



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday, 18 June 2009

The Senate met from 9.30am until 5.36pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

The following bill was debated

- ❑ Health Workforce Australia Bill 2009—second reading debate commenced [[first speaker](#)]

The following bills were introduced, debated and passed

- ❑ Guarantee of State and Territory Borrowing Appropriation Bill 2009—1 Opposition amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendment](#) made by the Senate]
- ❑ Private Health Insurance (National Joint Replacement Register Levy) Bill 2009 [This bill will now be assented to]

The following bills were passed

- ❑ Defence Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2009
 - ❑ Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2009 and a related bill
 - ❑ Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care) Bill 2009
 - ❑ Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Apprentices) Bill 2009
 - ❑ Social Security Legislation Amendment (Digital Television Switch-over) Bill 2009
 - ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 3) Bill 2009
- [These bills will now be assented to]

The following bill was defeated by a majority vote

- ❑ Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting Amendment) Bill 2008 [private senator's bill]—defeated at second reading [[first speaker](#)]

Notice of motion to introduce a private senator's bill

- Banking Amendment (Keeping Banks Accountable) Bill 2009—notice given by the Leader of the Family First Party (Senator Fielding)

Bill assented to

[Assent](#) to a law was reported in the Senate

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- [AusCheck](#) Amendment Bill 2009—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Other report

- Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee—Food production in Australia—[Interim report](#) [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

[Government responses](#) tabled

- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee—Exposure draft of the Personal Property Securities Bill 2008
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee—Implementation, operation and administration of the legislation underpinning carbon sink forests [a motion take note of response was debated and agreed to – [first speaker](#)]

New inquiries

Selection of Bills Committee report

The Senate adopted [report no. 9](#) of the Selection of Bills Committee, and made the following references:

- Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Bill 2009—Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee—to report by 10 September 2009
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2009 and a related bill—Economics Legislation Committee—to report by 12 August 2009

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Economics References Committee—22 and 23 June 2009 from 7.30pm—Foreign investment in Australia

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—18 June 2009 from 3.45pm—Major economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific—In camera hearing

Reporting dates extended

The Senate extended reporting dates for the following inquiries:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—National registration and accreditation scheme for doctors and other health workers—to report by 6 August 2009
- Economics References Committee—Foreign investment in Australia—to report by 17 September 2009
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—Natural resource management and conservation challenges—to report by 11 August 2009

Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership.

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]

Notice of motion to disallow given

The Chair of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave a notice of motion to disallow the [Aviation Transport Security](#) Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1).

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [ordered](#) the Minister for Employment Participation (Senator Arbib) to table documents relating to the Employment Services Contract 2009-12 by no later than 5.00pm on 22 June 2009.

Document tabled

- Australian Parliamentary Delegation—Report—Colombia and Argentina—9 to 24 August 2008 [a [motion](#) to take note of the document was agreed to]

Documents discussed

Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were discussed.

Other business

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

Motions agreed to

- [Burma and Aung San Suu Kyi](#)—moved by Senator Ludlam
- [World Refugee Day](#)—moved by Senator Hanson-Young

Ruling by the President

The Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown) objected to a [ruling](#) by the President that a child of a senator be removed from the chamber [see Journals entry [no. 38](#)].

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 [Statistical Summary](#), which forms part of [StatsNet](#)—the Department of the Senate’s online statistical collection.

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