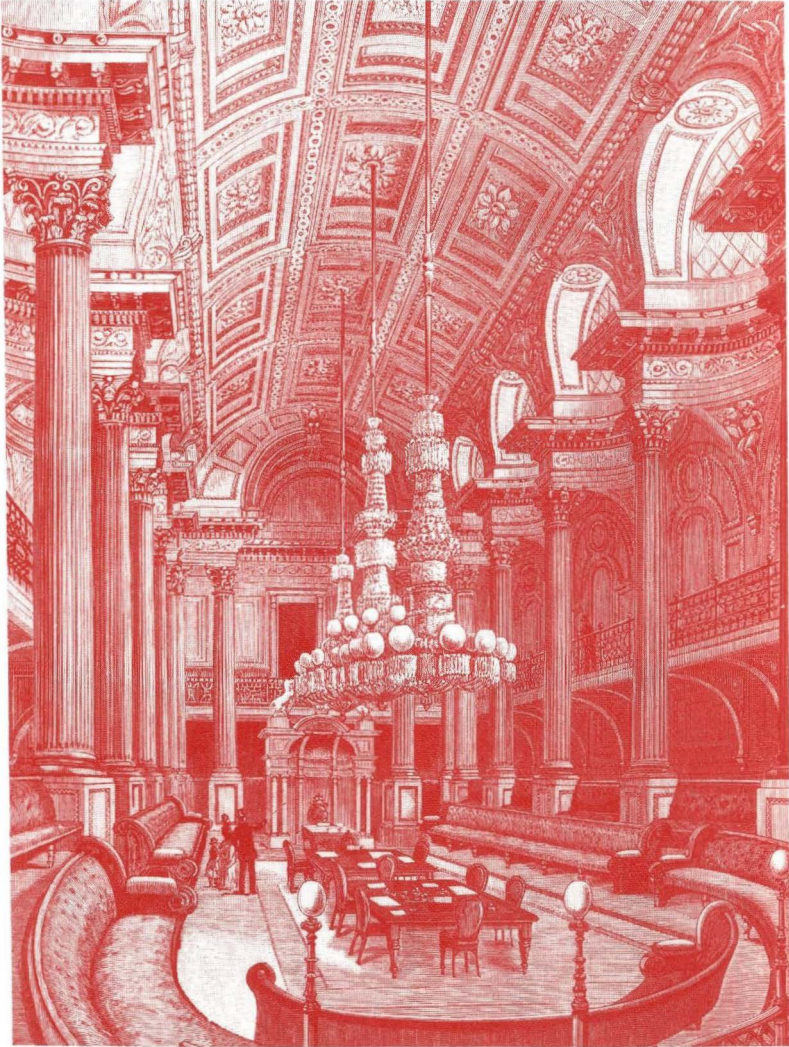




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Introduction

The publication *Business of the Senate* has been issued by the Senate Table Office twice a year, with an annual cumulation, since 1970. It contains a summary of matters considered by the Senate within the period covered, from which statistics relating to details of sittings, legislation, and procedural matters have been extracted. The gathering of these figures in a systematic fashion over a period of almost 30 years has built up a body of data which allows comparisons between years and decades, identifying long-term trends and highlighting the atypical.

The compilation of a *Business of the Senate* for the years 1901 to 1906 has unearthed material which throws light on the working of the Senate in each of those years. It also demonstrates its evolution within that period of 6 years, and allows comparisons and contrasts with the Senate today.

Most of the details for this publication were gathered from the *Journals of the Senate*, supplemented by the *Hansards*, *Notice Papers*, and *Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives*. In order to facilitate comparisons with later years, data is presented in a form closely modelled on that used in the current *Business of the Senate*. Not all the categories in the current publication are represented. Some procedures now commonly implemented in the Senate were not used in the early Senate, such as motions for the disallowance of delegated legislation (introduced in 1904), ministerial statements, matters of public importance, and government responses to committee reports. Some data which is now gathered progressively throughout sittings, such as a breakdown of business conducted in the Senate by type of business, was not feasible to collect in retrospect. Finally, there is some data given in this publication which will not be found in the modern *Business of the Senate*, such as details of the relatively few committees appointed in the first years of the Senate, the activities of Senate committees being covered, since 1994, by the publication *Work of Committees*.

Sittings

One area where clear comparisons may be drawn between the work of the early and the current Senate is in the frequency and duration of sittings, and patterns of attendance.

The following is a chart of the total sitting days and hours 1901-06:

| Year | Total sitting days | Total sitting hours | Average sitting day |
|------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1901 | 85 | 446:49 | 5hrs 15 |
| 1902 | 93 | 520:25 | 5 hrs 39 |
| 1903 | 62 | 324:53 | 5 hrs 30 |
| 1904 | 64 | 313:23 | 4 hrs 53 |
| 1905 | 66 | 358:46 | 5 hrs 31 |
| 1906 | 57 | 377:33 | 6 hrs 15 |

While the number of sitting days per calendar year is not radically different from the current Senate, the average length of a sitting day in the 1990s and, consequently, the total sitting hours, are much greater (82 days, 740 hours 40 minutes and an average of 9 hours 1 minute in 1997).

Normally, the Senate sat from 2:30pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and from 10:30 on Fridays. However, this was frequently altered to suit circumstances. Sittings rarely extended beyond midnight.

Sitting patterns for these years comprised large blocks of time rather than shorter blocks spread over a year with periodic breaks, as in the current Senate. The first marathon session of Parliament ran from 9 May 1901 to 10 October 1902, and the Senate sat every week, without break, from 21 May to 11 October 1901, took one week off, then sat from 23 October to 13 December. The years 1902 to 1906 show a different pattern, but include blocks of time concentrated in the second half of the year. The Senate did not begin sitting until 26 May in 1903, 28 June in 1905, and 7 June in 1906.

An analysis of attendance in the Senate in the years 1901 to 1906 shows a relatively high level of absenteeism. This may be attributed, at least in part, to the time which senators from states other than Victoria, and particularly from Queensland and Western Australia, were required to spend travelling from their homes to the Parliament. Of the 36 senators, 10 were absent without leave for more than 20 days in 1901, 11 in 1902, 10 in 1903, 2 in 1904, 11 in 1905 and 7 in 1906. In 1901, 7 were present for less than half the number of sitting days (combining absence with, and without, leave), 3 in 1902, 6 in 1903, 1 in 1904, 3 in 1905 and 3 in 1906. In 1903, the seat of Senator John Ferguson (Qld) was declared vacant after he had failed to attend the Senate, or to obtain leave of absence, for 2 consecutive months. Senator Ferguson is the only senator who has lost his seat in this fashion.

Legislation

Another area of valid comparison is legislation. The following table summarises bills considered by the Senate 1901-06:

| Bills | 1901 | 1902 | 1903 | 1904 | 1905 | 1906 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Introduced | 23 | 21 | 27 | 24 | 30 | 35 |
| Assented to | 17 | 21 | 21 | 16 | 26 | 25 |
| Initiated in the Senate | 9 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 7 |
| Disagreements with the House of Representatives | 8 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 6 |

On average the number of bills considered each year during this period was about one tenth that of the 1990s. A high proportion of legislation was initiated in the Senate in the first year, and for each of the years except 1904 there were, relatively speaking, a

large number of disagreements on amendments to bills between the Senate and the House of Representatives.

During this time the Governor-General returned 4 bills recommending amendments. Up to 1985 a total of only 14 bills had been returned in this manner. One bill, the Customs Tariff (British Preference) Bill of 1906, was reserved for the Sovereign's Assent, and is the only such bill to date not to have received Royal Assent. The bill contained provisions relating to employment on British ships which conflicted with British treaties, and was abandoned by the government after it was reserved by the Governor-General.

Procedure

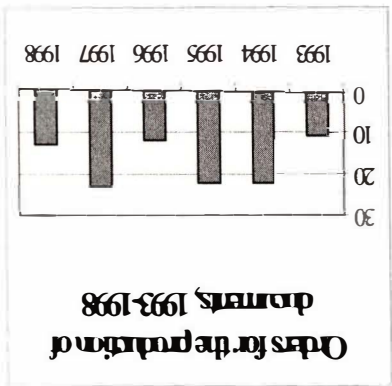
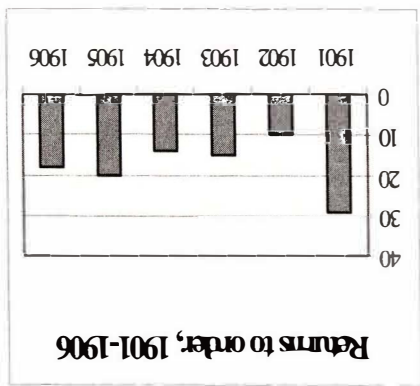
The Senate functioned for almost 3 years without permanent Standing Orders. The Senate declined to adopt the Standing Orders drafted by the first Clerk (E.C. Blackmore), in consultation with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, (G.H. Jenkins), the Prime Minister (Edmund Barton) and the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Richard O'Connor), and voted on 6 June 1901 to adopt temporarily the Standing Orders of the South Australian House of Assembly. New Standing Orders, devised by the Senate Standing Orders Committee, were debated and passed item by item in the Senate in June and August 1903, and came into force on 1 September 1903.

Right from the start, the Senate, led by the first President, Sir Richard Baker, displayed a high degree of innovation and independence in procedural matters. It voted against a proposed Standing Order which provided that circumstances not covered by Senate Standing Orders should be dealt with in accordance with the 'rules, forms and practice' of the British House of Commons. In an entirely new chamber of members, many coming directly from experience in the upper and lower chambers of the former colonial assemblies, issues of procedure were keenly debated and the determinations by the President and Chairman of Committees on matters for which there appeared to be no precedent were frequently challenged. The Senate began to build its own, original, body of precedents, by recording and tabling decisions arrived at in each session, embodied initially in a report by the President, and incorporated from 1903 in the periodic publication of *Rulings of the President of the Senate*.

Questions were asked early in the day's program, at the second item of business. In contrast to the present, most questions were asked on notice. For the period examined, an average of just over 2 questions on notice were asked per sitting day, compared with an average of slightly less than 1 question without notice. That ratio is the reverse of the current situation. During the year 1998, for example, there was an average daily number of 22.6 questions without notice, and an average daily number of just over 10 questions on notice.

| QUESTIONS | 1901 | 1902 | 1903 | 1904 | 1905 | 1906 | 1998 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| on notice | 104 | 167 | 223 | 104 | 188 | 99 | 568 |
| without notice | 53 | 37 | 61 | 48 | 140 | 83 | 1176 |

Orders for returns, now called orders for the production of documents, were frequently used in the first years of the Senate as a means of obtaining information from the government, but their use declined after the first decade and it was not until the early 1990s that the annual number of orders began to approach that of the first Senate.



