



# Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 21 March 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.06pm

## Legislation

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### **The following bills were introduced in the Senate**

Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2001-2002  
Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2001-2002  
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2001-2002  
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Boundary Extension) Amendment Bill 2002 [Private senator's bill]  
Health Insurance Commission Amendment Bill 2002  
Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Industry Measures) Bill 2002  
Quarantine Amendment Bill 2002  
Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further Budget 2000 and Other Measures) Bill 2002  
Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Gold Card Extension) Bill 2002

### **The following bills were passed**

*Without amendments or requests*

Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2001-2002 [This bill will now be assented to]  
Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2001-2002 [This bill will now be assented to]  
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2001-2002 [This bill will now be assented to]  
Criminal Code Amendment (Anti-hoax and Other Measures) Bill 2002 [This bill will now be assented to]  
Financial Corporations (Transfer of Assets and Liabilities) Amendment Bill 2002 [The House of Representatives will now consider the bill]  
Income Tax (Superannuation Payments Withholding Tax) Bill 2002 [This bill will now be assented to]  
Ministers of State Amendment Bill 2002 [This bill will now be assented to]  
Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation) Bill (No. 1) 2002 [This bill will now be assented to]  
Therapeutic Goods Amendment (Medical Devices) Bill 2002 [This bill will now be assented to]  
Therapeutic Goods (Charges) Amendment Bill 2002 [This bill will now be assented to]

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further Budget 2000 and Other Measures) Bill 2002 [This bill will now be assented to]  
Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (Gold Card Extension) Bill 2002 [This bill will now be assented to]

*With amendments*

Migration Legislation Amendment (Transitional Movement) Bill 2002–[1 Government amendment](#) agreed to on 20 March 2002 [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate]

Quarantine Amendment Bill 2002–[1 Opposition](#) amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate]

Taxation Laws Amendment (Baby Bonus) Bill 2002–[1 Australian Democrat](#) amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate]

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002–[3 Opposition](#) amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002–[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 considered**

Regional Forest Agreements Bill 2002–[The message](#) reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill without amendment [The bill will now be assented to]

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill 2002–[The message](#) reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to amendment no. 10 made by the Senate and disagreed to amendments nos 1 to 9. The Senate resolved not to insist on amendments nos 1 to 9. [The bill will now be assented to]

**Notice of motion given to restore bills**

Senator Bourne gave a [notice of motion](#) to restore various bills to the *Notice Paper* [to enable consideration to be resumed at the stage reached in the last session of Parliament]

**Committees**

[For scheduled public committee hearings click here](#) 

[For committee reports click here](#) 

**Estimates**

*Reports tabled*

- 2001-02 Additional Estimates–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
- 2001-02 Additional Estimates–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- 2001-02 Additional Estimates–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

*Additional information tabled*

- Additional information received by the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee relating to Estimates 2001-02 was tabled (volumes 2 and 3)

### Reports tabled

- ❑ Matters referred to committee in previous parliament—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee [see new inquiries below]
- ❑ Matters referred to committee in previous parliament—Finance and Public Administration References Committee
- ❑ Matters referred to committee in previous parliament—Scrutiny of Bills Standing Committee [see new inquiries below]
- ❑ Publications Committee—[1st Report](#) (report adopted)
- ❑ Regulations and Ordinances Standing Committee—Annual report 2000-01—110<sup>th</sup> report
- ❑ [Reports](#) on annual reports referred to legislation committees—No. 1 of 2002—Six legislation committees

### Documents tabled

- ❑ Delegated legislation monitor—Regulations and disallowable instruments tabled in the Senate in 2001—Regulations and Ordinances Standing Committee
- ❑ Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation—Regulations and Ordinances Standing Committee

### Membership

The Senate agreed to [various changes](#) to committee membership

### *Messages from the House of Representatives reported*

[Two messages](#) from the House of Representatives were reported advising that members had been appointed to various joint committees

### New inquiries

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiries:

- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—Broadcasting Services Amendment (Media Ownership) Bill 2002—to report by 3 June 2002
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Charter of Political Honesty Bill 2000, Electoral Amendment (Political Honesty) Bill 2000, Auditor of Parliamentary Allowances and Entitlements Bill 2000 [No. 2] and Government Advertising (Objectivity, Fairness and Accountability) Bill 2000—to report by 27 June 2002
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2001—to report by 27 June 2002
- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee—[Australian Public Service](#) recruitment and training—to report by 12 December 2002
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee—Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2000—to report by 3 May 2002
- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Standing Committee—Application of absolute and strict liability offences in Commonwealth legislation—to report by 29 August 2002

## Meetings

*To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting*

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—21 March 2002 from 4.00pm—to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the administration by the Department of Transport and Regional Services of Australian Motor Vehicle Standards under the *Motor Vehicles Standards Act 1989* and Regulations

*To hold a public hearing*

- Scrutiny of Bills Standing Committee—Criminal Code Amendment (Espionage and Related Offences) Bill 2002, Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Bill 2002 [No. 2], and Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism Bill 2002

## Notice of motion given

*To refer a matter to a committee*

- [Care of children](#)—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by the second sitting day of 2003

## Delegated legislation

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

## Regulation disallowed

The Senate *agreed to disallow* the Health Insurance Determination HS/05/01, made under section 3C of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* and published in the Commonwealth *Gazette* of 30 October 2001

## Notices of motion given

Notices of motion were given to disallow the following delegated legislation:

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 306 and made under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*—16 May 2002—by Senator Bartlett
- Workplace Relations Amendment Regulations 2001 (N. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 323 and made under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*—11 sitting days after today—by Senator Sherry

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

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [Parliamentary zone](#)—temporary works within the parliamentary zone, associated with the National Capital 'Canberra 400' V8 Supercar race carnival
- [Photographs—Senate chamber](#)—moved by Senator Brown
- [Proposed airport—Northern France](#)—moved by Senator Bishop. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer made a [statement](#) relating to the motion

## Motions defeated

The Senate defeated motions without debate about:

- ❑ [Coltan mining–World Heritage Areas](#)–moved by Senator Brown
- ❑ [Powerlines–Victoria and Tasmania](#)–moved by Senator Brown

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### *Notice of motion given*

Senator Conroy gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Treasurer to table [various documents](#) relating to foreign currency (no later than 28 May 2002)

### *Documents tabled*

- ❑ Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2001 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for [various agencies](#) were tabled
- ❑ Letters of advice relating to departmental and agency contracts (*order agreed to 20 June 2001, as amended 27 September 2001*) for [various agencies](#) were tabled

## Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ High Court Judge–Letter and statement from His Honour Justice Michael Kirby

No government documents were tabled

## Petitions

[2 petitions](#) were received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The Senate agreed to vary the hours of meeting on Thursday, 21 March 2002
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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