



# Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 4 April 2001

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.48pm

## Legislation

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

### **The following bills were introduced in the Senate**

Award of Victoria Cross for Australia Bill 2001 [Private senator's bill]

Measures to Combat Serious and Organised Crime Bill 2001

### **The following bills were considered**

Administrative Decisions (Effect of International Instruments) Bill 1999–second reading debate continued

Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment Bill 2001–second reading agreed to

Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001–second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced

Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001–second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced ([2 Government](#) requests for amendments pending)

### **The following bills were passed**

#### *Without amendments*

Crimes Amendment (Age Determination) Bill 2001 [This bill was introduced into the Senate earlier in the day. The bill will now be assented to]

#### *With an amendment*

Electoral and Referendum Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001

[The House of Representatives will now consider [the amendment](#) made by the Senate]

### **The following message from the House of Representatives was reported**

Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement Bill 2001–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

**The following message from the House of Representatives was considered**

Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Debt Recovery) Bill 2000—[The message](#) reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to 36 amendments made by the Senate, disagreed to others and made 24 substitute amendments in their place. The Senate agreed not to insist on the amendments disagreed to by the House and accepted the substitute amendments. [The bill will now be assented to]

**Notices of motion given**

*To exempt bills from certain provisions of standing order 111* [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

Coal Industry Repeal Bill 2000

Foreign Affairs and Trade Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000

Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Legislation Amendment Bill 2001

Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Registration Fees) Amendment Bill 2000

*To introduce bills*

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2001—notice of motion given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Interactive Gambling Bill 2001—notice of motion given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Reconciliation Bill 2001—notice of motion given by Senator Ridgeway [Private senator's bill]

**Notice of motion withdrawn**

A notice of motion to exempt the Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2001 from certain provisions of standing order 111 (to enable consideration this period of sittings) was withdrawn

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

**Committees**

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

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**Reports tabled**

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 5](#) of 2001 and [5th report](#) of 2001 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 5](#) of 2001 (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- Senators' Interests—Annual report 2000 (Report 1/2001)
- The Kyoto Protocol—Discussion paper*—Treaties Joint Committee

**Reporting dates**

The Senate agreed to the following extensions of time for committees to report:

- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000 and two related bills—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—8 May 2001

- Framework for the market supervision of Australia's stock exchange—Economics References Committee—24 May 2001
- Telecommunications and electro-magnetic emissions—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—20 April 2001

#### **Notices of motion given**

*To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting*

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—5 April 2001 from 3.30pm

*To extend reporting deadlines*

- Child migration—Community Affairs References Committee—30 August 2001

*To refer matters to committees*

- [Australian Defence Force](#) recruitment and retention strategies—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—to report by 27 September 2001
- *Corporations (Commonwealth Powers) Act 2001* (NSW), Corporations Bill 2001 and Australian Securities and Investments Commission Bill 2001, [and related constitutional issues](#)—Corporations and Securities Joint Committee—to report by 18 May 2001
- [Nurse education](#) and training—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 25 October 2001
- [Water management](#) in Australian cities—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—to report by 1 April 2002

See the **Reports tabled** section (*Selection of Bills Committee Report*) for details of bills referred to committees

### **Delegated legislation**

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

### **Motions agreed to**

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- Parliamentary zone—Capital works within the Parliamentary Zone, being the design and siting of a services pavilion associated with Commonwealth Place and the material, colours and finishes to Commonwealth Place
- Parliamentary zone—Capital works within the Parliamentary Zone, being the final text and images for the Magna Carta monument in Magna Carta Place

### **Notices of motion**

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

## Questions on notice—failure to provide answers

Senator Evans asked the Minister representing the Minister for Aged Care for an explanation why answers were not provided within 30 days to several questions about aged care. [An explanation](#) was provided.

## Documents

The following document was tabled:

- [A government document](#)

## Petitions

[2 petitions](#) were received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- Matters of public interest debate
- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- [Statement by the President](#) about the arrangements for the Centenary of Federation celebrations in Melbourne
- Adjournment debate

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