



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 28 March 2001

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.52pm

Legislation

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The following bills were considered

Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2000-2001—second reading debate continued
Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2000-2001—second reading debate continued
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2000-2001—
second reading debate continued
Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 5) 1999—second reading agreed to
and committee of the whole [commenced](#) (1 Schedule negatived and
1 Australian Greens amendment pending)

The following bill was passed

Without amendments

Taxation Laws Amendment (Excise Arrangements) Bill 2000 [This bill will
now be assented to]

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

Pig Industry Bill 2000—The message reported that the House of
Representatives agreed to the [Senate amendments](#) [The bill will now be
assented to]

The following message from the House of Representatives was considered

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2001—The message reported
that the House of Representatives had made [1 amendment](#) to the bill. The
Senate agreed to the amendment. [The bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion given

To exempt bills from certain provisions of standing order 111 [to
enable consideration this period of sittings]
Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001
Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001
Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2001

To introduce a bill

ABC Amendment (Online and Multichannelling Services) Bill 2001–Notice of motion given by Senator Bourne [Private senator's bill]

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

Committees

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Reports tabled

- *ABC on-line–Final Report [Matters specified in paragraph (c) of the terms of reference]*–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 4 of 2001](#) and [4th report of 2001](#) [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 4 of 2001](#) (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–Senator Schacht appointed a participating member for consideration of the Customs Legislation Amendment and Repeal (International Trade Modernisation) Bill 2001 and two related bills

See the **Reports tabled** section (*Selection of Bills Committee Report*) for details of bills referred to committees

Meetings

Public meetings

The Senate agreed that the following public meetings may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–two public meetings on 29 March 2001 from 9.30am and 4.00pm

Reporting dates

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

- Air safety–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–5 April 2001
- Disposal of Defence properties–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–24 May 2001

Notices of motion given

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–2 April 2001 from 7.30pm
- Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund Joint Committee–2 April 2001 from 8.00pm

To extend reporting deadlines

- Import risk assessment on New Zealand apples—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—last sitting day in June 2001
- Inquiry into a contract for a new reactor at Lucas Heights—Select Committee—24 May 2001

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

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Documents tabled

- The Parliamentary Secretary to Cabinet tabled certain documents about the listing of Celebrex and Voixx and the appointment of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (in response to a motion moved by Senator Evans on 26 February 2001)
- 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 AusAID and Comcare were tabled

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#)

Petitions

[2 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 the impact on rural and regional Australia of deregulating Australia Post
- Government documents were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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