



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 6 December 2000

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.56pm

Legislation

[For full text of bills and other associated documents click here](#) 

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2000

Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000

Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000

National Museum of Australia Amendment Bill 2000

The following bill was considered

Roads to Recovery Bill 2000—second reading agreed to

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

Education Services for Overseas Students (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2000 [This bill will now be assented to]

Without requests

[These bills will now be assented to]

Education Services for Overseas Students (Assurance Fund Contributions) Bill 2000

Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment Bill 2000

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2000—[A message](#) reported that the House of Representatives had not made the amendment requested twice by the Senate. The Senate agreed not to further press the request.

With amendments

Education Services for Overseas Students Bill 2000–4 Opposition [amendments agreed to](#) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate to this bill]
Interactive Gambling (Moratorium) Bill 2000–2 Government amendments agreed to (see [Senate Daily Summary](#)) [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill as amended]
Migration Legislation Amendment (Overseas Students) Bill 2000–3 Government [amendments agreed to](#) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate to this bill]

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

ACIS Administration Amendment Bill 2000–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

Messages were reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the following bills [These bills will now be assented to]:

[Aged Care Amendment Bill 2000](#)

[Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill \(No. 1\) 2000](#)

[Horticulture Marketing and Research and Development Services Bill 2000](#)

The following message from the House of Representatives was considered

Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Bill 2000–[The message](#) reported that the House of Representatives agreed to 2 amendments, disagreed to 33 amendments and made 7 substitute amendments. The Senate agreed not to insist on its amendments, and agreed to the substitute amendments. [The bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion given to introduce bills

Notices of motion to introduce the following bills were given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts:

Australian Heritage Council Bill 2000

Australian Heritage Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000

Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000

National Crime Authority Legislation Amendment Bill 2000

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Concession Cards) Bill 2000

Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2000

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings click here](#) 

[For committee reports click here](#) 

Reports tabled

- ❑ Procedure Committee–2nd report of 2000–Estimates hearings: Supplementary hearings on additional estimates and parliamentary secretaries
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 18 of 2000](#) [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 21 of 2000](#) (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Government responses to committee reports

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts tabled the government's response to the schedule of government responses to parliamentary committee reports still outstanding as at 29 June 2000

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following change to committee membership:

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee—Discharged: Senator Gibbs;
Appointed: Senator McKiernan

Reconvened Estimates hearing

Variation in meeting times

The Senate agreed that the order directing the Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee to further examine the Office of the Employment Advocate be varied to enable the committee to meet on 7 December 2000 from 9am to 11.45am

Reporting dates

The Senate agreed to the following extension of time for a committee to report:

- Fair Prices and Better Access for All (Petroleum) Bill 1999 and the practice of multi-site franchising by oil companies—Economics References Committee—8 February 2001

Notices of motion given

Reference of bills

A notice of motion was given to refer the following bills to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee to report by 4 April 2001:

- Australian Heritage Council Bill 2000
- Australian Heritage Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000
- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000

A notices of motion was given to refer the following bills to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee to report by the first sitting day in 2001:

- Australian Heritage Council Bill 2000
- Australian Heritage Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000
- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000

A notice of motion was also given to refer the National Crime Authority Legislation Amendment Bill 2000 to the National Crime Authority Joint Committee to report by 1 March 2001

To extend a reporting deadline

- Air safety—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—last sitting day in March 2001

Delegated legislation

[For a complete list of notices of motion to disallow \(and outcomes\) click here](#) 

Notice of intention given to withdraw notices

Notices of intention were given by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw notices to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- ❑ Fisheries Research and Development Corporation Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 270 and made under the *Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1989*
- ❑ Fishing Levy Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 271 and made under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* and the *Fishing Levy Act 1991*

See the **Documents** section for details of instruments tabled

Variation of 2001 sitting pattern

The Senate agreed to a motion by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts varying the 2001 sitting pattern by providing that the Senate will **not meet** on 14 and 15 November 2001

Notices of motion

[For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere click here](#) 

Ministerial statements

A [statement](#) was made and tabled on behalf of the Minister for Environment and Heritage together with a report on progress on the implementation of the National Greenhouse Strategy

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts made and tabled a [statement](#) by the Prime Minister and a document entitled *Defence 2000—Our future defence force—Defence White Paper 2000*

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Response to a [Senate resolution](#) (agreed to 15 March 2000) concerning human rights and the sterilisation of women with intellectual disabilities

Petitions

No petitions were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ☐ Matters of public interest debate
- ☐ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ☐ Government documents were discussed
- ☐ Adjournment debate

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