



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 11 March 2009

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.15pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009
Excise Tariff Amendment (2009 Measures No. 1) Bill 2009
[Passed by the House of Representatives on 25 February 2009]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Aviation Legislation Amendment (2008 Measures No. 2) Bill 2008–
second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Fair Work Bill 2008–second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)]
[Details of these bills will be considered on a future sitting day]

The following bill was defeated by a majority vote

- ❑ Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Political Donations and Other
Measures) Bill 2008 [2009]–defeated at second reading [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were introduced, debated and passed

- ❑ Australian Energy Market Amendment (AEMO and Other Measures)
Bill 2009
- ❑ Civil Aviation Amendment Bill 2009
Transport Safety Investigation Amendment Bill 2009

[These bills will now be assented to]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Defence Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2008
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (Taxation of Financial Arrangements) Bill 2008

[These bills will now be assented to]

Notice of motion to vary the hours of meeting

A [notice](#) was given by the Minister for Human Services (Senator Ludwig) to vary the hours of meeting for 16 and 17 March 2009 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered.

Message from the House of Representatives

- Telecommunications Amendment (Integrated Public Number Database) Bill 2009—agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate [This bill will now be assented to]

See *Committees* for details of reports relating to legislation

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- [Federal Court](#) of Australia Amendment (Criminal Jurisdiction) Bill 2008—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
- [Foreign Evidence](#) Amendment Bill 2008—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Other reports

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 3](#) of 2009 and [2nd report](#) of 2009 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Senators' Interests Committee—[Annual report](#) for 2008

New inquiry

- Exposure draft of the legislation to implement the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme—Economics Committee—to report by 14 April 2009

New select committee

The Senate agreed to establish the [Select Committee on Climate Policy](#) to report by 14 May 2009.

Proposed discontinuation of inquiry

The Senate did not agree to a [motion](#) to discontinue the inquiry of the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee into the establishment of an Australian Football League team for Tasmania.

Meetings during Senate sittings

The Senate authorised the various meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting [see Journals entries nos [4](#), [13](#), [20](#), [21](#) and [22](#)]

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee—Australia’s research and training capacity in the area of climate change—to report by 17 September 2009
- Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee—Effectiveness of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and other programs in protecting threatened species and ecological communities—First report—to report by 18 March 2009
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—Personal Property Securities Bill 2008 [Exposure draft]—to report by 19 March 2009

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Finance and Public Administration Committee—Annual reports tabled by 31 October 2008—to report by 19 March 2009
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—Annual reports tabled by 31 October 2008—to report by 17 March 2009
- National Broadband Network Select Committee—to report by 22 June 2009
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—
 - 2008-09 additional estimates—to report by 31 March 2009
 - Management of the Murray-Darling Basin system—to report by 12 May 2009
 - Natural resource management and conservation challenges—to report by 12 May 2009

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Economics Committee—12 March 2009 from 6.30pm—Bank mergers
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—16 March 2009 from 4.45pm—Management of the Murray-Darling Basin system

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

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to the following orders:

- Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Ludwig) to table [documents](#) relating to private health insurance—no later than 12.00pm on 16 March 2009

- [Documents](#) relating to the Department of the Treasury report, *Australia's Low Pollution Future: The economics of climate change mitigation* to be provided to the Fuel and Energy Select Committee—no later than noon on 13 March 2009

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the Internet

Statements of compliance for the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio and the Workplace Authority were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies are [required to be tabled](#) twice a year]

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 25 of 2008-09
- Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report—Republic of Serbia and the 119th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Geneva, Switzerland—4 to 18 October 2008
- [Government documents](#)
- Message of condolence from the Chairman, Council of Representatives, Kingdom of Bahrain

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

- [International Women's Day](#) and paid parental leave—moved by Senator Hanson-Young
- [Tasmanian red meat industry](#)—moved by Senator Abetz

Temporary chair of committees

A warrant was tabled nominating Senator Bernardi as a temporary chair of committees.

Notices of motion

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

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