



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday, 24 November 2009

The Senate met from 12.30 pm until 8.24 pm

Legislation

[For bills and related documents](#)

Bills considered

The following bill was introduced

- ❑ Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals) Bill 2009
[passed by the House of Representatives on 23 November 2009]

The following bills were debated

- ❑ Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 [No. 2] and 10 related bills—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

Notice of motion to vary the hours of meeting

A [notice of motion](#) was given by the Special Minister of State (Senator Ludwig) to vary the hours of meeting for 25 November 2009 to enable the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme Bill 2009 [No. 2] and 10 related bills to be considered.

Messages from the House of Representatives

Agreeing to amendments made by the Senate

- ❑ AusCheck Amendment Bill 2009
- ❑ Federal Justice System Amendment (Efficiency Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2008
- ❑ National Consumer Credit Protection Bill 2009
National Consumer Credit Protection (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2009

[the bills will now be assented to]

Considered

- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support for Students) Bill 2009—agreeing to 2 amendments made by the Senate and disagreeing to 7 amendments [The committee [resolved](#) not to insist on its amendments. The Senate did not agree to the motion to adopt the report of the committee – [first speaker](#). The House’s message may be further considered on a future sitting day.]

Bills 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](#)

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Reports tabled

Reports on legislation

- [Banking Amendment](#) (Keeping Banks Accountable) Bill 2009—Economics Legislation Committee
- [Trade Practices Amendment](#) (Guaranteed Lowest Prices—Blacktown Amendment) Bill 2009—Economics Legislation Committee

Other reports

- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—[Inquiry](#) into financial products and services in Australia [a motion to take note of the report was debated – [first speaker](#)]
- Procedure Committee—[Fourth Report of 2009](#)—Rules for question time; Public interest immunity claims: operation of the order of the Senate of 13 May 2009 [a [notice of motion](#) to adopt the temporary order relating to question time was given]

New inquiry

The Senate referred [matters](#) relating to the role and practices of liquidators and administrators prior to and following the collapse of a business to the Economics References Committee to report by 31 August 2010.

Meetings during the sitting of the Senate

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

- Agricultural and Related Industries Select Committee—24 November 2009 from 4.00 pm—Food production in Australia
- Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee—25 November 2009 from 5.00 pm—Continuing oversight of the operations of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee—25 November 2009—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—25 November 2009 from 11.00 am—Australia’s trade and investment relations with Asia, the Pacific and Latin America
- National Broadband Network Select Committee—25 November 2009—private meeting otherwise than in accordance with standing order 33(1)

Reporting date extended

The Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry of the Community Affairs References Committee into the impact of gene patents on the provision of healthcare in Australia to 18 March 2010.

Notices of motion given to refer matters to committees

- Airservices Australia’s management of aircraft noise—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 1 June 2010
- Consumer access to pharmaceutical benefits and the creation of new therapeutic groups—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 30 June 2010
- Equity and diversity in the Royal Australian Navy—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 18 March 2010

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 rescind disallowances

Senator Colbeck gave a [notice of motion](#) for the Senate to rescind its resolutions of [15 September 2009](#) disallowing the following instruments:

- 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 intention to withdraw a notice

Senator Ronaldson gave notice of his intention to withdraw a notice of motion to disallow the definition of *electioneering* in subregulation 3AA(11) in item [1] of Schedule 1 of the Parliamentary Entitlements Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1) Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1), as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 250 and made under the *Parliamentary Entitlements Act 1990* [[homepage](#)].

Orders for the production of documents

Motion defeated

The Senate [did not agree](#) to order the Minister representing the Prime Minister (Senator Evans) to table documents relating to meetings of the Border Protection Committee of Cabinet by 2.00 pm on 25 November 2009.

Document tabled

The Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry) tabled a statement relating to an order to produce legal advice about the Health Insurance Amendment (Revival of Table Items) Bill 2009 [order of the Senate agreed to on [23 November 2009](#)].

[Notices of motion](#) given

The following notices of motion were given requiring Ministers to table documents:

- Documents relating to an assessment by Geoscience Australia by no later than 4.00 pm on 25 November 2009—notice given by Senator Milne
- Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing (Senator Ludwig) to table draft rules and regulations relating to the Health Legislation Amendment (Midwives and Nurse Practitioners) Bill 2009 and related bills by no later than 12.00 pm on 26 November 2009—notice given by Senator Cormann

Documents tabled

- Auditor-General—[Audit report](#) no. 13 of 2009-10
- [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]

Ministerial statement tabled

The Assistant Treasurer (Senator Sherry) tabled a ministerial statement about freedom of information reform.

Other business

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

Motions negatived

- [Nomination of Rwanda](#) to join the Commonwealth—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Protection for journalists](#) to cover deforestation protests—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Border protection](#)—moved by Senator Parry [debated as a matter of public importance—[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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