Senate Daily Summary

27 June 2000

The Senate met from 2.00pm until 10.45pm

Privilege

The Senate agreed that a matter of privilege raised by the Corporations and Securities Joint Committee concerning the alleged unauthorised disclosure of a submission which the committee received on a confidential basis be referred to the Committee of Privileges

Legislation

For full text of bills and other associated documents click here

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Migration Legislation Amendment (Parents and Other Measures) Bill 2000 Migration (Visa Application) Charge Amendment Bill 2000 New Business Tax System (Miscellaneous) Bill (No. 2) 2000

The following bills were considered

Broadcasting Services Amendment (Digital Television and Datacasting) Bill 2000 and a related bill–committee of the whole commenced (Broadcasting Services Amendment (Digital Television and Datacasting) Bill 2000: 19 Government amendments, (1 amended by Opposition), 3 Democrat and 8 Opposition amendments agreed to, 1 Democrat amendment postponed) New Business Tax System (Integrity Measures) Bill 2000–second reading debate continued [The Opposition moved a second reading amendment to the bill expressing a view about the bill's policy]

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

Diesel and Alternative Fuels Grants Scheme Amendment Bill 2000 [This bill will now be assented to]

With amendments

Youth Allowance Consolidation Bill 1999–(<u>1 item negatived and</u> <u>1 Government amendment</u>) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate to this bill]

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

Youth Allowance Consolidation Bill 1999—The message reported that the House of Representatives had made the 4 further Senate requests [see Legislation, bills passed, with amendments]

The following message from the House of Representatives was considered

Social Security and Veterans Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2000—The Senate considered a message from the House of Representatives disagreeing to a request made by the Senate. The Senate agreed not to press the request for an amendment and agreed to a further request (moved by the Democrats). [The House of Representatives will now consider the further Senate request]

Notice of motion given

A notice of motion was given to exempt the following bills from certain provisions of standing order 111 (to enable consideration this period of sittings):

A New Tax System (Tax Administration) Bill (No. 2) 2000

Customs Tariff Amendment (Product Stewardship for Waste Oil) Bill 2000

Excise Amendment (Compliance Improvement) Bill 2000

Excise Tariff Amendment (Product Stewardship for Waste Oil) Bill 2000

New Business Tax System (Miscellaneous) Bill (No. 2) 2000

Primary Industries Legislation Amendment (Vegetable Levy) Bill 2000

Product Stewardship (Oil) Bill 2000

Product Stewardship (Oil) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2000

Bills assented to

Assent to several bills was reported in the Senate

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

Committees

For scheduled public committee hearings click here For committee reports click here For committee reports click here

Reports tabled

- □ Public Works Joint Committee–6th report of 2000–Navy ammunitioning facility, Twofold Bay, New South Wales
- □ Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee–New Business Tax System (Miscellaneous) Bill (No. 2) 2000

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

□ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation and References Committees—Senator Murphy appointed as a participating member

Meeting

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

□ Corporations and Securities Joint Committee–28 June 2000 from 5.30pm

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Notices of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

Hospital services improvement, within the legislated principles of Medicare—Community Affairs References Committee—12 October 2000

To refer a bill and other matters to a committee

<u>Gene Technology Bill 2000 and other matters</u>—Community Affairs References Committee—to report by 5 September 2000

To reconvene an Estimates hearing

Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee–for further examination of the Employment Advocate (if determined necessary by the Committee following receipt of certain answers to questions on notice)

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 National Health (Lifetime Health Cover) Regulations 2000, as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 106 and made under the *National Health Act 1953*—on 16 August 2000—by Senator O'Brien

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 return of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered the Assistant Treasurer to table a copy of the economic modelling, including the methodology and assumptions, relating to petrol pricing and referred to by the Prime Minister in his interview on the Channel Nine *Sunday* program on 25 June 2000 (no later than 4pm on 28 June 2000)—motion moved by Senator Cook

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- □ <u>Clerk's documents</u> (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- Government documents

Petitions

No petitions were tabled

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Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Personal explanation by Senator Ray
- □ Adjournment debate

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