

Senate Daily Summary

No. 15/2021

Thursday, 18 March 2021

The Senate met from 9.30am to 5.47pm

Bills

Introduced

- Biosecurity Amendment (Clarifying Conditionally Non-prohibited Goods) Bill 2021
- Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Bill 2021
- Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Early Childhood Education and Care Coronavirus Response and Other Measures) Bill 2021
- Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Bill 2020
 Industrial Chemicals Legislation Amendment Bill 2020
 Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Charge (General) Bill 2020
 Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Charge (Customs) Bill 2020
 Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Charge (Excise) Bill 2020
- Archives and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021
- Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Age of Dependants) Bill 2021

Passed

Without amendments

- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Income Support) Bill 2021
- Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reform) Bill 2020
- Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Bill 2020
 Industrial Chemicals Legislation Amendment Bill 2020
 Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Charge (General) Bill 2020
 Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Charge (Customs) Bill 2020
 Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Charge (Excise) Bill 2020
- Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Early Childhood Education and Care Coronavirus Response and Other Measures) Bill 2021

These bills will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

- Industry Research and Development Amendment (Industry Innovation and Science Australia) Bill 2021
- Special Recreational Vessels Amendment Bill 2021
- Biosecurity Amendment (Clarifying Conditionally Non-prohibited Goods) Bill 2021
- Work Health and Safety Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2021
- Archives and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021

The House of Representatives will now consider the bills

With amendments

Fair Work Amendment (Supporting Australia's Jobs and Economic Recovery) Bill 2021
 Watch the debate
 Read the transcript

The House of Representatives will now consider the Senate's amendments

Committees

New inquiries

- The Senate adopted <u>report no. 4 of 2021</u> of the <u>Selection of Bills Committee</u> and made the following references:
 - Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
 - Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Amendment Bill 2021 for inquiry and report by 5 May 2021
 - Interactive Gambling Amendment (Prohibition on Credit Card Use) Bill 2020 for inquiry and report by 30 July 2021
- Special rate of disability pension referred to the <u>Foreign Affairs</u>, <u>Defence and Trade References</u> <u>Committee</u> for inquiry and report by 24 June 2021
- <u>Defence force retirement and death benefits</u> referred to the <u>Foreign Affairs</u>, <u>Defence and Trade</u> <u>References Committee</u> for inquiry and report by 24 June 2021
- The Senate <u>amended the resolution</u> appointing the Financial Technology and Regulatory Technology Select Committee to rename it as the Australia as a Technology and Financial Centre Select Committee, and referred additional matters with a final reporting date of 30 October 2021
- Administration of registration and notifications by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation
 Agency and related entities referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry
 and report by 24 November 2021

Reports tabled

- Human rights scrutiny report 3 of 2021 Human Rights Joint Committee
- Administration of sports grants Select Committee Final report
- <u>Driving a fairer deal: Regulation of the relationship between car manufacturers and car dealers in Australia</u> Education and Employment References Committee
- Performance of Australia's dairy industry and the profitability of Australian dairy farmers since deregulation in 2000 Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
- Future of Australia's aviation sector <u>Interim report</u> Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
- 83rd and 84th annual reports Public Works Joint Committee
- 2nd report of 2021 referrals made in November and December 2020 Public Works Joint Committee

Reporting dates extended

- <u>Customs Amendment (Banning Goods Produced By Uyghur Forced Labour) Bill 2020</u> extended to 17 June 2021
- Judges' Pensions Amendment (Pension Not Payable for Misconduct) Bill 2020 extended to 20 May 2021

Membership

Variations were agreed to

See also committee membership page

Documents

Tabled documents

• <u>Clerk's documents</u> [legislative instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

To view individual instruments visit <u>www.legislation.gov.au</u> and search using the Federal Register of Legislation (FRL) number

Orders for the production of documents

Tabled

 Response to an order for documents relating to defence capital acquisitions to be provided to the Parliamentary Budget Office agreed to on <u>25 February 2021</u>

Agreed to

 Report relating to COVID-19 vaccination certificates to be tabled by the Minister representing the Minister for Government Services by not later than the third business day of each month

Other business

Motions

Agreed to

- Suicide rates in the Australian Defence Force moved by Senator Lambie and others
- <u>JobKeeper</u> moved by Senator Gallagher
- National apology for forced adoptions—8th anniversary moved by Senator Brown
- Paid domestic violence leave moved by Senator McAllister
- Financing for education moved by Senator O'Neill and others
- <u>Farm efficiency projects</u> moved by Senator McKenzie and others
- New South Wales coal industry moved by Senator Canavan and others

Negatived

• Emissions reduction moved by Senator Steele-John

Disallowance motions

Withdrawn

Chair of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) withdrew the following notices:

- ASIC Credit (Electronic Precontractual Disclosure) Instrument 2020/835 [F2020L01261]
- ASIC Credit (Notice Requirements for Unlicensed Carried Over Instrument Lenders) Instrument 2020/834 [F2020L01259]

Scheduling

• The Senate agreed to the hours of meeting and routine of business for budget week

Statistics

Bills received from the House of Representatives	8
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	2
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	0
Bills passed in the Senate	14
Bills negatived or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	2
New inquiries	5
Reports tabled	8
Orders for production of documents agreed to	1
Notices of motion given	9
Divisions	29

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