



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 16 June 2009

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.27pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bills were introduced

- ❑ Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2009
- ❑ International Monetary Agreements Amendment (Financial Assistance) Bill 2009
- ❑ Social Security Amendment (Training Incentives) Bill 2009
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Improved Support for Carers) (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2009

[passed by the House of Representatives on 15 June 2009]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Fair Work (State Referral and Consequential and Other Amendments) Bill 2009
Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009—committee of the whole commenced—18 Government and 1 Xenophon [amendments](#) agreed to and 2 items negatived. 1 Opposition amendment to be determined [further amendments remain to be considered]

The following bills were defeated by a majority vote

- ❑ Australian Business Investment Partnership Bill 2009 [see Journals entry no. [38](#) for details of amendments to the bill] and a related bill—defeated at third reading [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Nation Building Program (National Land Transport) Amendment Bill 2009 [an Opposition [second reading amendment](#) (as amended by the Government) was agreed to—expressing a view about the policy of the bill] [This bill will now be assented to]
- ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Improved Support for Carers) Bill 2009 and a related bill [These bills will now be assented to]

Notices of motion

To discharge a bill from the Notice Paper

- Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Commonwealth Seniors Health Card) Bill 2009—notice given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig)

To vary the hours of meeting

A [notice](#) was given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) to vary the hours of meeting for Monday, 22 June 2009 to enable the Government's legislative program to be further considered.

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings](#)

[For committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- [Family Assistance Amendment](#) (Further 2008 Budget Measures) Bill 2009—Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- [Guarantee of State](#) and Territory Borrowing Appropriation Bill 2009—Economics Legislation Committee
- [Health Workforce](#) Australia Bill 2009—Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- [Private Health Insurance](#) Legislation Amendment Bill 2009—Community Affairs Legislation Committee
- [Private Health Insurance](#) (National Joint Replacement Register Levy) Bill 2009—Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Other reports

- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity Joint Committee—[Examination of the annual report](#) for 2007-08 of the Integrity Commissioner [a motion to take note of the report was agreed to]
- Treaties Joint Committee—[101st report](#)—Treaties tabled on 3 February 2009 [a motion to take note of the report was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

Document tabled

- Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Correction to report

New inquiries

- Car Dealership Financing Guarantee Appropriation Bill 2009—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 23 June 2009

- [Rural and regional access](#) to secondary and tertiary education opportunities–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–to report by 30 August 2009

Variation of appointment

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) varying the appointment of the Fuel and Energy Select Committee.

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee–Forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands–to report by 17 September 2009
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee–AusCheck Amendment Bill 2009–to report by 18 June 2009

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee–Oversight of the child care industry–to report by 17 September 2009
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Public passenger transport in Australia–to report by 20 August 2009

To hold meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–
 - 17 and 24 June 2009 from 5.30pm
 - 18 June 2009 from 9.30am to 11.30am–Private briefing by officers of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–24 June 2009 from 11.30am to 1.30pm–Review of Auditor-General’s reports

To refer matters to a committee

- [Matters](#) relating to support and advocacy for international students–Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee–to report by 16 November 2009–notice given by Senator Hanson-Young

Membership

Messages from the House of Representatives were reported advising of [various appointments](#) to joint committees.

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]

Notices of motion withdrawn

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances withdrew notices of motion to disallow [5 instruments](#).

Order for the production of documents

Motion defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Siewert requiring the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (Senator Wong) to table all documents used in the preparation of the Australian Terrestrial Biodiversity Assessment 2008 was defeated.

Documents tabled

- Department of the Senate—Senators’ satisfaction with departmental services—Report prepared by Ipsos-Eureka Social Research Institute—June 2009
- [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]
- [A petition](#)

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [20th anniversary](#) of free elections in Poland—moved by Senators Hutchins, Hurley, Furner, Polley, Farrell, Sterle, Feeney, Bilyk, Collins and Bishop
- [20th anniversary](#) of free elections in Poland—moved by Senator Humphries
- [Antarctica](#), World Cultural and Natural Heritage list—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Rights of indigenous peoples](#) living in the Peruvian Amazon—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Motions negatived

- [20th anniversary](#) of the Tiananmen Square massacre—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Establishment](#) of an independent parliamentary standards commissioner—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Notices of motion

Notices of motion given today are available in the Senate Journals [see entries nos [9](#) and [44](#)].

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