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Business of the Senate 9 May to 13 December 1901

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Senate sittings for 1901

Number of sitting days

85

| MONTH | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun |
|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|
| February | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9/10 |
| | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16/17 |
| | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23/24 |
| | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 1 | 2/3 |
| March | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9/10 |
| | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16/17 |
| | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23/24 |
| | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30/31 |
| April | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6/7 |
| | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13/14 |
| | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20/21 |
| | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27/28 |
| May | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4/5 |
| | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11/12 |
| | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18/19 |
| | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25/26 |
| June | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1/2 |
| | 3 | 4 | H | 5 | 6 | 7 H |
| | 10 | 11 | H | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| | 17 | 18 | | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| July | 24 | 25 | | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| | 1 | 2 | H | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | 8 | 9 | H | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | 15 | 16 | H | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| August | 22 | 23 | H | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | 29 | 30 | H | 31 | 1 | 2 |
| | 5 | 6 | H | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | 12 | 13 | H | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| September | 19 | 20 | H | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | 26 | 27 | | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| | 2 | 3 | | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | 9 | 10 | | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| October | 16 | 17 | | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | 23 | 24 | | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| | 30 | 1 | H | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | 7 | 8 | H | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| November | 14 | 15 | H | 16 | H | 18 |
| | 21 | 22 | H | 23 | 24 | H |
| | 28 | 29 | H | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| | 4 | 5 | H | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| December | 11 | 12 | H | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| | 18 | 19 | H | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | 25 | 26 | H | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| | 2 | H | 3 | H | 4 | 5 |
| December | 9 | H | 10 | H | 11 | 12 |
| | 16 | | 17 | | 18 | 19 |
| | 23 | | 24 | | 25 | 26 |

Shaded areas = Both Houses

H = House only

S = Senate only

Statistical summary —General statistics 1901

| | |
|--|---|
| Number of sitting days | 85 |
| Hours of sitting | 446 hours 49 minutes |
| Average length of a sitting day | 5 hours 15 minutes |
| Longest sitting day | 8 hours 43 minutes (4 December 1901) |
| Shortest sitting day | 16 minutes (30 October 1901) |
| Questions placed on notice | 104 |
| Questions without notice | 53 |
| Petitions presented | 44 |
| Signatories to petitions | 35 199 |
| Urgency motions | 5 |
| Principal motions agreed to | 9 |
| Condolence motions and addresses of condolence | 3 |
| Orders for the production of documents (Returns to order) | 29 |
| Divisions | 120 |

Statistical summary 1901—Legislation

Bills considered by the Senate in the period 9 May to 13 December 1901

Origin

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Introduced in the Senate (1901) | |
| Government bills..... | 7 |
| Private senators' bills..... | 2 |
| Received from the House of Representatives (1901) | |
| Government bills..... | 14 |
| Total | 23 |

Outcome

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Bills passed by the Senate | |
| Laid aside in the House of Representatives | 1 |
| Passed by both Houses | |
| Government bills..... | 17 |
| Still before the Senate at 31 December 1901 | |
| Government bills..... | 1 |
| Private senators' bills..... | 2 |
| Discharged from Senate <i>Notice Paper</i> | 1 |
| Total | 23 |

Bills on which there were disagreements between the Houses 8

Amendments and requests moved during 1901

| | |
|--|----|
| Bills to which second reading amendments were moved | 1 |
| Bills to which second reading amendments were agreed | 1 |
| Bills to which requests for second reading amendments were moved | 1 |
| Bills to which requests for second reading amendments were agreed..... | 1 |
| Bills to which amendments were agreed in committee of the whole | 14 |
| Bill to which requests for amendments were agreed in committee of the whole | 1 |

Details of bills

Bills considered by the Senate 1901

The following is a list of bills in alphabetical order showing certain details of the consideration of bills by the Senate and the House of Representatives. Details of disagreements between the Houses on a number of these bills are shown separately at Amendments and Requests—Disagreements.

Acts Interpretation Bill

Reps: Intro. 10/5/01; Passed 13/6/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 19/06/01; Passed 28/6/01

Amended in committee of the whole

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments 28/6/01

Assent: 12/7/01; Act No. 2, 1901

Audit Bill

Reps: Intro. 5/6/01; Passed 18/7/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 18/7/01; Passed 2/8/01

Amended in committee of the whole

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments 2/8/01

Assent: 7/8/01; Act No. 4, 1901

Beer Excise Bill

Reps: Intro. 24/7/01; Passed 13/8/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 14/8/01; Passed 2/10/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the House of Representatives 4/10/01

Assent: 5/10/01; Act No. 7, 1901

Customs Bill

Reps: Intro. 5/6/01; Passed 1/8/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 1/8/01; Passed 12/9/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the House of Representatives 27/9/01

Assent: 3/10/01; Act No. 6, 1901

Distillation Bill

Reps: Intro. 9/8/01; Passed 19/9/01
Amended in committee of the whole
Senate: Intro. 19/9/01; Passed 2/10/01
Amended in committee of the whole
Disagreement between the Houses
Final agreement by the House of Representatives 4/10/01
Assent: 5/10/01; Act No. 8, 1901

Excise Bill

Reps: Intro. 12/9/01; Passed 25/9/01
Amended in committee of the whole
Senate: Intro. 25/9/01; Passed 2/10/01
Amended in committee of the whole
Disagreement between the Houses
Final agreement by the Senate 4/10/01
Assent: 5/10/01; Act No. 9, 1901

Immigration Restriction Bill

Reps: Intro. 5/6/01; Passed 9/10/01
Amended in committee of the whole
Senate: Intro. 9/10/01; Passed 6/12/01
Amended in committee of the whole
House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments 12/12/01
Assent: 23/12/01; Act No. 17, 1901

PS Matrimonial Causes Bill

(Introduced by Senator Dobson—FT)
Senate: Intro. 11/09/01; 1st reading 11/09/01

Pacific Islands Labourers Bill

Reps: Intro. 5/6/01; Passed 8/11/01
Amended in committee of the whole
Senate: Intro. 8/11/01; Passed 6/12/01
Amended in committee of the whole
House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments 12/12/01
Assent: 17/12/01; Act No. 16, 1901

PS Parliamentary Evidence Bill

(Introduced by Senator Neild—FT)
Senate: Intro. 9/08/01; In committee 16/8/01

S Post and Telegraph Bill

Senate: Intro. 5/6/01; Passed 24/07/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro. 25/7/01; Passed 26/9/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the Senate 6/11/01

Assent: 16/11/01; Act No. 12, 1901

S Post and Telegraph Rates Bill

Senate: Intro. 5/12/01; Passed 13/12/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro. 13/12/01

S Property Acquisition Bill

Senate: Intro. 27/6/01; Passed 20/09/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro. 20/9/01; Passed 8/11/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the House of Representatives 6/12/01

Assent: 12/12/01; Act No. 13, 1901

Public Service Bill

Reps: Intro. 5/6/01; Passed 17/7/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 17/07/01; In committee, 13/12/01

Amended in committee of the whole

S Punishment of Offences Bill

Senate: Intro. 12/12/01; Passed 12/12/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro. 12/12/01; Passed 13/12/01

Assent: 17/12/01; Act No. 14, 1901

S Service and Execution of Process Bill

Senate: Intro. 10/05/01; Discharged from *Notice Paper* 30/5/01

S Service and Execution of Process Bill [No. 2]

Senate: Intro. 13/06/01; Passed 19/7/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro. 24/7/01; Passed 19/9/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the House of Representatives 3/10/01

Assent: 16/10/01; Act No. 11, 1901

S State Laws and Records Recognition Bill

Senate: Intro. 13/06/01; Passed 26/6/01

Reps: Intro. 26/6/01; Passed 30/7/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendments 2/8/01

Assent: 5/9/01; Act No. 5, 1901

Supply Bill

Reps: Intro. 12/6/01; Passed 13/6/01am

Senate: Intro. 13/6/01; Second reading request for amendment agreed 14/06/01

Bill returned to the House of Representatives

Bill laid aside by the House of Representatives 14/6/01

Supply Bill (No. 2)

Reps: Intro. 14/6/01; Passed 14/6/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 19/06/01; Passed 25/06/01

Requests for amendments agreed to in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the House of Representatives 25/6/01

Assent: 25/6/01; Act No. 1, 1901

Supply Bill (No. 3)

Reps: Intro. 9/7/01; Passed 9/7/01

Senate: Intro. 10/7/01; Passed 11/07/01

Assent: 12/7/01; Act No. 3, 1901

Supply Bill (No. 4)

Reps: Intro. 11/10/01; Passed 11/10/01

Senate: Intro. 11/10/01; Passed 11/10/01

Assent: 12/10/01; Act No. 10, 1901

Supply Bill (No. 5)

Reps: Intro. 13/12/01; Passed 13/12/01

Senate: Intro. 13/12/01; Passed 13/12/01

Assent: 17/12/01; Act No. 15, 1901

KEY

S Senate Bill
PS Private Senator's Bill
PM Private Member's Bill

PROT Protectionist
FT Free Trade
LAB Labor Party

Bills still before the Senate

| | |
|---|----------|
| Number of bills still before the Senate at 13 December 1901: | 3 |
| Government bills | 1 |
| Private senators' bills | 2 |

Government bill

| Bill short title | Origin |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Public Service Bill | House of Representatives |

Private senators' bills

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Matrimonial Causes Bill | Senator Dobson |
| Parliamentary Evidence Bill | Senator Neild |

Bills discharged from Notice Paper, laid aside or negatived

| | |
|--|----------|
| Bills discharged from Senate Notice Paper | 1 |
|--|----------|

| Bill short title | Origin |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Service and Execution of Process Bill | Senate |

| | |
|---|----------|
| Bills laid aside in the House of Representatives | 1 |
|---|----------|

| Bill short title | Origin |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Supply Bill | House of Representatives |

Amendments and requests—Disagreements

Bills on which there were disagreements between the Houses:

8

Beer Excise Bill

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments except for amendment no. 15 (3 October 1901).

Senate insisted on its amendment no. 15 (4 October 1901).

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendment no. 15 (4 October 1901).

Customs Bill

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments nos 1 to 26, 29 to 45, 47, 48, 50 to 64, 66, 68, 70 to 78, 80 to 87, 90 to 100, 102 to 109, 111, 112, 115 and 117 to 121; agreed to amendments nos 27, 28, 65, 79, 88, 89, 114, 116 and 122 with amendments; and disagreed with amendments nos 46, 49, 67, 69, 101, 110 and 113 (20 September 1901).

Senate agreed to the amendments made by the House of Representatives to the Senate amendments; did not insist on its amendments nos 46, 49, 67, 69 and 110; insisted on amendment no. 101; and did not insist on amendment no. 113 except for certain words (26 September 1901).

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendment no. 101 and the portion of amendment no. 113 (27 September 1901).

Distillation Bill

House of Representatives disagreed to Senate amendments nos 8, 19 and 20 (3 October 1901).

Senate insisted on its amendments (4 October 1901).

House of Representatives agreed to the Senate amendments (4 October 1901).

Excise Bill

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments nos 1, and 3-26, and agreed to amendment no. 2 with an amendment (4 October 1901).

Senate agreed to the House of Representatives amendment to amendment no. 2 (4 October 1901).

S Post and Telegraph Bill

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendments nos 1, 3 to 5, 7, 9 to 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21 to 49, 51 to 57, 60, 61, 63 to 65, 67, 68, 70, 72 to 74, 76 to 86 and 90 to 104, agreed to amendments nos 2, 8, 13, 16, 19, 20, 50, 66, 69, 71 and 75 with amendments and disagreed to amendments nos 6, 58, 59, 62 and 87 to 89 (10 October 1901).

House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to House of Representatives amendments nos 2, 8, 13, 50, 66, 69, 71 and 75; disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate to House of Representatives

amendments nos 16, 19 and 20; insisted on its amendment no. 6; and did not insist on its amendments nos 58, 59, 62, 87, 88 and 89 (11 October 1901).
Senate did not insist on its amendments to House of Representatives amendments nos 16, 19 and 20 and agreed to House of Representatives amendment no. 6 (6 November 1901).

