



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 15 September 2009

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 8.27pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Legislation Amendment Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 9 September 2009]
- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures—Network Information) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 14 September 2009 – further consideration of the bill is subject to an order agreed to by the Senate on [13 May 2009](#)]

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

- ❑ Asian Development Bank (Additional Subscription) Bill 2009
- ❑ Corporations Amendment (Improving Accountability on Termination Payments) Bill 2009
- ❑ Corporations Legislation Amendment (Financial Services Modernisation) Bill 2009
- ❑ International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2009
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Legislation Amendment Bill 2009

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Test Review and Other Measures) Bill 2009—second reading agreed to [[first speaker](#)] and committee of the whole commenced—[4 AG amendments](#) agreed to [further amendments remain to be considered]

The following bill was discharged from the *Notice Paper*

- ❑ Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures No. 1) Bill 2009

Bills to be considered together

The Senate agreed that the following bills may be considered together for their remaining stages:

- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Safety Levies) Amendment Bill 2009
- ❑ Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Legislation Amendment Bill 2009

Notices of motion to introduce private senator's bills

- ❑ Geothermal and Other Renewable Energy (Emerging Technologies) Amendment Bill 2009—notice given by Senator Minchin
- ❑ Renewable Energy (Certificates and Other Matters) Amendment Bill 2009—notice given by Senator Cash

Messages from the House of Representatives

- ❑ Military Justice (Interim Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2009 and a related bill—agreeing to the bills without amendments [The bills will now be assented to]

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—[Statutory oversight](#) of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated and agreed to]
- ❑ Public Works Joint Committee—[5th report of 2009](#)—Fit-out and external works, Anzac Park West, Parkes, ACT; and fit-out of Tuggeranong Office Park, Greenway, ACT [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- ❑ Treaties Joint Committee—[105th report](#)—Treaties tabled on 13 May, 25 June and 20 August 2009 [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was debated and agreed to]

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

The Senate authorised the following meetings to be held while the Senate is sitting:

- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—16 September 2009 from 6.30pm
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—16 September 2009 from 1.50pm—Private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)
- ❑ Fuel and Energy Select Committee—16 September 2009—Private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

Notices of motion given to extend reporting deadlines

- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—Oversight of the child care industry—to report by 29 October 2009
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Australia’s judicial system and the role of judges—to report by 18 November 2009

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes and appointments to committee membership:

- Economics References Committee—Senator O’Brien to replace Senator Pratt for the committee’s inquiry into the Australian dairy industry—Senator Pratt appointed as a participating member
- Electoral Matters Joint Committee—Senator Hutchins discharged and Senator Feeney appointed

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]

Regulations disallowed

Senator Milne gave notice of her intention to withdraw a notice to disallow 4 instruments. The Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding) indicated his objection and the notice was transferred into his name. The Senate debated his motion together with a motion moved by Senator Colbeck [[first speaker](#)] and the following instruments were disallowed:

- Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry (Export Licensing) Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1)
- Export Control (Fees) Amendment Orders 2009 (No. 1)
- Export Inspection (Establishment Registration Charges) Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1)
- Export Inspection (Quantity Charge) Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1)

Notice of motion to disallow given

Senator Colbeck gave a notice of motion to disallow the Inclusion of ecological communities in the list of threatened ecological communities [Lowland Native Grasslands of Tasmania], made on 18 June 2009 under section 181 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* [[homepage](#)].

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Milne gave a [notice of motion](#) to require maps of Australian forest cover for each year since 1990 to be tabled—no later than 4.00pm on 26 October 2009.

Documents tabled

- ❑ Auditor-General–[Audit report](#) no. 4 of 2009-10
- ❑ Australian Parliamentary Delegation–Report–Philippines, Cambodia and Malaysia–19 April to 1 May 2009 [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [A petition](#)

Ministerial statements tabled

The Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry) tabled ministerial statements on:

- ❑ delivering pension reform [a [motion](#) to take note of the statement was agreed to]
- ❑ future of ABC Learning
- ❑ Zimbabwe

Other business

[Questions without notice and issues arising during question time–first question](#)

[Adjournment debate–first speaker](#)

Motion agreed to

- ❑ [Progress](#) on the Millennium Development Goals–moved by Senators Barnett and Payne

Motion negatived

- ❑ [Australian Curriculum](#), Assessment and Reporting Authority–moved by Senator Hanson-Young

Matter of public importance discussed

- ❑ [Border security](#)–proposed by Senator Parry [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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