



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday, 28 October 2009

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.28 pm

Legislation

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

Bills considered

[Motions](#) moved by Senator Cormann to suspend standing orders [[first speaker](#)] and to enable consideration of a private senators' bill and a disallowance motion to have precedence over government business [[first speaker](#)] were debated and agreed to.

The Health Insurance Amendment (Revival of Table Items) Bill 2009 was then introduced, debated [[first speaker](#)] and passed. [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

Proposed exemption of bill from an order of the Senate

The Senate debated a [motion](#) to exempt the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer Safeguards) Bill 2009 from the order of the Senate agreed to on [13 May 2009](#) [[first speaker](#)]. The debate will continue on a future sitting day.

The following bills were introduced

- Poker Machine (Reduced Losses—Interim Measures) Bill 2009 [private senator's bill]
- Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support for Students) Bill 2009 [passed by the House of Representatives on 27 October 2009]

The following bill was debated

- Australian National Preventive Health Agency Bill 2009—second reading debate continued [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion given

To introduce a private senator's bill

- Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Restoration of Racial Discrimination Act) Bill 2009—notice given by Senator Siewert

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 16 November 2009 to enable the Government's legislative program to be considered.

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

Committees

For scheduled [public committee hearings](#)

For [committee reports](#)

Estimates

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Fisher relating to estimates hearings of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee and Fair Work Australia was agreed to.

Reports tabled

Report on legislation

- [Anti-Terrorism](#) Laws Reform Bill 2009—Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Other reports

- Intelligence and Security Joint Committee—
 - [Annual report](#) of committee activities 2008-09
 - [Review](#) of the listing of Al-Shabaab as a terrorist organisation[a [motion](#) to take note of the reports was agreed to]
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 13](#) of 2009 and [12th report](#) of 2009 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds] [a [motion](#) to take note of the report was agreed to]

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee—
 - Oversight of the child care industry—to report by 23 November 2009
 - Welfare of international students—to report by 25 November 2009
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—Economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the island states of the southwest Pacific—to report by 19 November 2009
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee—Crimes Amendment (Working With Children—Criminal History) Bill 2009—to report by 17 November 2009
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee—Access to justice—to report by 19 November 2009

To refer matters to a committee

- Environment, Communications and the Arts References Committee–[Matters](#) relating to the Government’s Energy Efficient Homes Package–to report by 30 March 2010

Documents

Delegated legislation

See [Disallowance Alert](#) for a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes)

Disallowance

The Senate agreed to a motion to disallow items 42698, 42701, 42702 and 42718 in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Health Insurance (General Medical Services Table) Regulations 2009, as contained in Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 272 [[first speaker](#)].

See also **Bills considered**, above, for details of debate on related matters.

Approval of determination

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) to approve the Health Insurance (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Determination 2009, made under section 10B(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* [[homepage](#)].

Orders for the production of documents–Notice of motion given

Senator Siewert gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts (Senator Wong) to table the report of the marine survey of the environmental impacts of the Montara oil spill and related documents by no later than 16 November 2009.

Documents tabled

- [Government documents](#) [[and considered](#)]
- [A petition](#)

Other business

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

[Matters of public interest debate–first speaker](#)

[Adjournment debate–first speaker](#)

Motion agreed to

- [150th anniversary](#) of the Goulburn congregation of the Sisters of Mercy–moved by Senator Stephens

Motions negated

- [Financial exit package](#) for Tasmanian logging contractors–moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)
- [Renewable Energy Target Scheme](#)–moved by Senator Milne

- [Sri Lanka and the Tamil people](#)—moved by the Leader of the Australian Greens (Senator Bob Brown)

Matter of public importance discussed

- [Border protection](#)—moved by Senator Parry [[first speaker](#)]

Notices of motion

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

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