

Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 19 June 2014

The Senate met from 9.30 am until 7 pm

Legislation

Bills and related documents

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- □ Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency Repeal Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 June 2014] [Minister's second reading speech]
- □ Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014 and the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 June 2014] [Minister's second reading speech]
- □ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Bilateral Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 June 2014] [Minister's second reading speech]
- □ Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Measures) Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 18 June 2014] [Minister's second reading speech]
- ☐ Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 16 June 2014] [Minister's second reading speech]
- □ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Regulatory Powers and Other Measures) Bill 2014 and the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment Bill 2014 [passed by the House of Representatives on 17 June 2014] [Minister's second reading speech]

The following bill was debated

Privacy Amendment (Privacy Alerts) Bill 2014–second reading debate continued [first speaker]

The following bills were debated and passed

- □ Excise Tariff Amendment (Product Stewardship for Oil) Bill 2014 Customs Tariff Amendment (Product Stewardship for Oil) Bill 2014 [first speaker] [These bills will now be assented to]
- □ Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment Bill 2014 [first speaker] [The bill will now be assented to]
- □ Railway Agreement (Western Australia) Amendment Bill 2014 [first speaker] [The bill will now be assented to]
- □ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Green Army Programme) Bill 2014 [first speaker]—AG second reading amendment negatived [The bill will now be assented to]
- □ Student Identifiers Bill 2014 [first speaker] [The bill will now be assented to]
- □ Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 2) Bill 2014 [first speaker] [The bill will now be assented to]
- □ Tax and Superannuation Laws Amendment (2014 Measures No. 3) Bill 2014 [first speaker] [The bill will now be assented to]
- □ Tax Laws Amendment (Implementation of the FATCA Agreement) Bill 2014 [first speaker] [The bill will now be assented to]
- □ Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Mental Health and Other Measures) Bill 2014 [first speaker] [The bill will now be assented to]

Private senator's bill to be debated

On 14 November 2013 the Senate agreed to a temporary order allowing private senators' bills to be considered on Thursdays. On 26 June 2014 the Flags Amendment Bill 2014 is scheduled for debate

Message reported from the House of Representatives

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Increased Employment Participation) Bill 2014–agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Committees

Scheduled <u>public committee hearings</u> <u>Committee reports</u>

Reports tabled

- □ Abbott Government's Commission of Audit Select Committee [final report] [a motion was moved to take note of the report first speaker]
- □ Delegated legislation monitor no. 6 of 2014–Regulations and Ordinances Committee
- □ Human Rights Joint Committee—7th report of the 44th Parliament—Examination of legislation in accordance with the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act* 2011 [report] [a motion to take note of the report was agreed to first speaker]
- □ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—442nd and 443rd reports [a statement was made]
- □ Alert Digest No. 6 of 2014 and 6th report of 2014–Scrutiny of Bills Committee

Estimates

Additional information arising from estimates hearings was tabled

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- □ Economics References Committee—Ticket scalping in Australia
- □ Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee— Provision of childcare

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee

The Senate adopted <u>report</u> no. 7 of 2014 of the Selection of Bills Committee and made the following references:

- □ Australian Renewable Energy Agency (Repeal) Bill 2014–Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 4 September 2014
- □ Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme Bill 2014 and the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool Payment Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2014–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 26 August 2014
- □ Carbon Farming Initiative Amendment Bill 2014–Environment and Communications Legislation Committee–to report by 7 July 2014
- □ Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014, Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuel Indexation) Bill 2014, Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Special Account Bill 2014 and the Fuel Indexation (Road Funding) Bill 2014– Economics Legislation Committee–to report by 7 July 2014
- □ Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014–Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 28 October 2014
- □ National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2014–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 26 August 2014
- □ Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 1) Bill 2014 and the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (2014 Budget Measures No. 2) Bill 2014–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–to report by 4 September 2014

Other references

- □ <u>Grain export networks</u>—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 3 December 2014
- □ <u>Illicit firearms</u>—Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—to report by 2 October 2014 [a <u>statement</u> was made]

Proposed reference

The Senate did not agree to refer to the Education and Employment References Committee a matter relating to portable long service leave

Notice of motion

To refer a matter to a committee

Labelling of seafood and seafood products-Community Affairs References Committee-to report by 27 October 2014-notice given by Senator Xenophon

Membership

The Senate agreed to vary the membership of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Documents

Delegated legislation

See <u>Disallowance Alert</u> 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]

Disallowance motions

Motion to disallow defeated

The Senate did not agree to a <u>motion</u> to disallow the Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export of Live-stock to Egypt) Repeal Order 2014 [F2014L00312] [first speaker]

Documents tabled, and discussed

- □ 1 petition
- □ Auditor-General—Audit reports nos 41 to 46 of 2013-14
- Correspondence between Senator Madigan and Bleyer Lawyers Pty Ltd
- □ Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed

Ministerial statements

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Services (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) tabled the following ministerial statements:

- APEC women in the Economy Forum
- Australian Government's aviation safety regulation review
- World Trade Organization Agreement on Trade Facilitation

Other business

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

Motions negatived

- □ Health—<u>Plain packaging of tobacco products</u>—moved by Senators Xenophon, Madigan and Di Natale [a statement was made]
- □ World Refugee Day 2014—moved by Senator Hanson-Young [a statement was made]

Motion debated

Family and community services—<u>Paid parental leave</u>—moved by Senator Cameron, at the request of Senator Moore [first speaker]

Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals

Statistics

Statistics on the work of the Senate this week will be available in the <u>Statistical</u> <u>Summary</u>, which forms part of <u>StatsNet</u>—the Department of the Senate's online statistical collection

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