



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 25 June 2001

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.44 pm

Privilege

The President reported that a matter of privilege had been raised by the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee concerning the alleged unauthorised disclosure of a draft report of the committee. The Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee gave [notice of a motion](#) to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges.

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2001-2002
Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2001-2002
Appropriation (HIH Assistance) Bill 2001
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2001-2002
Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2001

The following bill was considered

Dairy Produce Legislation Amendment (Supplementary Assistance) Bill 2001—second reading agreed to and [committee of the whole](#) commenced (1 Opposition request for an amendment agreed to and 4 Democrat requests for amendments moved)

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

Constitution Alteration (Appropriations for the Ordinary Annual Services of the Government) 2001—Senators Stott-Despoja and Murray [Private senators' bill]

Proclamations

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

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Committees

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Reports tabled

- *Australia's role in United Nations reform*—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- *Mass marketed tax effective schemes and investor protection— Interim report*—Economics References Committee
- *Privileges Committee—96th Report—Possible misleading evidence to and improper interference with witnesses before the Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee*
- *Second Australian Government loan to Papua New Guinea: Variation to loan agreement*—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

New inquiry

[The Senate agreed](#) to refer the following matter to the following committee:

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Certain matters relating to the role of Australian Search and Rescue and the Tasmanian police in the search for the fishing boat *Margaret J* and its crew—to report by 30 August 2001

Meetings

The Senate authorised the Corporations and Securities Joint Committee to hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 25 June 2001 from 5.20pm to 6.10pm

Reporting date

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

- *Measures to Combat Serious and Organised Crime Bill 2001*—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—27 June 2001

Notices of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Corporations and Securities Joint Committee—27 June 2001 from 4.10pm to 6.30 pm

To extend reporting deadlines

- *Framework for the market supervision of Australia's stock exchanges*—Economics References Committee—9 August 2001
- *Human Rights (Mandatory Sentencing for Property Offences) Bill 2000*—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—25 September 2001
- *Management arrangements and adequacy of funding of the Australian Federal Police and the National Crime Authority*—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—28 August 2001

To hold a private meeting with members of a State parliamentary committee

Notice of motion was given seeking the Senate's authorisation for the Regulations and Ordinances Committee to hold a private deliberative meeting with members of the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee of the Queensland Parliament in attendance on 27 June 2001 from 10.15am to 11.15am.

Delegated legislation

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

See the *Documents* section for details of instruments tabled

Motion agreed to

[The Senate agreed](#) to a motion without debate about a plan for a South Pacific whale sanctuary—moved by Senator Brown

Notices of motion

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

Question on notice—failure to provide answer

[Senator O'Brien asked](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Aged Care (Senator Vanstone) and the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services (Senator Ian McDonald) why answers were not provided within 30 days to questions relating to road funding and to the listing of certain drugs on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. [The ministers each provided](#) an explanation and the Senate agreed to take note of those explanations.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Parliamentary zone—documents relating to the construction of Reconciliation Place. [Notice of motion](#) was given seeking approval of the related capital works.
- ❑ Parliamentary delegation report relating to the 9th annual meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum at Valparaiso, Chile, from 15 to 18 January 2001 and a bilateral visit to Chile from 11 to 14 January 2001

Petitions

[A petition](#) was tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ [The Senate agreed](#) to a motion to vary the time the Senate meets on Tuesday 26 June 2001
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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