S Property Acquisition Bill

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendments nos 1 to 4, 7 to 9 and 11 to 21 and disagreed to amendments nos 5, 6 and 10 (20 November 1901).
House of Representatives did not insist on its amendments (6 December 1901).

S Service and Execution of Process Bill [No. 2]

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendments nos 1 to 4, 6 to 13, 15 to 34, 36, 37 and 40 to 49 and disagreed to amendments nos 5, 14, 35, 38 and 39 (27 September 1901).
House of Representatives did not insist on its amendments (3 October 1901).

Supply Bill (No. 2)

House of Representatives agreed to Senate request for amendments nos 1 and 3, and agreed to request for amendment no. 2, with an amendment (21 June 1901).
Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendment to request for amendment no. 2 (21 June 1901).

Motions to debate a matter of urgency

Prior to August 1975 a matter of urgency was debated on a motion that the Senate, at its rising, adjourn to an unusual time. The motion was then withdrawn or negatived.

Number of urgency motions: 5

| | |
|------------------|---|
| 26 June 1901 | Days of Sitting Senator Neild Debated and withdrawn |
| 2 October 1901 | Post and Telegraph Department—Political Influence Senator Dobson Debated and withdrawn |
| 9 October 1901 | Inter-State Free-Trade Senator Higgs Debated and withdrawn |
| 11 October 1901 | Motions of Want of Confidence—Adjournments of the Senate Senator Higgs Debated and withdrawn |
| 21 November 1901 | Communications to the Senate Senator Clemons Debated and withdrawn |

Motions agreed to

Only principal motions are listed. Excluded are procedural motions, motions relating to the consideration of bills, and routine motions relating to the next meeting of the Senate, leave of absence to senators, variations in sitting times, order and rearrangement of business before the Senate, suspension of standing and sessional orders, references to committees and motions to take note of documents. Orders for the production of documents (returns to order) are listed separately.

Number of principal motions agreed to: **9**

| Subject | Agreed to |
|---|------------------|
| Bass' Straits submarine cable, control of (Senator Keating) | 16 August 1901 |
| British New Guinea, acceptance and control of (Senator Drake) | 20 November 1901 |
| Constitution Act, index, preparation of (Senator Pulsford) | 9 August 1901 |
| Customs regulations (Senator Pulsford) | 23 August 1901 |
| High Commissioner in London, appointment of (Senator Pearce) | 2 August 1901 |
| King James I, <i>Argus</i> libel (Senator De Largie) | 5 July 1901 |
| Legal Practitioners, freedom of practice (Senator Dobson) | 9 August 1901 |
| Senators, rotation of (Senator O'Connor) | 4 July 1901 |
| Wages, hours, and conditions of labour, legislation (Senator Stewart) | 9 August 1901 |

Condolence motions

- 8 August 1901 **Mr W H Groom**
Member of the House of Representatives for Darling Downs,
Queensland
Moved (Postmaster-General) and debated. Question passed.
Senate adjourned as a mark of respect.
-
- 7 August 1901 **Address of Condolence to His Majesty the King**
Death of the Dowager Empress Frederick
Moved (Postmaster-General) and passed. Senate adjourned as a
mark of respect.
-
- 18 September 1901 **Address of Sympathy, the Late President of the United States**
Assassination of President McKinley
Moved (Vice-President of the Executive Council) and debated.
Question passed.
Senate adjourned as a mark of respect.

Orders for the production of documents

Number of orders for the production of documents

29

Age Statistics—Document—Ordered 31 May 1901

Return showing various age statistics for persons in each state of the Commonwealth.

Asiatics imported into Western Australia—Document—Ordered 21 June 1901

Return showing statistics relating to Asiatics imported into Western Australia under the Imported Labour Registry Act.

Tabled 28 August 1901

Bass' Straits Cable—Document—Ordered 12 July 1901

Return showing amounts paid by the Government of Tasmania to the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company relating to the Bass' Straits cable.

Tabled 12 July 1901

Cable Rates, Victoria and Tasmania—Documents—Ordered 12 July 1901

Return showing sums paid to the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company for cablegrams over the cable between Victoria and Tasmania and copy of a contract relating to the non-laying of a cable by the Commonwealth or others.

Civil Servants: Transfer of, and Pensions—Document—Ordered 27 September 1901

Return showing details of Commonwealth civil servants.

Deportation of Boer Prisoners to Tasmania—Documents—Ordered 21 June 1901

Copies of correspondence relating to a proposal to deport Boer prisoners to Tasmania.

Tabled 21 June 1901

Desks for Senate Chamber—Document—Ordered 13 September 1901

Return showing the cost of providing the Senate with desks.

Election of Senators, New South Wales—Document—Ordered 14 June 1901

Return showing full particulars of the election of Senators for New South Wales.

Tabled 17 July 1901

Excise Duties—Document—Ordered 23 August 1901

Return showing details of articles subject to and revenue derived from duty of excise.

Federal Capital Site—Document—Ordered 6 December 1901

Précis of correspondence between the New South Wales and Commonwealth Governments relating to the proposed site for the Federal Capital.

Tabled 13 December 1901

Federal Departments: Females Employed—Document—Ordered 30 August 1901

Return showing the number of females employed in various Federal and State Departments.

Tabled 11 September 1901

Female Employés in Public Service of States—Document—Ordered 2 August 1901

Return showing details of salaries paid to females employed in the civil service of each State.

Female Telephone Operators—Documents—Ordered 18 July 1901

Papers relating to a circular issued in the Postal Department concerning nine female telephone operators on probation.

Tabled 18 July 1901

Imports—Document—Ordered 12 July 1901

Return showing rates of duty and value of imports and various related statistics.

[Tabled 25 April 1902]

Interchange of States' Postage Stamps—Documents—Ordered 2 August 1901

Copies of telegrams relating to the loss of postal revenue sustained by Tasmania if State postage stamps were made interchangeable.

Tabled 2 August 1901

Kanaka and Coloured Labour in Queensland—Documents—Ordered 4 October 1901

Correspondence between the Queensland and Commonwealth Governments relating to the Kanaka and Coloured Labour Question.

Kanaka and White Population: Mortality in Queensland—Document—Ordered 22 November 1901

Return showing the mortality of the kanaka and white population in Queensland.

Military Camp, Hobart—Documents—Ordered 20 September 1901

Documents relating to the holding of a military camp at Hobart and the dismissal of Private McKercher from the Defence Force of Tasmania.

Tabled 4 October 1901

Postage Stamps Repurchased from “Tattersalls”—Document—Ordered 19 July 1901

Return showing unused postage stamps repurchased from the proprietor of Tattersall's sweeps.

Tabled 28 August 1901

Postal Department, Victoria: Attendance of Employés—Document—Ordered 19 September 1901

Return showing the average attendance of officers in the Metropolitan District of the Post and Telegraph Department of Victoria.

Tabled 19 September 1901

President and Premier of Queensland: Correspondence—Documents—Ordered 28 November 1901

Copies of correspondence between the President of the Senate and the Premier of Queensland relating to a communication received by the President on 20 November 1901.

Tabled 29 November 1901

Reynolds' Newspaper Suppression—Documents—Ordered 28 June 1901

Copies of correspondence and documents in the possession of the Government relating to the suppression of *Reynolds' Newspaper* by the Victorian Government.

Tabled 11 July 1901

States—Population—Document—Ordered 26 July 1901

Return showing statistics relating to the population of each State.

[Tabled 22 January 1902]

Tasmanian Election—Document—Ordered 12 June 1901

Return showing full particulars of the election of senators for Tasmania.

[Tabled 27 February 1902]

Telegraph Agreements—Documents—Ordered 31 May 1901

Copies of all agreements in force between State and Commonwealth Governments and the Eastern Extension Telegraphic Company relating to the electric telegraph cable between Tasmania and the mainland of Australia.

Telegraphic Rates: Messages from Tasmania—Document—Ordered 27 September 1901

Return showing telegraphic rates and opening hours for Inter-State communication.

Tabled 9 October 1901

Unemployed Registered—Document—Ordered 15 November 1901

Return showing the number of unemployed registered at State and Commonwealth Bureaux.

Votes at Senate Elections—Document—Ordered 5 June 1901

Return showing the number of votes cast for each Senator in each State.

Tabled 26 September 1901

Wireless Telegraphy: Tasmania and Adjacent Islands—Documents—Ordered 28 November 1901

Copies of documents relating to the establishment of systems of wireless telegraphy between Tasmania and certain adjacent islands.

[Tabled 27 February 1902]

Petitions

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Number of petitions: | 44 |
| Number of signatories: | 35 199 |

| | 1901 Petitions | 1901 Signatures |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Customs Bill—Application to overseas vessels | 4 | 35 |
| Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill | 14 | 10 463 |
| Eastern Extension Australia and China Telegraph Company—Contract | 1 | 368 |
| Election petition, Henry John Saunders, against return of Senator Matheson | 1 | 1 |
| Immigration Restriction Bill | 1 | 180 |
| Liquor trade in the Federal Capital | 4 | 814 |
| Pacific Island Labourers Bill | 1 | 1 |
| Postal Service | 1 | 190 |
| Private telephones—Exclusion from the operation of the Post and Telegraph Bill | 1 | 1 |
| Protection from coloured divers | 1 | 29 |
| Senate—Opening proceedings with prayer | 2 | 2 |
| Tattersall's consultations, against | 9 | 2 406 |
| Tattersall's consultations, in favour of | 4 | 20 709 |

Committees

Elections and Qualifications Committee

- Appointment: By warrant of the President, 12 June 1901, according to resolution of 6 June 1901
- Members: Senators De Largie, Sir John Downer, Fraser*, Glassey, Macfarlane, Sir Josiah Symon, and Walker
- References: Petition against the return of Alexander Percival Matheson as a Member of the Senate from Henry John Saunders (*referred 27 June 1901*)
Petition against the return of Alexander Percival Matheson as a Member of the Senate referred back to the committee for further inquiry and report (*referred 25 July 1901*)
- Reports: Report upon the petition of Henry John Saunders against the election and return of Alexander Percival Matheson as senator for the State of Western Australia (*tabled 12 July 1901*)
Special report upon the petition of Henry John Saunders ... (*tabled 3 October 1901*)
Second Report relating to the return of Alexander Percival Matheson as a Member of the Senate (*tabled 11 October 1901*)

* resigned 28 August 1901

House Committee

- Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 6 June 1901
- Members: President and Senators Cameron, Ewing, Ferguson, Fraser, Neild and Playford

Library Committee

- Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 6 June 1901
- Members: President and Senators De Largie, Drake, Keating, O'Connor, Sargood and Symon

Printing Committee

- Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 6 June 1901
- Members: Senators Pulsford, Clemons, Pearce, Charleston, Smith, Dawson and Styles
- Reference: Reduction of printing in connexion to the Senate (*referred 9 August 1901*)

