Senate Daily Summary

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Senate Daily Summary Monday, 22 June 2015

The Senate met from 10 am until 10.28 pm

Legislation

Bills and related documents

Bill introduced

Social Services Legislation Amendment (Fair and Sustainable Pensions) Bill 2015 [passed by the House of Representatives 22 June 2015] [Minister's second reading speech]

Bills considered

The following bill was debated

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2015–committee of the whole continued–<u>Opposition amendments disagreed to</u> [further amendments remain to be determined]

The following bills were debated and passed

- Copyright Amendment (Online Infringement) Bill 2015 [second reading <u>first</u> <u>speaker</u>]–Opposition second reading amendment agreed to; Australian Greens <u>second reading amendment negatived</u>; Australian Greens committee amendments <u>negatived-bill agreed to without amendments</u> [The bill will now be assented to]
- Energy Grants and Other Legislation Amendment (Ethanol and Biodiesel) Bill 2015 [second reading <u>first speaker</u>]-bill agreed to without amendments [The bill will now be assented to]
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Ethanol and Biodiesel) Bill 2015 [second reading <u>first</u> <u>speaker</u>]–<u>Government amendment agreed to</u> [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate to the bill]
- Law Enforcement Legislation Amendment (Powers) Bill 2015 [second reading <u>first</u> <u>speaker</u>]-bill agreed to without amendments [The bill will now be assented to]
- Private Health Insurance (Prudential Supervision) Bill 2015 and 4 related bills [second reading - <u>first speaker</u>]—<u>bills agreed to without amendments</u> [The bills will now be assented to]
- Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Seniors Supplement Cessation) Bill 2014 [second reading – <u>first speaker</u>]–<u>Government amendments agreed to</u> [The House of Representatives considered and agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the bill] [The bill will now be assented to]
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Fair and Sustainable Pensions) Bill 2015 [second reading - <u>first speaker</u>]-<u>bill agreed to without amendments</u> [The bill will now be assented to]

Message reported

The House of Representatives <u>agreed</u> to the amendments made by the Senate to the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Seniors Supplement Cessation) Bill 2014

Committees

Scheduled public committee hearings

Committee reports

Report and government response tabled

- National Broadband Network Select Committee–Response to second interim report
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Fair and Sustainable Pensions) Bill 2015– Community Affairs Legislation Committee [report]

Meeting during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate <u>authorised</u> a meeting of the Wind Turbines Select Committee to be held while the Senate is sitting

Membership

The Senate agreed to vary the membership of committees

New inquiry

<u>Australia's video game industry</u>–Environment and Communications References Committee–to report by 1 April 2016

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for inquires of various committees

Notices of motion to hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Northern Australia Joint Select Committee–11 August, 18 August, 8 September, 15 September, 13 October, 10 November, 24 November and 1 December 2015– private meetings, followed by public meetings
- Trade and Investment Growth Joint Select Committee–13 August, 20 August, 10 September, 17 September, 15 October, 12 November, 26 November and 3 December 2015–private meetings, followed by public meetings

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

Notice of motion to disallow given

Senator Wright gave a <u>notice of motion</u> to disallow the Federal Courts Legislation Amendment (Fees) Regulation 2015 as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2015 No. 70, made under the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976*, the *Family Law Act 1975* and the *Federal Circuit Court of Australia Act 1999* [F2015L00780]

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate <u>did not accept</u> the claim of public interest immunity made by the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection in failing to comply with the order of 16 June 2015 to table documents pertaining to the payment of money to people on board a vessel en route to Australia or New Zealand in May 2015 [a <u>statement</u> was made]

Documents tabled

Government documents

Other business

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

Matter of public importance discussed

Education-Public education-proposed by Senator Moore [first speaker]

Motion agreed to

Health–<u>Access to health care–Migrants</u>–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Di Natale)

Motion negatived

Environment–<u>Illegal shark fin trade</u>–moved by Senator Siewert

Notices of motion

Hours of meeting and routine of business-Variation

- The Assistant Minister for Social Services (Senator Fifield) gave a <u>notice of motion</u> to extend the hours of meeting on Tuesday, 23 June 2015 to enable debate on government bills
- <u>Further notices of motion</u> given today are available in the Senate Journals

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