Messages from the House of Representatives

- □ Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009–agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]
- □ Guarantee of State and Territory Borrowing Appropriation Bill 2009–agreeing to the amendment made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]
- □ Tax Laws Amendment (Political Contributions and Gifts) Bill 2008–disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate, but making amendments in their place and requesting the concurrence of the Senate [The Senate will consider the message on a future sitting day]

See Committees for details of reports relating to legislation

Committees

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

Report tabled

□ <u>Tax Laws Amendment</u> (2009 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2009–Economics Legislation Committee

Document tabled

□ Health Workforce Australia Bill 2009–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Additional information

Government response tabled

<u>Economics Committee</u> – Disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations

New inquiry

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) amended his motion objecting to a ruling of the President on 18 June 2009 (that a child of a senator should be removed from the chamber during a division), and the Senate agreed to refer a <u>proposed amendment</u> to standing order 175(3) to the Procedure Committee for report by 7 September 2009 [first speaker].

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- □ Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform and Other 2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009–to report by 24 June 2009
- □ Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee–Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009–to report by 17 September 2009

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To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

□ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–24 June 2009 from 11.00am–Australia's trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America

To refer matters to committees

- □ <u>Matters</u> relating to unlimited bank deposit guarantees—Economics References Committee—to report by 15 September 2009
- □ The operation of employee share schemes in Australia–Economics References Committee–to report by 17 August 2009

Membership

The Senate discharged Senator Fierravanti-Wells from and appointed Senator Boyce to the Migration Joint Committee.

Documents

Delegated legislation

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

 <u>Clerk's documents</u> were tabled [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Notice of intention to withdraw notices

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave notice of her intention to withdraw notices to disallow 3 instruments.

Orders for the production of documents

Document tabled

The Minister for Employment Participation (Senator Arbib) tabled a statement indicating why the government would not be complying with the order agreed to on 18 June 2009 requiring the production of documents relating to the Employment Services Contract 2009-12.

Notice of motion given

Senator Fisher gave a <u>notice of motion</u> to require the Minister representing the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations (Senator Arbib) to table certain documents provided to the Government by the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner—no later than 5.00pm on 24 June 2009.

Documents tabled

- □ Auditor-General—Audit report no. 42 of 2008-09
- Response to a Senate resolution about National Volunteer Week-from the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (Ms Macklin) [resolution agreed to <u>13 May 2009</u>]

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Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- Allegations relating to firms associated with the Reserve Bank of Australia—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- □ <u>Israel and Palestine</u>—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

Motion debated

The Senate discussed <u>issues</u> relating to the Building the Education Revolution program, raised by Senator Mason 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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