Standing Orders Committee

- Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 5 June 1901
- Members: President, Chairman of Committees and Senators Dobson, Sir John Downer, Gould, Harney, Higgs, O'Connor and Sir William Zeal
- References: Whether any and which State Parliament Standing Orders should be adopted as temporary Standing Orders by the Senate (*referred 5 June 1901*)
Instruction to the committee to frame a Standing Order providing that the proceedings of the Senate be opened daily with prayer (*referred 14 June 1901*)
Lapsed Bills (*referred 23 August 1901*)
- Reports: First Report (*tabled 6 June 1901*)
Second Report (*tabled 20 June 1901*)
Third Report (*tabled 9 October 1901*)

Tasmania and Australia Steam-ship Communication—Select Committee

- Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 26 July 1901
- Members: Senators Barrett, Drake, Keating, Macfarlane, Neild, Pearce and Playford

Attendance of senators, 1901

Sitting Period—9 May to 13 December 1901 Sitting Days—85
Attendance was not recorded in the Senate Journals until 5 June 1901. Attendance was recorded for 77 days in 1901

| <i>Senator</i> | <i>Days absent</i> | <i>Days absent on Leave</i> | <i>Days present</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Baker (President) | 0 | 0 | 77 |
| Barrett | 1 | 0 | 76 |
| Best | 6 | 7 | 64 |
| Cameron | 46 | 1 | 30 |
| Charleston | 1 | 0 | 76 |
| Clemons | 10 | 0 | 67 |
| Dawson | 30 | 16 | 31 |
| De Largie | 4 | 0 | 73 |
| Dobson | 0 | 0 | 77 |
| Downer | 9 | 0 | 68 |
| Drake | 0 | 0 | 77 |
| Ewing | 15 | 28 | 34 |
| Ferguson | 4 | 7 | 66 |
| Fraser | 16 | 12 | 49 |
| Glassey | 6 | 0 | 71 |
| Gould | 20 | 0 | 57 |
| Harney | 21 | 20 | 36 |
| Higgs | 15 | 7 | 55 |
| Keating | 2 | 0 | 75 |
| Macfarlane | 14 | 0 | 63 |
| Matheson | 36 | 39 | 2 |
| McGregor | 0 | 0 | 77 |
| Millen | 51 | 1 | 25 |
| Neild | 23 | 0 | 54 |
| O'Connor | 23 | 0 | 54 |
| O'Keefe | 5 | 0 | 72 |
| Pearce | 3 | 0 | 74 |
| Playford | 2 | 0 | 75 |
| Pulsford | 18 | 0 | 59 |
| Sargood | 3 | 0 | 74 |
| Smith | 0 | 0 | 77 |
| Stewart | 8 | 0 | 69 |
| Styles | 22 | 24 | 31 |
| Symon | 21 | 0 | 56 |
| Walker | 12 | 0 | 65 |
| Zeal | 12 | 0 | 65 |

Business of the Senate

22 January to 10 October 1902

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Senate sittings for 1902

Number of sitting days

93

| Month | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun |
|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|
| January | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4/5 |
| | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11/12 |
| | 13 | 14 H | 15 H | 16 H | 17 H | 18/19 |
| | 20 | 21 H | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25/26 |
| | 27 | 28 H | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1/2 |
| February | 3 | 4 H | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8/9 |
| | 10 | 11 H | 12 H | 13 H | 14 H | 15/16 |
| | 17 | 18 H | 19 H | 20 H | 21 H | 22/23 |
| | 24 | 25 H | 26 | 27 | 28 | 1/2 |
| March | 3 | 4 H | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8/9 |
| | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 S | 14 S | 15/16 |
| | 17 | 18 H | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22/23 |
| | 24 | 25 H | 26 H | 27 | 28 | 29/30 |
| April | 1 | 1 | 2 H | 3 | 4 | 5/6 |
| | 7 | 8 H | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12/13 |
| | 14 | 15 H | 16 H | 17 H | 18 H | 19/20 |
| | 21 | 22 H | 23 | 24 H | 25 | 26/27 |
| | 28 | 29 H | 30 H | 1 | 2 S | 3/4 |
| May | 5 | 6 S | 7 S | 8 S | 9 S | 10/11 |
| | 12 | 13 S | 14 S | 15 S | 16 S | 17/18 |
| | 19 | 20 S | 21 S | 22 S | 23 S | 24/25 |
| | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31/1 |
| June | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 S | 7/8 |
| | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14/15 |
| | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21/22 |
| | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28/29 |
| | 30 S | 1 S | 2 S | 3 S | 4 S | 5/6 |
| July | 7 | 8 S | 9 S | 10 S | 11 S | 12/13 |
| | 14 | 15 S | 16 S | 17 S | 18 S | 19/20 |
| | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26/27 |
| | 28 | 29 H | 30 H | 31 H | 1 H | 2/3 |
| | August | 4 | 5 H | 6 H | 7 H | 8 H |
| 11 | | 12 H | 13 H | 14 H | 15 | 16/17 |
| 18 | | 19 H | 20 | 21 | 22 S | 23/24 |
| 25 | | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 S | 30/31 |
| September | 1 | 2 H | 3 | 4 | 5 S | 6/7 |
| | 8 | 9 S | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13/14 |
| | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20/21 |
| | 22 | 23 H | 24 | 25 | 26 H | 27/28 |
| October | 29 | 30 H | 1 H | 2 H | 3 H | 4/5 |
| | 6 | 7 S | 8 S | 9 | 10 | 11/12 |
| | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18/19 |
| | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25/26 |
| | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1/2 |
| November | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8/9 |
| | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15/16 |
| | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22/23 |
| | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29/30 |

Shaded areas = Both Houses

H = House only

S = Senate only

Statistical summary—General statistics 1902

| | |
|---|--|
| Number of sitting days | 93 |
| Hours of sitting | 520 hours 25 minutes |
| Average length of a sitting day | 5 hours 39 minutes |
| Longest sitting day | 9 hours 43 minutes (9 October 1902) |
| Shortest sitting day | 32 minutes (23 April 1902) |
| Questions placed on notice | 167 |
| Questions without notice | 37 |
| Petitions presented | 52 |
| Signatories to petitions | 6 640 |
| Urgency motions | 11 |
| Principal motions agreed to | 6 |
| Condolence motion | 1 |
| Orders for the production of documents (Returns to order) | 10 |
| Divisions | 254 |

Statistical summary 1902—Legislation

Bills considered by the Senate in the period 22 January to 10 October 1902

Origin

| | |
|--|-----------|
| On Senate <i>Notice Paper</i> as at 1 January 1902 | |
| Government bill (received from the House of Representatives, 1901)..... | 1 |
| Originating in the Senate, and on House of Representatives <i>Notice Paper</i> | |
| as at 1 January 1902; | |
| Government bill | 1 |
| Introduced in the Senate (1902) | |
| Government bills | 2 |
| Received from the House of Representatives (1902) | |
| Government bills..... | 17 |
| Total | 21 |

Outcome

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Passed by both Houses | |
| Government bills..... | 21 |
| Total | 21 |

Bills on which there were disagreements between the Houses 4

Amendments and requests moved during 1902

| | |
|--|---|
| Bills to which second reading amendments were moved | 1 |
| Bills to which second reading amendments were agreed | 0 |
| Bills to which amendments were agreed in committee of the whole | 5 |
| Bill to which requests for amendments were agreed in committee of the whole | 1 |

Bills to which the Acting Governor-General recommended amendments..... 1

Details of bills

Bills considered by the Senate 1902

The following is a list of bills in alphabetical order showing certain details of the consideration of bills by the Senate and the House of Representatives. Details of disagreements between the Houses on a number of these bills are shown separately at Amendments and Requests—Disagreements.

Appropriation Bill 1901-2

Reps: Intro. 3/10/02; Passed 3/10/02

Senate: Intro. 7/10/02; Passed 9/10/02

Assent: 10/10/02; Act No. 16, 1902

Appropriation Bill 1902-3

Reps: Intro. 3/10/02; Passed 3/10/02

Senate: Intro. 7/10/02; Passed 10/10/02

Assent: 10/10/02; Act No. 17, 1902

Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill

Reps: Intro. 3/10/02; Passed 3/10/02

Senate: Intro. 7/10/02; Passed 9/10/02

Assent: 10/10/02; Act No. 18, 1902

Claims against the Commonwealth Bill

Reps: Intro. 25/9/02; Passed 9/10/02

Senate: Intro. 9/10/02; Passed 10/10/02

Assent: 10/10/02; Act No. 21, 1902

S Commonwealth Electoral Bill

Senate: Intro. 24/1/02; Passed 21/3/02

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro. 21/3/02; Passed 19/8/02

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the House of Representatives 3/10/02

Amendments recommended by the Acting Governor-General 8/10/02; agreed to by the Senate 9/10/02; agreed to by the House of Representatives 10/10/02

Assent: 10/10/02; Act No. 19, 1902

Coronation Celebration Bill

Reps: Intro. 10/4/02; Passed 10/4/02

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 11/4/02; Passed 11/4/02

Assent: 15/4/02; Act No. 3, 1902

Customs Tariff Bill

Reps: Intro. 18/4/02; Passed 22/4/02

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: 23/4/02; Passed 10/9/02

Requests for amendments agreed to in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the Senate 10/9/02

Assent: 16/9/02; Act No. 14, 1902

Excise Tariff Bill

Reps: Intro. 18/4/02; Passed 22/4/02

Senate: Intro. 23/4/02; Passed 24/7/02

Assent: 26/7/02; Act No. 11, 1902

S Franchise Bill

Senate: Intro 4/4/02; Passed 11/4/02

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro. 11/4/02; Passed 24/4/02

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the House of Representatives 30/5/02

Assent: 12/6/02; Act No. 8, 1902

Governor-General's Establishment Bill

Reps: Intro. 30/4/02; Passed 1/5/02

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 27/5/02; Passed 30/5/02

Assent: 30/5/02; Act No. 7, 1902

Parliamentary Allowances Bill

Reps: Intro. 24/9/02; Passed 24/9/02

Senate: Intro. 25/9/02; Passed 9/10/02

Amended in committee of the whole

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendment 9/10/02

Assent: 10/10/02; Act No. 20, 1902

S Post and Telegraph Rates Bill

Senate: Intro. 5/12/01; Passed 13/12/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro. 13/12/01; Passed 28/8/02

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendments 4/9/02

Assent: 9/9/02; Act No. 13, 1902

Public Service Bill

Reps: Intro. 5/6/01; Passed 17/7/01

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 17/07/01; Passed 7/2/02

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the Senate 1/5/02

Assent: 5/5/02; Act No. 5, 1902

Royal Commissions Bill

Reps: Intro. 21/8/02; Passed 27/8/02

Senate: Intro. 27/8/02; Passed 4/9/02

Assent: 8/9/02; Act No. 12, 1902

Supply Bill (No. 6)

Reps: Intro. 25/2/02; Passed 25/2/02

Senate: Intro. 26/2/02; Passed 26/2/02

Assent: 26/2/02; Act No. 1, 1902

Supply Bill (No. 7)

Reps: Intro. 21/3/02; Passed 21/3/02

Senate: Intro. 21/3/02; Passed 21/3/02

Assent: 22/3/02; Act No. 2, 1902

Supply Bill (No. 8)

Reps: Intro. 24/4/02; Passed 24/4/02

Senate: Intro. 25/4/02; Passed 25/4/02

Assent: 26/4/02; Act No. 4, 1902

Supply Bill (No. 9)

Reps: Intro. 28/5/02; Passed 28/5/02

Senate: Intro. 29/5/02; Passed 30/5/02

Assent: 30/5/02; Act No. 6, 1902

Supply Bill (No. 10)

