

Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 27 September 2001

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.26pm

Legislation

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

Parliamentary Charter of Rights and Freedoms Bill 2001 [Private senator's bill]

The following bills were passed

Without amendments or requests

[These bills will now be assented to]

Abolition of Compulsory Age Retirement (Statutory Officeholders) Bill 2001

Air Passenger Ticket Levy (Collection) Bill 2001

Air Passenger Ticket Levy (Imposition) Bill 2001

Bankruptcy (Estate Charges) Amendment Bill 2001

Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2001

Defence Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001

Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001

Excise Tariff Amendment (Crude Oil) Bill 2001

Fuel Legislation Amendment (Grant and Rebate Schemes) Bill 2001

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2001

Intelligence Services Bill 2001

Intelligence Services (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2001

Motor Vehicle Standards Amendment Bill 2001

Olympic Insignia Protection Amendment Bill 2001

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2001

Transport and Regional Services Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001

With amendments

Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment Bill 2001—(1 Opposition and 2 Democrat [amendments agreed to](#)) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Cybercrime Bill 2001—(16 Government and 2 Opposition [amendments agreed to](#)) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Jurisdiction of the Federal Magistrates Service Legislation Amendment Bill 2001—(8 Government [amendments agreed to](#)) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

New Business Tax System (Debt and Equity) Bill 2001–(68 Government [amendments agreed to](#) and 1 item omitted) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

New Business Tax System (Thin Capitalisation) Bill 2001–(70 Government [amendments agreed to](#)) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Patents Amendment Bill 2001 (3 Democrat [amendments agreed to](#) and 2 items omitted) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Royal Commissions and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2001–(7 Government [amendments agreed to](#)) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 6) 2001–(1 Opposition and 1 Democrat [amendments agreed to](#)) [The House of Representatives [disagreed to the](#) Senate amendments. The Senate resolved not to insist on the amendments. The bill will now be assented to]

Taxation Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2001–(12 Government and 5 Democrat [amendments agreed to](#), and 2 Parts omitted) [The House of Representatives [disagreed to the](#) Senate amendments and made identical amendments. The Senate agreed to the House amendments. The bill will now be assented to]

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

The messages reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the following bills without amendment. [The bills will now be assented to]:

Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001

Family Assistance Estimate Tolerance (Transition) Bill 2001

Industry, Science and Resources Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001

Interactive Gambling Amendment Bill 2001

Migration Legislation Amendment (Judicial Review) Bill 2001

The following messages from the House of Representatives were considered

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001–The message reported that the House of Representatives had not made an amendment [requested by the Senate](#). The Senate resolved to press the request. [The House of Representatives will now consider the Senate's request again]

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001–The message reported that the House of Representatives had disagreed [to an amendment](#) made by the Senate. The Senate did not insist on the amendment [and agreed to](#) 2 Government amendments in its place. [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Documents tabled

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (prevention of Discrimination against Members of Local Government Bodies) Bill 2001–Text of the proposed bill and second reading speech

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Prevention of Discrimination against Members of Local Government Bodies) Bill 2001—notice of motion given by Senator Boswell

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 Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee relating to Estimates 2001-02 was tabled (volumes 1 and 2)
- Additional information received by the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee relating to Estimates 2000-01 was tabled (volumes 1 and 2)

Reports tabled

- *Disposal of Defence properties*—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
- *Japan: Politics and society*—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
- *Mass marketed tax effective schemes and investor protection—Second report—A recommended resolution and settlement*—Economics References Committee
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—387th Report, [Executive Minutes](#) and government responses on Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee reports
- Publications Committee—[29th Report](#) (report adopted)
- Treaties Joint Committee—43rd Report—*Thirteen treaties tabled in August*
- *Universities in crisis: Report into the capacity of public universities to meet Australia's higher education needs*—Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Economics Legislation Committee—Senator Conroy to replace Senator George Campbell for the consideration of the Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2001
- Legal and Constitutional References Committee—Senator Lundy to replace Senator Cooney for the committee's inquiry into the Australian Customs Service's information technology and communications systems. Senator Cooney to be a participating member.

Reporting dates

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

- Framework for the market supervision of Australia's stock exchanges—Economics References Committee—the last day of the 39th Parliament
- Recruitment and retention of Australian Defence force personnel—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—the last day of the 39th Parliament

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 Veterans' Entitlements (Means Test Treatment of Private Companies–Excluded Companies) Declaration 2001, made under subsection 52ZZA(5) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*–15 sitting days after today–by the Chair of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee

Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion to disallow the Space Activities Regulations 2001, as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 186 and made under the *Space Activities Act 1998* was withdrawn

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

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [Death of Dr Arnold \(Puggy\) Hunter](#)–moved by Senator Ridgeway
- [NRL grand final–broadcasting](#)–moved by Senator Hutchins
- [Parliamentary Zone](#)–the artworks and finishes to Speakers Square at Commonwealth Place
- [Power station in Victoria](#)–moved by Senator Allison
- [Western Sahara](#)–moved by Senator Allison

Motion defeated

A motion moved by Senator Brown relating to the Federal Court costs in the case involving asylum seekers on the *MV Tampa* was defeated

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate [agreed to vary](#) the order of the Senate of 20 June 2001 relating to the production of documents concerning departmental and agency contracts

Documents tabled

- The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts tabled documents relating to Australia's participation in an oil drilling project (in response to a motion moved by Senator Bartlett on 20 September 2001)

- The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts tabled copies of documents relating to certain seismic surveys off the coast of Queensland (in response to a motion moved by Senator Bartlett on 20 September 2001)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Australian National Audit Office—Annual Report 2000-01
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Department of the Senate—Annual Report 2001-01
- Final budget outcome 2000-01—Report by the Treasurer and the Minister for Finance and Administration
- House monitoring service—List of current subscribers as at 26 September 2001 and conditions of access
- Parliamentary zone—proposal for works and supporting documentation relating to the refurbishment of the Communications Centre, John Gorton Building. A [notice of motion](#) was given seeking approval of the proposed works.

Petitions

[3 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Valedictory statements
- Adjournment debate

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