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**Poker Machine (Reduced Losses – Interim Measures) Bill 2009 and
Protecting Problem Gamblers Bill 2009**

On 19 November 2009 the Senate, on the recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee, referred the Poker Machine (Reduced Losses – Interim Measures) Bill 2009 [introduced by Senator Xenophon] and Protecting Problem Gamblers Bill 2009 [introduced by Senator Fielding] to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 March 2010. On 22 June 2010, the Senate granted an extension of time for reporting until 28 October 2010.

The Bills and relating documentation may be accessed at the following links:

[Poker Machine \(Reduced Losses - Interim Measures\) Bill 2009](#)

[Protecting Problem Gamblers Bill 2009](#) (including amendments to be moved by Senator Fielding)

The Committee has noted that both Bills reflect draft recommendations from the Productivity Commission's draft report on Gambling released on 21 October 2009. The Productivity Commission's inquiry is still in progress with the Commission currently conducting public hearings to discuss the draft report. Submissions on the draft report are due by 18 December 2009 and the final report is due to be presented to Government on 26 February 2010.

The Committee has agreed not to proceed with the inquiry into the Bills until the Productivity Commission's final report is publicly released, when it will determine if further consideration is necessary.

Information relating to the Commission's inquiry is available at this link:

<http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/gambling-2009>