



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 28 February 2001

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.36pm

Privilege

The Senate agreed to refer a matter of privilege (raised by Senator Collins) concerning whether false or misleading evidence was given at estimates hearings in relation to a change of evidence on the part of the Employment Advocate and whether there was improper interference with witnesses in respect of their evidence to the [Committee of Privileges](#).

Legislation

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The following bills were considered

Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2000 [2001]—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced ([2 Democrat amendments moved](#))
Workplace Relations Amendment (Tallies and Picnic Days) Bill 2000—second reading agreed to

The following bill was passed

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000 ([1 Democrat amendment agreed to](#)) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate]

The following message from the House of Representatives was considered

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Bill 2000 [2001]—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to 25 amendments made by the Senate to amendments made by the House, disagreed to 6 amendments and made 2 substitute amendments. The Senate agreed not to insist on its amendments, and agreed to the substitute amendments. [The bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion given

To introduce a bill

Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement Bill 2001–Notice of motion given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

To divide a bill

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2000 [2001]–Senator Bourne gave notice that contingent on further consideration of the bill (in committee of the whole) she would move that the committee of the whole be instructed to divide the bill into two separate bills

Committees

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Reports tabled

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 2 of 2001](#) and [2nd report of 2001](#)
[contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 2 of 2001](#) was adopted [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Document tabled

- Regulations and Ordinances Standing Committee–*Delegated legislation monitor*–Regulations and disallowable instruments tabled in the Senate in 2000

Meetings

- The Senate authorised the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee to hold a public meeting on Wednesday 28 February 2001 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm while the Senate was sitting

Reporting date

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

- Developments in contemporary Japan and the implications for Australia–Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade References Committee–24 May 2001

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](#) ▢

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to disallow item 3 of Schedule 3 of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001, as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 2 and made under the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000*–7 sitting days after today–by Senator Allison

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate about:

- [Parliamentary zone](#)—A proposal by the Joint House Department to construct a permanent crowd safety rail at Parliament Drive, in front of Parliament House

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator George Campbell gave a notice of motion to require the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources to table a list of certain firms registered for the TCF Strategic Investment Program (no later than immediately after taking note of answers to questions without notice on 26 March 2001)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General—Report No. 29 of 2000-2001—Performance audit—Review of veterans' appeals against disability compensation entitlement decisions: Department of Veterans' Affairs, Veterans' Review Board
- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- No government documents were tabled

Petitions

No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Matters of public interest debate
- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Matter of public importance debate about rural Australia
- Adjournment debate

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