



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 23 June 2009

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 7.28pm

Legislation

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

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) moved by Senator Parry to vary the Government's legislative program [[first speaker](#)].

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Abetz relating to the consideration of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme package of bills was negatived.

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Anti-Terrorism Laws Reform Bill 2009 [private senator's bill]
- ❑ Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2009-2010
Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2009-2010
Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2009-2010
[passed by the House of Representatives on 22 June 2009]
- ❑ Excise Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [No. 2]
Customs Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009 [No. 2]
[passed by the House of Representatives on 22 June 2009]

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

- ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform and Other 2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 and 10 related bills—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

To introduce private senators' bills

- ❑ Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009—notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

- Trade Practices Amendment (Guaranteed Lowest Prices—Blacktown Amendment) Bill 2009—notice given by the Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce) and Senator Xenophon

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

- Rural Adjustment Amendment Bill 2009—notice given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig)

To vary the hours of meeting

A [notice](#) was given by Senator Xenophon to vary the hours of meeting for 13 August 2009 to allow for consideration of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 and 10 related bills.

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Estimates

The following reports relating to estimates hearings were tabled:

- Budget estimates 2009-10—[Seven committees](#) [a [motion](#) was moved to take note of the reports]

Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- [Car Dealership](#) Financing Guarantee Appropriation Bill 2009—Economics Legislation Committee

Other reports

- Electoral Matters Joint Committee—
 - [Advisory report](#) on the Commonwealth Electoral (Above-the-Line Voting) Amendment Bill 2008
 - [Conduct of the 2007 federal election](#) and matters related thereto [a motion to take note of the reports was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Public Works Joint Committee—[3rd report of 2009](#)—Referrals made February and March 2009: Fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission in Sydney, New South Wales and Construction of housing for Defence at Yamanto Hills, Ipswich, Queensland [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was moved]

[New inquiries](#)

- Matters 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

Public meeting

The Senate authorised the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 24 June 2009 from 11.00am for the committee's inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America.

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- ❑ 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

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—Higher Education Support Amendment (2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009—to report by 5 August 2009
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee—Relationship between the Central Land Council and Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd—to report by 30 October 2009

To refer matters to a committee

- ❑ [Alleged intimidation of a witness](#) before the Economics Legislation Committee—Privileges Committee—notice given by Senator Heffernan [The President made a [statement](#)]

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, including Governor-General's Proclamations]

Notices of motion to disallow given

Senators Colbeck and Milne gave [notices of motion](#) to disallow various legislative instruments.

Notices of motion withdrawn

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances withdrew notices of motion to disallow [3 instruments](#).

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered 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.

Notice of motion given

Senator Xenophon gave a [notice of motion](#) to require documents held by the Productivity Commission relating to the design and economic impacts of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme to be tabled by 6 August 2009.

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit reports](#) nos 43 and 44 of 2008-09
- [Government documents](#)
- [2 petitions](#)

Ministerial statement tabled

The Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry) tabled a ministerial statement about local sporting champions.

Other business

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

Motion agreed to

- [Iran](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Motion debated

The Senate discussed issues relating to [renewable energy](#), raised by the Leader of The Nationals in the Senate (Senator Joyce) 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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