



# Senate Daily Summary

Monday 26 March 2001

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.53pm

## Legislation

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### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2000-2001  
Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2000-2001  
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2000-2001  
Customs Depot Licensing Charges Amendment Bill 2000  
Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Bill 2001  
Import Processing Charges Bill 2000

### The following bills were passed

#### *Without amendments*

Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2000 [This bill will now be assented to]  
Treasury Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000 [This bill will now be assented to]  
Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement Bill 2001 [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

#### *With amendments*

Pig Industry Bill 2000 (3 Opposition [amendments agreed to](#)) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

### The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

[These bills will now be assented to]

Australian Research Council Bill 2000—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to various amendments made by the Senate

Australian Research Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to various amendments made by the Senate

### The following bill was defeated at the second reading by a majority vote

Workplace Relations Amendment (Unfair Dismissals) Bill 1998 [No. 2]  
[This bill now satisfies the requirements of [section 57](#) of the Constitution as a possible double dissolution “trigger”, effective till 9 May 2001]

### Bills assented to

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

### **Proclamation**

[A proclamation](#) by the Governor-General was tabled announcing that he had proclaimed Item 5 of Schedule 1 of the *Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (Consequential Amendments) Act 1998* to come into operation on 15 March 2001

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

## **Committees**

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### **Report tabled**

- *Opportunities and constraints for Australia to become a centre for the provision of global financial services*—Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee

### **Submission tabled**

- CERD and the *Native Title Amendment Act 1998*—16<sup>th</sup> Report—Supplementary submission—Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund Joint Committee

### **Membership**

*Message from the House of Representatives reported*

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mrs Gallus has been discharged from the Migration Joint Committee

### **Notices of motion given**

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

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—29 March 2001 from 3.30pm

*To extend reporting deadlines*

- Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment Bill 2001—Community Affairs Legislation Committee—3 April 2001
- Corporate Code of Conduct Bill 2000—Corporations and Securities Joint Committee—24 May 2001
- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000 [2001] and two related bills—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—4 April 2001
- Freedom of Information Amendment (Open Government) Bill 2000—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—5 April 2001
- Telecommunications and electromagnetic emissions—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—5 April 2001

*To refer the following matter to a committee*

- Issues arising from the Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee's report on the Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2000—Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee—to report by 24 May 2001

### **Notice of motion withdrawn**

A notice of motion relating to the variation of appointment to the Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee was withdrawn

## Delegated legislation

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

### Notices of motion given

#### *Notices to be debated together*

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts gave a notice of motion to enable three notices to disallow various parts of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001 to be debated together and voted on separately (on 27 March 2001)

#### *Notice of intention given to withdraw a notice*

A notice of intention was given by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw a notice to disallow the Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 305 and made under the *Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act 1987*

### Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion to disallow the Civil Aviation Amendment Order (No. 12) 2000, made under subregulation 84A(2) of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 was withdrawn

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

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### *Motion agreed to*

The Senate ordered the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Administration to provide to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee [certain documents](#) relating to the committee's inquiry into the Government's information technology outsourcing initiative (by 26 March 2001). The Special Minister of State made [a statement](#) about the order later in the day.

### *Documents tabled*

- The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts tabled a list of certain firms registered for the TCF Strategic Investment Program (in response to a motion moved by Senator George Campbell on 1 March 2001). The Parliamentary Secretary also made a [statement](#) about the list.
- Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2000 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for the Attorney-General's portfolio and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority were tabled

### *Notice of motion withdrawn*

A notice of motion given by Senator Evans to propose an order for the production of documents containing a list of aged care places and grants allocated for the year 2000 was withdrawn

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Australian parliamentary delegation to Bangladesh and India—An emerging south Asia
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- A [government document](#)
- Northern Territory Legislative Assembly—[Letters](#) to the President of the Senate about the ratification of treaties by the Federal Government

## Petitions

[4 petitions](#) were received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- [Personal explanation](#) by Senator Boswell
- Statement by the President about a gift received by the Australian Parliament from the New Zealand Parliament
- Adjournment debate

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