Reps: Intro. 13/6/02; Passed 13/6/02

Senate: Intro. 17/6/02; Passed 18/6/02

Assent: 19/6/02; Act No. 9, 1902

Supply Bill (No. 11)

Reps: Intro. 20/6/02; Passed 20/6/02

Senate: Intro. 20/6/02; Passed 20/6/02

Assent: 23/6/02; Act No. 10, 1902

Supply Bill (No. 12)

Reps: Intro. 23/9/02; Passed 23/9/02

Senate: Intro. 24/9/02; Passed 24/9/02

Assent: 29/9/02; Act No. 15, 1902

KEY

S Senate Bill
PS Private Senator's Bill
PM Private Member's Bill

PROT Protectionist
FT Free Trade
LAB Labor Party

Bills still before the Senate (lapsed at prorogation)

| | |
|--|----------|
| Number of bills still before the Senate at 10 October 1902: | 2 |
| Private senators' bills | 2 |

Private senators' bills

| Bill short title | Origin |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Matrimonial Causes Bill (1901) | Senator Dobson |
| Parliamentary Evidence Bill (1901) | Senator Neild |

No bills were discharged from the Notice Paper, laid aside or negatived in 1902

Amendments and requests—Disagreements

Bills on which there were disagreements between the Houses:

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S Commonwealth Electoral Bill

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendments nos 1, 3 to 5, 7 to 20, 26, 29, 31 to 40, 42 to 57, 59 to 85, 89 to 94, 96 to 98, 100, 101, 103, 105 to 109, 111 to 113, 115 to 118, 120 to 138, 142, 144, 163 to 179, 181 to 191, and 193 to 195; agreed to amendments nos 25, 28, 30, 41, 88, 95, 99, 102, 104, 140 and 143 with amendments; disagreed to amendment no. 141, amending clause 182; agreed to part and disagreed to part of amendment no. 110 and made a consequential amendment in clause 146; and disagreed to amendments nos 2, 6, 21 to 24, 27, 58, 86, 87, 114, 119, 139, 145 to 162, 180, 192 and 196 (10 September 1902).

House of Representatives agreed to amendments made by the Senate on the amendments of the House nos 25, 28, 30, 41, 88, 95, 99, 102, 140 and 143; did not insist on its amendments nos 2, 27, 86, 87, 119, 145 to 160 and 162; insisted on its amendments nos 6, 21 to 24, 58, 114, 139, 180, 192 and 196; agreed to the Senate's amendment on House amendment no. 104 with further amendments; did not insist on the part of amendment no. 110 to which the Senate had disagreed and agreed to the Senate's consequential amendment thereon with a further amendment; insisted on its amendment no. 141 and disagreed to clause 182 as amended by the Senate; and did not insist on amendment no. 161 (the omission of clause 211) but amended the clause instead (24 September 1902).

Senate did not insist on that part of its amendment to amendment no. 104 of the House of Representatives to which the House disagreed and agreed to the consequential amendments in clause 140A; did not insist on disagreeing to amendments nos 6, 58, 139, 141 and 196; agreed to the consequential amendments of the House in amendments nos 110 and 161; and insisted on disagreeing to amendments nos 21 to 24, 114, 180 and 192 (25 September 1902).

House of Representatives did not insist on its amendments nos 21 to 24, 114, 180 and 192 (3 October 1902).

Customs Tariff Bill

House of Representatives made amendments requested by the Senate nos 3, 9 (as to part), 17, 19, 21 to 24, 27, 31 to 35, 47 to 50, 52 to 56, 57 (as to part), 65, 68 to 70, 71 (as to part), 73, 76 to 78, 87, 89 (as to part), 91 and 93; made requested amendments with modifications to requests nos 6, 9 (as to part), 13, 18, 28, 38, 57 (as to part), 71 (as to part), 75 and 79; did not make the remainder of the amendments requested by the Senate; and modified the date from which the amendments made came into effect (14 August 1902).

Senate agreed to the modifications made by the House of Representatives to requests nos 6, 13, 18, 28, 57, 71, 75 and 79; again requested the House to make the amendments as originally requested by requests nos 9 and 38; did not request the House to make the amendments originally requested by requests nos 1, 2, 5, 10 to 12, 40, 51, 60 to 64, 72, 74, 80 to 85, 88, 89 (as to

part) and 92; again requested the House to make the amendments as requested by requests nos 4, 7, 8, 14 to 16, 20, 25, 29, 30, 37, 39, 41 to 46, 58, 59, 66, 67, 86 and 90; modified requests nos 26 and 36 and requested the House to make the amendments as modified; and agreed to the modification as to the date from which the amendments made came into effect (29 August 1902).

House of Representatives amended its amendment in regard to Senate request no. 38; made the amendment requested by request no. 37; made, with modifications, the amendments requested by requests nos 36, 39, 41 to 46, 58, 59 and 66; adhered to its modification in regard to request no. 9; did not make the amendments requested by requests nos 4, 7, 8, 14 to 16, 20, 25, 26, 29, 30, 67, 86 and 90; and modified the date from which the amendments made came into effect (4 September 1902).

Senate agreed to the further amendment made by the House of Representatives in regard to Senate request no. 38; agreed to the modifications made by the House in regard to requests nos 36, 39, 41 to 46, 58, 59 and 66; agreed to the modification of the House in regard to request no. 9 to which the House adhered; agreed not to request the House to make the amendments originally requested by requests nos 4, 7, 8, 14 to 16, 20, 25, 26, 29, 30, 67, 86 and 90; and agreed to the modification as to the date from which the amendments made came into effect (9 September 1902).

S Franchise Bill

Senate agreed to amendments nos 1 to 5, 7 and 8 made by the House of Representatives and partly agreed to and partly disagreed to amendment no. 6 (29 May 1902).

House of Representatives did not insist on that part of amendment no. 6 to which the Senate disagreed (30 May 1902).

Public Service Bill

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments nos 1 to 6, 11, 12, 14 to 23, 26, 27, 29 to 31, 33 to 39, 41, 43, 44, 46 to 60, 62 and 63; agreed to amendments nos 10, 42 and 45 with amendments; and disagreed to amendments nos 7 to 9, 13, 24, 25, 28, 32, 40 and 61 (19 March 1902).

Senate insisted on that part of amendment no. 10 to which the House of Representatives had disagreed and disagreed to the consequential amendment made in clause 5; agreed to the first and amended the second of the amendments to amendment no. 42; did not insist on amendment no. 45 and agreed to the consequential amendments made in clause 63; did not insist on amendments nos 7, 8, 25, 28, 32 and 61; and insisted on amendments nos 9, 13, 24 and 40 (4 April 1902).

House of Representatives agreed to that part of amendment no. 10 insisted on by the Senate and did not insist on its consequential amendment in clause 5; agreed to the amendments of the Senate nos 9, 24 and 40; insisted on disagreeing to amendment no. 13 except as to part to which the House had agreed with amendments; and disagreed to the amendment made by the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate no. 42 (23 April 1902).

Senate did not insist on that part of amendment no. 13 to which the House of Representatives still disagreed and agreed to the further amendments of the House in clause 9; and did not insist on its amendment to the House amendment in clause 52A (1 May 1902).

Motions to debate a matter of urgency

Prior to August 1975 a matter of urgency was debated on a motion that the Senate, at its rising, adjourn to an unusual time. The motion was then withdrawn or negatived.

Number of urgency motions:

11

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| 5 February 1902 | Customs Act—Administration Senator Pulsford Debated and withdrawn |
| 26 February 1902 | Federal Capital—Selection of Site Senator Dobson Debated and withdrawn |
| 5 March 1902 | Pacific Island Labourers Act—Administration—Deportation of Kanakas Senator Higgs Debated and withdrawn |
| 21 March 1902 | South African War—Third Commonwealth Contingent Senator Higgs Debated and withdrawn |
| 3 April 1902 | The Tariff—Remission of Duties on Resolution of House of Representatives Senator Downer Debated and withdrawn |
| 20 May 1902 | Queensland Weather Bureau Senator Higgs Debated and withdrawn |
| 16 July 1902 | Parliamentary Debates Senator Higgs Debated and negatived |
| 26 August 1902 | Procedure on Customs Tariff Bill Senator Clemons Debated and withdrawn |
| 10 September 1902 | Deportation of Kanakas Senator Walker Debated and withdrawn |
| 24 September 1902 | Claims against the Commonwealth Senator Neild Debated and withdrawn |
| 25 September 1902 | Customs Prosecutions Senator Pulsford Debated and withdrawn |

Motions agreed to

Only principal motions are listed. Excluded are procedural motions, motions relating to the consideration of bills, and routine motions relating to the next meeting of the Senate, leave of absence to senators, variations in sitting times, order and rearrangement of business before the Senate, suspension of standing and sessional orders, references to committees and motions to take note of documents. Orders for the production of documents (returns to order) are listed separately.

Number of principal motions agreed to: **6**

| Subject | Agreed to |
|---|------------------|
| Election Petition (Saunders v Matheson), refund of deposit (Senator Downer) | 16 May 1902 |
| Federal Capital Site—Committee of Experts (Senator O'Connor) | 7 October 1902 |
| Government House Expenditure (Senator O'Connor) | 3 September 1902 |
| Governor-General's Valedictory Address (Senator O'Connor) | 20 June 1902 |
| Restoration of Peace—Congratulatory Resolution (Senator O'Connor) | 3 June 1902 |
| South African War—Australian Aid to the Empire (Senator O'Connor) | 22 January 1902 |

Condolence motions

7 March 1902

Mr Frederick W Piesse

Member of the House of Representatives for Tasmania

Moved (Vice-President of the Executive Council) and debated.

Question passed.

Orders for the production of documents

Number of orders for the production of documents

10

Appointments from States to Commonwealth Service—Ordered 28 May 1902

Return showing appointments to the Commonwealth Civil Service.

Attendance of Senators—Ordered 3 September 1902

Return showing the number of sittings since the opening of the session up to 29 August and the attendance of Senators thereat.

Tabled 24 September 1902

Customs Overtime—Ordered 19 June 1902

Return showing details of overtime worked in the Department of Trade and Customs in Tasmania.

Tabled 22 July 1902

Defence Retrenchment—Compensation, etc—Ordered 8 October 1902

Return showing the name and rank of each person recently retrenched from the defence forces and details of compensation paid.

[Tabled 15 July 1903]

Electrical Employés—Ordered 4 April 1902

Return showing numbers of persons employed manufacturing electrical machinery and apparatus and in electric light works.

Governor-General—Salary, Allowances, etc—Ordered 11 July 1902

Return showing details of payments to and expenses of the Governor-General.

Imports—Western Australia—Ordered 7 March 1902

Return showing details of imports into Western Australia for the period 9 October 1901 to 31 January 1902.

New Hebrides—Mail Subsidy—Ordered 19 June 1902

Copies of correspondence and other documents relating to a subsidy granted to Burns, Philp and Company in connection with the mail service to the New Hebrides.

Tabled 22 July 1902.

**State Governments' Claims upon Commonwealth Government—Ordered
26 August 1902**

Return showing claims upon the Commonwealth Government made by State Government Departments from 1 January 1901 to 31 July 1902.

