



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 20 September 2001

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.22pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Bankruptcy (Estate Charges) Amendment Bill 2001
Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment Bill 2001
Border Protection (Validation and Enforcement Powers) Bill 2001
Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2001
Excise Tariff Amendment (Crude Oil) Bill 2001
Health and Other Services (Compensation) Legislation Amendment Bill 2001
Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2001
Migration Amendment (Excision from Migration Zone) Bill 2001
Migration Amendment (Excision from Migration Zone) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2001
Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Retirement Assistance for Farmers) Bill 2001
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Indexation) Bill 2001

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

Education, Training and Youth Affairs Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001
Health and Other Services (Compensation) Legislation Amendment Bill 2001
Interactive Gambling Amendment Bill 2001
Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2001
Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Retirement Assistance for Farmers) Bill 2001
Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Indexation) Bill 2001
Trade Practices Amendment (Telecommunications) Bill 2001

With amendments

Treasury Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill (No. 2) 2001 ([2 Government](#) amendments agreed to) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Exemptions from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order:

Education, Training and Youth Affairs Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001

Excise Tariff Amendment (Crude Oil) Bill 2001

Health and Other Services (Compensation) Legislation Amendment Bill 2001

Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Retirement Assistance for Farmers) Bill 2001

Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Indexation) Bill 2001

Trade Practices Amendment (Telecommunications) Bill 2001

Notice of motion given

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

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2001

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 6) 2001

And to proceed with a bill before the Legal and Constitutional References Committee report is tabled

Migration Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 6) 2001–

Notice of motion given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

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

Committees

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Reports tabled

- *Risky business: Inquiry into the tender process followed in the sale of the Christmas Island casino and resort*–National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 13](#) of 2001 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee–Report No. 385–Review of Auditor-General's reports 2000–2001: Second and third quarters–Australian Taxation Office internal fraud control arrangements; Fraud control in Defence; Defence Estate facilities operations, dated August 2001
- Public Works (Joint Committee)–9th report of 2001–RAAF Base Townsville, redevelopment stage 2, Townsville, Queensland
- Public Works (Joint Committee)–10th report of 2001–Redevelopment of the Army Aviation Centre Oakey, Queensland

Motions defeated

- A motion to refer the Regional Forests Agreements Bill 2001 to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee *was defeated*

- A motion to refer the Migration Amendment (Excision from Migration Zone) Bill 2001, the Migration Amendment (Excision from Migration Zone) (Consequential Provision) Bill 2001, and the Border Protection (Validation and Enforcement Powers) Bill 2001 to the Legal and Constitutional References Committee *was defeated*

Variation of reference

The Senate agreed to refer the Regional Forest Agreements Bill 2001 to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (not the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee as agreed to by the Senate on 19 September 2001)

Notices of motion given

To refer matters to a committee

- Aspects of the general insurance industry in Australia—Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee—to report by the last sitting day in March 2002
- Current rules governing early access to superannuation benefits—Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee—to report by 31 January 2002

Delegated legislation

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

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to disallow the Space Activities Regulations 2001, as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 186 and made under the *Space Activities Act 1998*—15 sitting days after today—by the Chair of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee

Motion debated

The Senate debated a motion (moved by Senator Cook) about the goods and services tax

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

- The Senate ordered the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources to table all documents held by the Australian Geological Survey Organisation or the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation in relation to seismic surveys (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on 26 September 2001)—motion moved by Senator Bartlett

- The Senate ordered the Minister for the Environment and Heritage to table all documents held by the Great Barrier Marine Park Authority or Environment Australia in relation to Ocean Drilling Project leg 194 (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on 26 September 2001)—motion moved by Senator Bartlett
- The Senate ordered the Minister representing the Prime Minister to table all correspondence and other communications, including emails and briefing notes, relating to the application by Air New Zealand to the Australian Government for approval to take 100 percent ownership of Ansett Airlines, no later than 5pm on 24 September 2001—motion moved by Senator O'Brien

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General—Report No. 12 of 2001-2002—Financial control and administration audit—Selection, implementation and management of financial information systems in Commonwealth agencies
- Auditor-General—Report No. 13 of 2001-2002—Performance audit—Internet security within Commonwealth government agencies
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Unauthorised arrivals strategy—background paper—Media release by the Minister for Immigration and Cultural Affairs, dated September 2001

Petitions

[A petition](#) was received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- The President [made a statement](#) about internet access to Parliament House occupants and the Parliament House computer network
- Government documents, committee reports, and Auditor-General's reports were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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