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Summary
Implement a workplace relations system which provides for the establishment of National Employment Standards, modern awards and national minimum wage orders; the establishment of the statutory offices of Fair Work Australia to administer the system and the Fair Work Consultation to promote compliant fair work instruments; and the creation of Fair Work Division in the Federal Court and Federal Magistrates Court to hear workplace relations matters.

Documents and transcripts

Explanatory memoranda

Transcript of speeches

Proposed amendments

Senate
- Australian Greens (Sheet 5789)
  BROWN, Sen Bob
- Australian Greens (Sheet 5790)
  SIEWERT, Sen Rachel
- Australian Greens (Sheet 5792)
  SIEWERT, Sen Rachel
- Australian Greens (Sheet 5793)
  SIEWERT, Sen Rachel
- Australian Greens (Sheet 5745)
  SIEWERT, Sen Rachel
- Australian Greens (Sheet 5746)
  SIEWERT, Sen Rachel
- Family First Party (Sheet 5753) Revised
  PELDING, Sen Steve
- Government (Sheet 5753)
- Government (Sheet 5754)
- Government (Sheet 5755)
The Bill’s homepage contains a link to the Bill’s digest. A digest is a useful source for statutory interpretation as well as other relevant information about a Bill.

Schedules of amendments

- Schedule of the amendments made by the Senate
- Schedule of the amendments made by the Senate to which the House of Representatives has disagreed

Bills digest

- Bills Digest

Notes

- Referred to Committee (25/11/2008): Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee
- Committee report (27/02/2009)
- Access information for House of Representatives and Senate committees.
- An electronic version of this Act is available in ComLaw (www.comlaw.gov.au)