Telephone Exchanges—Tasmania—Ordered 23 July 1902

Return showing details of telephone exchanges and their customers in Tasmania.
Tabled 20 August 1902

Petitions

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Number of petitions: | 52 |
| Number of signatories: | 6 640 |

| | 1902 Petitions | 1902 Signatures |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Control of sale of intoxicants in Federal Capital | 1 | 2 |
| Customs Tariff Bill | 22 | 557 |
| Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill | 23 | 3 474 |
| Excise Tariff Bill | 2 | 60 |
| Local Option in Federal Capital | 1 | 5 |
| Recall of Australian troops in South Africa | 1 | 800 |
| River Murray | 2 | 1 742 |

Committees

Elections and Qualifications Committee

Appointment: By warrant of the President, 12 June 1901, according to resolution of 6 June 1901
Members: Senators De Largie, Downer, Glassey, Macfarlane, Symon, and Walker

House Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 6 June 1901
Members: President and Senators Cameron, Ewing, Ferguson, Fraser, Neild and Playford

Library Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 6 June 1901
Members: President and Senators De Largie, Drake, Keating, O'Connor, Sargood and Symon

Printing Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 6 June 1901
Members: Senators Charleston, Clemons, Dawson, Pearce, Pulsford, Smith and Styles
Reports: Report [with House of Representatives Printing Committee, on the cost of federal printing] (*tabled 3 September 1902*)

Standing Orders Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 5 June 1901
Members: President, Chairman of Committees and Senators Dobson, Downer, Gould, Harney, Higgs, O'Connor and Zeal
Reports: Report and Memorandum re Procedure on Bills which the Senate may not amend (*tabled 26 August 1902*)

Tasmania and Australia—Steam-ship Communication

- Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 26 July 1901
Members: Senators Barrett, Drake, Keating, Macfarlane, Neild, Pearce and Playford
Reports: Report of the Select Committee ... upon steam-ship communication between Tasmania and the mainland of Australia (*tabled 25 September 1902*)

Attendance of senators, 1902

Sitting Period – 22 January 1902 to 10 October 1902
 Sitting Days – 93 Attendance Recorded – 93 days

| <i>Senator</i> | <i>Days absent</i> | <i>Days absent on Leave</i> | <i>Days present</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Baker (President) | 2 | 0 | 91 |
| Barrett | 0 | 0 | 93 |
| Best | 2 | 6 | 85 |
| Cameron | 26 | 54 | 13 |
| Charleston | 0 | 0 | 93 |
| Clemons | 13 | 0 | 80 |
| Dawson | 17 | 0 | 76 |
| De Largie | 1 | 0 | 92 |
| Dobson | 0 | 0 | 93 |
| Downer | 44 | 0 | 49 |
| Drake | 6 | 0 | 87 |
| Ewing | 9 | 0 | 84 |
| Ferguson | 10 | 70 | 13 |
| Fraser | 22 | 0 | 71 |
| Glassey | 2 | 0 | 91 |
| Gould | 25 | 0 | 68 |
| Harney | 31 | 43 | 19 |
| Higgs | 4 | 0 | 89 |
| Keating | 2 | 0 | 91 |
| Macfarlane | 21 | 0 | 72 |
| Matheson | 16 | 0 | 77 |
| McGregor | 1 | 0 | 92 |
| Millen | 24 | 2 | 67 |
| Neild | 24 | 0 | 69 |
| O'Connor | 4 | 1 | 88 |
| O'Keefe | 4 | 0 | 89 |
| Pearce | 0 | 0 | 93 |
| Playford | 20 | 0 | 73 |
| Pulsford | 17 | 0 | 76 |
| Sargood | 2 | 11 | 80 |
| Smith | 0 | 0 | 93 |
| Stewart | 0 | 0 | 93 |
| Styles | 3 | 0 | 90 |
| Symon | 39 | 0 | 54 |
| Walker | 12 | 62 | 19 |
| Zeal | 26 | 0 | 67 |

Business of the Senate

26 May to 22 October 1903

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Senate sittings for 1903

Number of sitting days

62

| MONTH | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun |
|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|
| February | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7/8 |
| | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14/15 |
| | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21/22 |
| | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28/1 |
| March | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7/8 |
| | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14/15 |
| | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21/22 |
| | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28/29 |
| April | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4/5 |
| | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11/12 |
| | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18/19 |
| | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25/26 |
| | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2/3 |
| May | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9/10 |
| | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16/17 |
| | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23/24 |
| | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 H | 30/31 |
| June | 1 | 2 H | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6/7 |
| | 8 | 9 H | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13/14 |
| | 15 | 16 H | 17 | 18 | 19 H | 20/21 |
| | 22 | 23 H | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27/28 |
| July | 29 | 30 H | 1 | 2 | 3 S | 4/5 |
| | 6 | 7 H | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11/12 |
| | 13 | 14 H | 15 | 16 | 17 S | 18/19 |
| | 20 | 21 H | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25/26 |
| | 27 | 28 H | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1/2 |
| August | 3 | 4 H | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8/9 |
| | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15/16 |
| | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22/23 |
| | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 H | 29/30 |
| September | 31 | 1 H | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5/6 |
| | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12/13 |
| | 14 | 15 H | 16 H | 17 H | 18 | 19/20 |
| | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26/27 |
| October | 28 | 29 H | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3/4 |
| | 5 | 6 H | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10/11 |
| | 12 | 13 S | 14 | 15 | 16 S | 17/18 |
| | 19 | 20 H | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24/25 |
| | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31/1 |
| November | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7/8 |
| | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14/15 |
| | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21/22 |
| | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28/29 |
| December | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5/6 |
| | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12/13 |
| | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19/20 |
| | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26/27 |

Shaded areas = Both Houses

H = House only

S = Senate only

Statistical summary—General statistics 1903

| | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Number of sitting days | 62 |
| Hours of sitting | 324 hours 53 minutes |
| Average length of a sitting day | 5 hours 30 minutes |
| Longest sitting day | 10 hours (1 July 1903) |
| Shortest sitting day | 30 minutes (22 October 1903) |
| Questions placed on notice | 223 |
| Questions without notice | 61 |
| Petitions presented | 104 |
| Signatories to petitions | 10 085 |
| Urgency motions | 5 |
| Principal motions agreed to | 9 |
| Condolence motions and addresses of condolence | 1 |
| Orders for the production of documents (Returns to order) | 15 |
| Divisions | 108 |

Statistical summary 1903—Legislation

Bills considered by the Senate in the period 26 May to 22 October 1903

Origin

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Introduced in the Senate (1903) | |
| Government bills | 5 |
| Private senators' bills | 4 |
| Received from the House of Representatives (1903) | |
| Government bills | 18 |
| Total | 27 |

Outcome

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Bills passed by the Senate | |
| Still before the House of Representatives | 1 |
| Laid aside by the House of Representatives..... | 1 |
| Passed by both Houses | |
| Government bills | 21 |
| Still before the Senate | |
| Private senators' bills | 4 |
| Total | 27 |

Bills on which there were disagreements between the Houses 6

Amendments and requests moved during 1903

| | |
|---|---|
| Bills to which second reading amendments were moved | 1 |
| Bills to which second reading amendments were agreed | 0 |
| Bills to which amendments were agreed in committee of the whole | 8 |
| Bills to which requests for amendments were agreed in committee of the whole... | 2 |

Bills to which the Governor-General recommended amendments 1

Details of bills

Bills considered by the Senate 1903

The following is a list of bills in alphabetical order showing certain details of the consideration of bills by the Senate and the House of Representatives. Details of disagreements between the Houses on a number of these bills are shown separately at Amendments and Requests—Disagreements.

Appropriation Bill 1903-4

Reps: Intro. 29/9/03, Passed 1/10/03

Senate: Intro. 1/10/03, Passed 13/10/03

Request for amendments agreed to in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Bill laid aside by the House of Representatives, 21/10/03

Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1903-4

Reps: Intro. 21/10/03, Passed 21/10/03

Senate: Intro. 21/10/03, Passed 21/10/03

Assent: 22/10/03; Act No. 14, 1903

Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1903-4

Reps: Intro. 29/9/03, Passed 1/10/03

Senate: Intro. 1/10/03, Passed 14/10/03

Amended in committee of the whole

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments 14/10/03

Assent: 22/10/03; Act No. 16, 1903

PS Claims against the Commonwealth Act Amendment Bill

(Introduced by Senator Neild—FT)

Senate: Intro. 28/5/03; First reading 28/5/03

Defence Bill

Reps: Intro. 30/6/03, Passed 25/8/03

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro 25/8/03, Passed 1/10/03

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the House of Representatives 16/10/03

Assent: 22/10/03, Act No. 20, 1903

Electoral Divisions Bill

Reps: Intro. 27/8/03, Passed 3/9/03
Senate: Intro. 4/9/03, Passed 10/9/03
Assent: 11/9/03; Act No. 9, 1903

S Extradition Bill

Senate Intro. 1/10/03, Passed 8/10/13
Reps: Intro. 9/10/03, Passed 14/10/03
Assent: 22/10/03; Act No. 12, 1903

PS Federal Territory Bill

(Introduced by Senator Higgs—LAB)
Senate: Intro. 8/10/03; First reading 8/10/03

S High Court Procedure Act 1903 Amendment Bill

Senate: Intro. 8/10/03, Passed 8/10/03
Reps: Intro. 9/10/03, Passed 14/10/03
Assent: 22/10/03; Act No. 13, 1903

High Court Procedure Bill

Reps: Intro. 3/6/03, Passed, 8/7/03
Amended in committee of the whole
Senate: Intro. 8/7/03, Passed 11/8/03
Amended in committee of the whole
House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments 19/8/03
Amendments recommended by the Governor-General, 25/8/03
Agreed to by House of Representatives 26/8/03; agreed to by the Senate 27/8/03
Assent: 28/8/03; Act No. 7, 1903

Judiciary Bill

Reps: Intro. 26/5/03, Passed 8/7/03
Amended in committee of the whole
Senate: Intro. 8/7/03, Passed 12/8/03
Amended in committee of the whole
Disagreement between the Houses
Final agreement by the Senate 21/8/03
Assent: 28/8/03; Act No. 6, 1903

S Naturalization Bill

Senate: Intro. 24/6/03, Passed 23/7/03

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro. 23/7/03, Passed 22/9/03

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendments 1/10/03.

Assent: 13/10/03; Act No. 11, 1903

Naval Agreement Bill

Reps: Intro. 2/7/03, Passed 29/7/03

Senate: Intro. 29/7/03, Passed 27/8/03

Assent: 28/8/03; Act No. 8, 1903

PS Parliamentary Evidence Bill

(Introduced by Senator Neild—FT)

Senate: Intro. 28/5/03, First reading 28/5/03

S Patents Bill

Senate: Intro. 26/6/03, Passed 19/8/03

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro. 19/8/03, Passed 14/10/03

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the Senate 21/10/03

Assent: 22/10/03; Act No. 21, 1903

PS Post and Telegraph Act 1901 Amendment Bill

(Introduced by Senator Dobson—FT)

Senate: Intro. 24/6/03, First reading 25/6/03

Public Service Amendment Bill

Reps: Intro. 15/10 03, Passed 15/10/03

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 15/10/03, Passed 16/10/03

Assent: 22/10/03; Act No. 19, 1903

Rules Publication Bill

Reps: Intro. 1/10/03, Passed 20/10/03

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 21/10/03, Passed 21/10/03

Amended in committee of the whole

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments 21/10/03

Assent: 22/10/03; Act No. 18, 1903

Seat of Government Bill

Reps: Intro. 1/10/03, Passed 9/10/03
Amended in committee of the whole
Senate: Intro. 13/10/03
Amended in committee of the whole
Disagreement between the Houses
Bill lapsed at prorogation

S Senate Elections Bill

Senate: Intro. 29/5/03, Passed 2/7/03
Reps: Intro. 2/7/03, Passed 8/7/03
Assent: 16/7/03; Act No. 2, 1903

Sugar Bounty Bill

Reps: Intro. 10/6/03, Passed 17/6/03
Amended in committee of the whole
Senate: Intro. 17/6/03, Passed 23/7/03
Requests for amendments agreed to in committee of the whole
Disagreement between the Houses
Final agreement by the Senate 24/7/03
Assent: 30/7/03; Act No. 4, 1903.

