



# Senate Daily Summary

27 November 2000

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.28pm

## Legislation

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

### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Education Services for Overseas Students Bill 2000

Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2000

National Health Amendment (Improved Monitoring of Entitlements to Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2000

### The following bills were considered

Aged Care Amendment Bill 2000—second reading agreed to

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Budget Measures) Bill 2000—committee of the whole completed—1 Opposition request agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the request agreed to by the Senate]

### The following bill was passed

*Without amendment*

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 7) 2000 [This bill will now be assented to]

### Notice of motion given

*To exempt bills from certain provisions of standing order 111*

[to enable consideration this period of sittings]

Horticulture Marketing and Research and Development Services Bill 2000

Horticulture Marketing and Research and Development Services (Repeals and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2000

Jurisdiction of Courts (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2000

### Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to two bills was reported in the Senate

### Proclamations

[Proclamations](#) by the Governor-General were tabled announcing when particular Acts and provisions of an Act would commence

*See the [Committees](#) section for details of reports relating to legislation*

## Committees

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

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### Estimates

#### *Additional information tabled*

Additional information received by the following committees was tabled:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Budget Estimates 2000-2001 (volumes 2, 3 and 4)
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Budget Estimates 2000-2001 (volumes 3 and 4)

### Report tabled

- *Conviction with compassion: A report into freedom of religion and belief*–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

### Membership

The Senate agreed to the following change to committee membership:

- Legal and Constitutional Legislation References Committee–Senator Forshaw appointed a participating member

### Meeting

#### *Public meeting*

The Senate agreed that the following public meeting may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–28 November 2000 from 4pm

### Notices of motion given

#### *To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting*

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–30 November 2000 from 5pm to 10pm
- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–28 November 2000 from 7.30pm to 11pm
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–30 November 2000 from 7.45pm

#### *To extend reporting deadlines*

- Government's response to the recommendations contained in the report *Bringing Them Home*—Legal and Constitutional References Committee–30 November 2000
- Lucas Heights new reactor–Select Committee–4 April 2001

#### *To reconvene an estimates hearing*

- Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee–for further examination of the Office of the Employment Advocate–7 December 2000 from 10am to 12.45pm

*To vary the terms of reference for a committee inquiry*

- Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) Bill 2000—Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee—to present an interim report on 28 November 2000 and a final report on 8 February 2001

## Delegated legislation

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

### Consideration of disallowance motions

The Senate debated motions to disallow parts of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2000 as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 181 and made under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. The Senate agreed **not to disallow** the various provisions.

### Notices of intention given to withdraw notices

A notice of intention was given by the Chairman of the Regulations and Ordinances Standing Committee to withdraw notices to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2000, as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 181 and made under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*
- National Food Authority Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 1) as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 122 and made under the *Australia New Zealand Food Authority Act 1991*

### Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion to disallow regulation 4.02 of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2000, as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 181 and made under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* was withdrawn

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

## Motion defeated

A motion moved by Senator Allison about the [Essendon Airport](#) was defeated

## Notices of motion

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

Notices of motion were given by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts to approve a number of parliamentary zone capital works (*and see Documents below*)

## Orders for the return of documents

### *Documents tabled*

- ❑ Documents from the Federal Office of Road Safety relating to heavy truck specifications were tabled (in response to a motion moved by Senator Harris on 1 November 2000)
- ❑ Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2000 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio agencies were tabled

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ Parliamentary zone—Documents were tabled relating to: Construction of Commonwealth Place; Construction of the Magna Carta monument; Erection of temporary structures related to the V8 Supercar Race Carnival to be held in June 2001 (*and see* Notices of Motion above)

## Petitions

[A petition](#) was tabled

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The President advised the chamber of the death of Mr Charles Webb MP (Member for Swan and Stirling, Western Australia) on 15 November 2000
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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