Sugar Rebate Abolition Bill

Reps: Intro. 10/6/03, Passed 17/6/03
Senate: Intro. 17/6/03, Passed 24/7/03
Assent: 30/7/03; Act No. 3, 1903

Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1901-2 and 1902-3

Reps: Intro. 1/10/03, Passed 1/10/03
Senate: Intro. 1/10/03, Passed 14/10/03
Assent: 22/10/03; Act No. 15, 1903

Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1901-2

Reps: Intro. 1/10/03, Passed 1/10/03
Senate: Intro. 1/10/03, Passed 14/10/03
Assent: 22/10/03; Act No. 17, 1903

Supply Bill (No. 1)

Reps: Intro. 1/7/03, Passed 1/7/03
Senate: Intro. 1/7/03, Passed 2/7/03
Assent: 4/7/03; Act No. 1, 1903

Supply Bill (No. 2)

Reps: Intro 28/7/03, Passed 28/7/03

Senate: Intro. 29/7/03, Passed 29/7/03

Assent: 30/7/03; Act No. 5, 1903

Supply Bill (No. 3)

Reps: Intro. 17/9/03, Passed 17/9/03

Senate: Intro. 22/9/03, Passed 24/9/03

Assent: 29/9/03; Act No. 10. 1903

KEY

S Senate Bill
PS Private Senator's Bill
PM Private Member's Bill

PROT Protectionist
FT Free Traders
LAB Labor Party

Bills still before the Senate (lapsed at prorogation)

Number of bills still before the Senate at 22 October 1903: 4
Private senators' bills 4

Private senators' bills

| Bill short title | Origin |
|--|----------------|
| Claims Against the Commonwealth Act Amendment Bill | Senator Neild |
| Federal Territory Bill | Senator Higgs |
| Parliamentary Evidence Bill | Senator Neild |
| Post and Telegraph Act Amendment Bill | Senator Dobson |

Bills discharged from Notice Paper, laid aside or negatived

Bills laid aside in the House of Representatives 1

| Bill short title | Origin |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Appropriation Bill 1903-4 | House of Representatives |

Amendments and requests—Disagreements

Bills on which there were disagreements between the Houses:

6

Appropriation Bill 1903-4

House of Representatives agreed to Senate request for amendment no. 5 but did not agree to amendments nos 1, 2, 3, and 4 (14 October 1903)

Senate pressed requests (16 October 1903)

Bill laid aside by the House of Representatives 21/10/03

Defence Bill

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments nos 1-11, 13-14, 16-21, 24-60, 63-70, agreed, with amendment, to amendment no. 15; disagreed and amended clause proposed to be omitted by amendment no. 23; and disagreed to amendments nos 12, 22, 61 and 62 (14 October 1903)

Senate agreed with amendment to amendment no. 15, and amendment in clause 55, and did not insist on amendments nos 12, 22, 23, 61 and 62 (16 October 1903)

Judiciary Bill

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments nos 1-18, 20-30, and agreed to amendment no. 19 with an amendment (19 August 1903)

Senate agreed to amendment to amendment no. 19 (21 August 1903)

S Patents Bill

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendments nos 1-18, 20-55, 57-78, 80-81, but disagreed with amendments nos 19, 56, and 79 (16 October 1903)

House of Representatives did not insist on amendments nos 56 and 79, and insisted on amendment no. 19, with modification (21 October 1903). Senate agreed to modified amendment no. 19 (21 October 1903)

Seat of Government Bill

House of Representatives disagreed to Senate amendments nos 1 and 2 and amended clause proposed to be omitted by amendment no. 2 (20 October 1903)

Senate insisted on amendments and disagreed with amendment to amendment no. 2 (21 October 1903). Bill lapsed at prorogation

Sugar Bounty Bill

House of Representatives agreed to Senate Amendments nos. 1-2, 4-10, but disagreed to amendment no. 3 (14 July 1903)

The Senate did not insist on the amendment, but requested an amendment to clause 2 (23 July 1903)

House of Representatives agreed to the amendment with modification (24 July 1903)

Senate agreed to modification of amendment to clause 2 (24 July 1903)

Motions to debate a matter of urgency

Prior to August 1975 a matter of urgency was debated on a motion that the Senate, at its rising, adjourn to an unusual time. The motion was then usually withdrawn or negatived.

Number of urgency motions: **5**

| | |
|------------------|--|
| 14 August 1903 | New electoral divisions—effect on women’s vote Senator Pulsford Debated and withdrawn |
| 18 August 1903 | Sir John Forrest’s Memorandum on the Naval Defence of the Commonwealth Senator Matheson Debated and withdrawn |
| 20 August 1903 | Administration of the Defence Force in Tasmania Senator Cameron Debated and withdrawn |
| 8 September 1903 | Unsatisfactory nature of negotiations respecting the Pacific Cable special conference* Senator Higgs Debated and passed |
| 8 October 1903 | Administration of the Customs Department—Prosecutions of Farmer and Co. Senator Pulsford Debated and withdrawn |

*In this instance the motion was that the Senate at rising adjourn to the following morning; the motion was passed.

Motions agreed to

Only principal motions are listed. Excluded are procedural motions, motions relating to the consideration of bills, and routine motions relating to the next meeting of the Senate, leave of absence to senators, variations in sitting times, order and rearrangement of business before the Senate, suspension of standing and sessional orders, references to committees and motions to take note of documents. Orders for the production of documents (returns to order) are listed separately.

Number of principal motions agreed to: **9**

| Subject | Agreed to |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Line, extension of contract (Senator Drake) | 18 June 1903 |
| Electoral Divisions, South Australia (Senator Drake) | 3 September 1903 |
| Electoral Divisions, Tasmania (Senator Drake) | 3 September 1903 |
| Government Representation in the Senate (Senator Neild) | 26 June 1903 19 August 1903 |
| Metric weights and measures, concurrence with resolutions of House of Representatives (Senator Staniforth Smith) | 17 July 1903 |
| Military Forces, armament and equipment, report on (Senator Matheson) | 7 August 1903 |
| North-West Cape of Australia, survey of (Senator De Largie) | 7 October 1903 |
| Old Age Pensions (Senator Neild) | 2 September 1903 |

Condolence motions

26 May 1903

Lieut-Col. Sir Frederick Sargood, K.C.M.G.

Senator for the State of Victoria

Moved (Postmaster-General (Senator Drake)) and debated.

Question passed.

Orders for the production of documents

Number of orders for the production of documents

15

Arrivals and Departures, Victoria—Document—Ordered 1 July 1903

Return showing arrivals and departures from Victoria in the past two years.

Tabled 5 August 1903

Cable Conference, proposed—Document—Ordered 9 September 1903

Copy of a telegram sent by the Governor-General to the Secretary of State for the colonies concerning a proposed cable conference.

Tabled 7 October 1903

Coloured aliens, estimated number—Document—Ordered 24 June 1903

Return showing estimated number of coloured aliens in each state of the Commonwealth.

Tabled 18 August 1903

Customs Act: Moneys due—Document—Ordered 9 July 1903

Return showing moneys due to Tasmania under section 92 of the constitution and the Customs Act collected since the establishment of the commonwealth and not paid or credited by 30 April 1903.

Customs and Excise, articles and rates of duty, Papua—Document—Ordered 7 August 1903

Comparative schedule showing articles and rates of duties payable under the Commonwealth Customs and Excise Acts and the proposed Bill for an Act to provide for a customs tariff preference on goods imported from the territory of Papua.

Tabled 25 August 1903

Deceased officers, gratuities, correspondence—Documents—Ordered 2 July 1903

Copies of correspondence between the Commonwealth and Tasmanian governments and other documents relative to the granting of gratuities to the representatives of deceased officers of the transferred departments of the State of Tasmania.

Tabled 29 July 1903

Defence Forces, Tasmania, expenditure—Documents—Ordered 21 August 1903

Copies of documents relative to representations to the Defence Department by the government of Tasmania in connexion with expenditure on defence forces within that state.

Defence Retrenchment—Compensation, etc—Ordered 8 October 1902

Return showing the name and rank of each person recently retrenched from the defence forces and details of compensation paid.

Tabled 15 July 1903

Eastern Extension Telegraph Company—Documents—Ordered 28 May 1903

Copies of agreement between the government and the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company and other related documents.

Eastern Extension Telegraph Company—Documents—Ordered 9 September 1903

Copies of correspondence between the Postmaster-General and the manager in Australasia of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. between 20 August and 3 September 1903 referring to certain information communicated to the Postmaster-General.

Tabled 23 September 1903

Federal Public Works—Document—Ordered 24 July 1903

Return showing terms and conditions adopted by ministers for constructing and maintaining federal public works in each state, and the cost to be debited to each state; and names and salaries of all officers appointed to the federal Public Works Department since 1 January 1901.

Lieutenants-Colonel Braithwaite and Reay—Documents—ordered 4 June 1903

Copies of papers in connexion with the retirement of Lieutenants-Colonel Braithwaite and Reay.

Offices of the Commonwealth, rent—Document—Ordered 19 August 1903

Return showing rent paid for offices of commonwealth ministers in the State of Victoria; and rent paid for departments established under acts of Parliament of the Commonwealth.

Tabled 30 September 1903

Patents, number applied for and issued—Document—Ordered 16 July 1903

Return showing number of applications for patents and number of patents issued in each state for the year ending June 1903.

Tabled 30 September 1903

Trans-Australian Railway—Documents—Ordered 16 July 1903

Copies of correspondence between the governments of the Commonwealth, South Australia and Western Australia concerning the Trans-Australia railway.

Petitions

Number of petitions: 104
Number of signatories: 10,085

| | 1901 Petitions | 1901 Signatures |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Conciliation and Arbitration Bill | 1 | 568 |
| Conscription or compulsory drill | 1 | 2 |
| Electoral Divisions Bill, against | 1 | 1 |
| Federal capital | 2 | 86 |
| Immigration Restriction Act | 3 | 4 |
| Judiciary Bill | 6 | 5091 |
| Liquor Traffic, against private profit in | 1 | 2 |
| Marcus Goldring, grievances | 5 | 78 |
| Naturalization Bill | 1 | 2 |
| Papua Bill | 1 | 1 |
| Post and Telegraph Act | 3 | 6 |
| Sale of intoxicating liquor in New Guinea, against | 79 | 4244 |

Committees

Disputed Returns and Qualifications Committee

Appointment: By warrant of the President, 3 September 1903, pursuant to Standing Order 38.
Members: Senators De Largie, Downer, Glassey, Macfarlane, Symon, Walker and Neild

House Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 28 May 1903
Members: President and Senators Cameron, De Largie, Fraser, Glassey, Nield and Playford

Library Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 28 May 1903
Members: President and Senators Barrett, Keating, Matheson, Millen, Stewart and Symon

Printing Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 28 May 1903
Members: Senators Charleston, Clemons, Dawson, Pearce, Pulsford, Smith, and Styles

Report: First Report (*tabled 8 September 1903*)

Standing Orders Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 28 May 1903
Members: President, Chairman of Committees and Senators Dobson, Downer, Gould, Harney, Higgs, O'Connor and Zeal
(O'Connor resigned 27 September 1903; Playford appointed 7 October 1903)

Reports: Special Report on Proceedings on Bills which the Senate may not amend, and on Appointment of Committee of Disputed Returns and Qualifications (*tabled 4 June 1903*)
Second Report on Proposed Standing Orders (*tabled 23 July 1903*)

Attendance of senators, 1903

Sitting Period – 26 May 1903 to 22 October 1903
 Sitting Days – 62 Attendance Recorded – 62 days

| <i>Senator</i> | <i>Days absent</i> | <i>Days absent on Leave</i> | <i>Days present</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Baker (President) | 1 | 0 | 61 |
| Barrett | 0 | 0 | 62 |
| Best | 1 | 0 | 61 |
| Cameron | 37 | 0 | 25 |
| Charleston | 0 | 0 | 62 |
| Clemons | 18 | 1 | 43 |
| Dawson | 0 | 0 | 62 |
| De Largie | 2 | 0 | 60 |
| Dobson | 0 | 0 | 62 |
| Downer | 25 | 0 | 37 |
| Drake | 1 | 0 | 61 |
| Ferguson* | 37 | 0 | 16 |
| Fraser | 8 | 0 | 54 |
| Glassey | 27 | 0 | 35 |
| Gould | 26 | 0 | 36 |
| Harney | 41 | 13 | 8 |
| Higgs | 0 | 0 | 62 |
| Keating | 2 | 0 | 60 |
| Macfarlane | 9 | 0 | 53 |
| Mackellar** | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Matheson | 17 | 4 | 41 |
| McGregor | 0 | 0 | 62 |
| Millen | 33 | 0 | 29 |
| Neild | 19 | 0 | 43 |
| O'Connor*** | 20 | 8 | 23 |
| O'Keefe | 2 | 0 | 60 |
| Pearce | 2 | 0 | 60 |
| Playford | 0 | 0 | 62 |
| Pulsford | 25 | 0 | 37 |
| Reid | 10 | 0 | 52 |
| Saunders | 0 | 0 | 62 |
| Smith | 0 | 0 | 62 |
| Stewart | 9 | 0 | 53 |
| Styles | 5 | 0 | 57 |
| Symon | 34 | 0 | 26 |
| Walker | 7 | 0 | 55 |
| Zeal | 7 | 0 | 55 |

* Seat declared vacant 6/10/03 ** Sworn in 14/10/03 *** Resigned 27/9/03

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Senate sittings for 1904

Number of sitting days

64

| MONTH | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun |
|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|
| February | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6/7 |
| | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13/14 |
| | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20/21 |
| | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27/28 |
| March | 29 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5/6 |
| | 7 | 8 H | 9 | 10 | 11 H | 12/13 |
| | 14 | 15 H | 16 | 17 | 18 H | 19/20 |
| | 21 | 22 H | 23 H | 24 | 25 | 26/27 |
| April | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2/3 |
| | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9/10 |
| | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16/17 |
| | 18 | 19 H | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23/24 |
| May | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30/1 |
| | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7/8 |
| | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14/15 |
| | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 H | 21/22 |
| June | 23 | 24 H | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28/29 |
| | 30 | 31 H | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4/5 |
| | 6 | 7 H | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11/12 |
| | 13 | 14 H | 15 H | 16 H | 17 H | 18/19 |
| July | 20 | 21 H | 22 H | 23 H | 24 H | 25/26 |
| | 27 | 28 H | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2/3 |
| | 4 | 5 H | 6 H | 7 H | 8 | 9/10 |
| | 11 | 12 H | 13 | 14 | 15 H | 16/17 |
| August | 18 | 19 H | 20 H | 21 H | 22 | 23/24 |
| | 25 | 26 H | 27 | 28 | 29 H | 30/31 |
| | 1 | 2 H | 3 H | 4 H | 5 | 6/7 |
| | 8 | 9 H | 10 | 11 | 12 H | 13/14 |
| September | 15 | 16 | 17 H | 18 H | 19 | 20/21 |
| | 22 | 23 | 24 S | 25 | 26 | 27/28 |
| | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3/4 |
| | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10/11 |
| October | 12 | 13 H | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17/18 |
| | 19 | 20 H | 21 H | 22 H | 23 H | 24/25 |
| | 26 | 27 H | 28 | 29 H | 30 H | 1/2 |
| | 3 | 4 H | 5 H | 6 H | 7 H | 8/9 |
| November | 10 | 11 H | 12 | 13 H | 14 H | 15/16 |
| | 17 | 18 H | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22/23 |
| | 24 | 25 H | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29/30 |
| | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5/6 |
| December | 7 | 8 H | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12/13 |
| | 14 | 15 H | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19/20 |
| | 21 | 22 H | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26/27 |
| | 28 | 29 H | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3/4 |
| | 5 | 6 H | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10/11 |
| | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17/18 |
| | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24/25 |
| | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

Shaded areas = Both Houses

H = House only

S = Senate only

Statistical summary—General statistics 1904

| | |
|--|--|
| Number of sitting days | 64 |
| Hours of sitting | 313 hours 23 minutes |
| Average length of a sitting day | 4 hours 53 minutes (14 December 1904) |
| Longest sitting day | 17 hours 21 minutes (21 April 1904) |
| Shortest sitting day | 23 minutes |
| Questions placed on notice | 104 |
| Questions without notice | 48 |
| Petitions presented | 8 |
| Signatories to petitions | 469 |
| Delegated legislation—Disallowance motions | 1 |
| Urgency motions | 2 |
| Principal motions agreed to | 6 |
| Condolence motions and addresses of condolence | 0 |
| Orders made for the production of documents (Returns to order) | 14 |
| Divisions | 61 |

Statistical summary 1904—Legislation

Bills considered by the Senate in the period 2 March to 15 December 1904

Origin

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Introduced in the Senate (1904) | |
| Government bills | 8 |
| Private senators' bills | 1 |
| Received from the House of Representatives (1904) | |
| Government bills | 14 |
| Private members' bills..... | 1 |
| Total | 24 |

Outcome

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Bills passed by the Senate | |
| Still before the House of Representatives | 2 |
| Passed by both Houses | |
| Government bills | 16 |
| Still before the Senate | |
| Government bills | 2 |
| Private senators' bills | 1 |
| Private member's bill | 1 |
| Discharged from Senate <i>Notice Paper</i> | 2 |
| Total | 24 |

Bills on which there was a disagreement between the Houses 2

Amendments and requests moved during 1904

| | |
|--|---|
| Bills to which second reading amendments were moved | 1 |
| Bills to which second reading amendments were agreed | 0 |
| Bills to which amendments were agreed in committee of the whole | 8 |
| Bill to which requests for amendments were agreed in committee of the whole | 0 |

Details of bills

Bills considered by the Senate 1904

The following is a list of bills in alphabetical order showing certain details of the consideration of bills by the Senate and the House of Representatives. Details of disagreements between the Houses on a number of these bills are shown separately at Amendments and Requests—Disagreements.

S Acts Interpretation Bill

Senate: Intro. 2/3/04; Passed 13/4/04

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro. 13/4/04; Passed 19/4/04

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendments 18/5/04

Assent: 14/6/04; Act No. 1, 1904

Appropriation Bill 1904-5

Reps: Intro. 24/11/04; Passed 8/12/04

Senate: Intro. 8/12/04; Passed 14/12/04

Assent: 15/12/04; Act No. 15, 1904

Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1904-5

Reps: Intro. 24/11/04; Passed 24/11/04

Senate: Intro. 25/11/04; Passed 25/11/04

Assent: 25/11/04; Act No. 11, 1904

Conciliation and Arbitration Bill

Reps: Intro. 2/3/04; Passed 13/9/04

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 14/9/04; Passed 23/11/04

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the Senate 8/12/04

Assent: 15/12/04; Act No. 13, 1904

Defence Bill

Reps: Intro. 10/11/04; Passed 25/11/04

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 30/11/04; Passed 7/12/04

Amended in committee of the whole

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments 7/12/04

Assent: 9/12/04; Act No. 12, 1904

S Evidence Bill

Senate: Intro. 11/8/04; In committee 7/9/04

S Fraudulent Trade Marks Bill

Senate: Intro. 25/5/04; Passed 10/8/04

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro. 10/8/04

Further Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1902-3

Reps: Intro. 27/7/04; Passed 27/7/04

Senate: Intro. 27/4/04; Passed 27/7/04

Assent: 28/7/04; Act No. 6, 1904

Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Survey Bill

Reps: Intro. 14/9/04; Passed 29/11/04

Senate: Intro. 30/11/04; Second reading debate 15/12/04am

PM Life Assurance Companies Bill

(Introduced by Mr Groom—FT)

Reps: Intro. 2/11/04; Passed 13/12/04

Senate: Intro. 13/12/04

S Merchandise Marks Bill

Senate: Intro. 14/4/04

Discharged from *Notice Paper* 27 April 1904

S Navigation and Shipping Bill

Senate: Intro. 17/4/04

Discharged from *Notice Paper* 27 April 1904

Papua Bill

Reps: Intro. 13/7/04; Passed 25/11/04

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 30/11/04; Passed 14/12/04

Amended in committee of the whole

Bill lapsed at prorogation

PS Parliamentary Evidence Bill

(Introduced by Senator Neild—FT)

Senate: Intro. 8/6/04

S Sea Carriage of Goods Bill

Senate: Intro. 17/11/04; Passed 30/11/04

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro. 30/11/04; Passed 13/12/04

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the House of Representatives 14/12/04

Assent: 15/12/04; Act No. 14, 1904

S Seat of Government Bill

Senate: Intro. 19/5/04; Passed 9/6/04

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro. 9/6/04; Passed 10/8/04

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendments 10/8/04

Assent: 15/8/04; Act No. 17, 1904

Supplementary Appropriation Bill

Reps: Intro. 8/6/04; Passed 8/6/04

Senate: Intro. 9/6/04; Passed 9/6/04

Assent: 14/6/04; Act No. 2, 1904

Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1903-4

Reps: Intro. 8/6/04; Passed 8/6/04

Senate: Intro. 9/6/04; Passed 9/6/04

Assent: 14/6/04; Act No. 2, 1904

Supply Bill (No. 1)

Reps: Intro. 30/6/04; Passed 30/6/04

Senate: Intro. 30/6/04; Passed 30/6/04

Assent: 2/7/04; Act No. 4, 1904

Supply Bill (No. 2)

Reps: Intro. 27/7/04; Passed 27/7/04

Senate: Intro. 27/7/04; Passed 27/7/04

Assent: 28/7/04; Act No. 5, 1904

Supply Bill (No. 3)

Reps: Intro. 18/8/04; Passed 18/8/04

Senate: Intro. 24/8/04; Passed 24/8/04

Assent: 25/8/04; Act No. 8, 1904

Supply Bill (No. 4)

Reps: Intro. 27/9/04; Passed 27/9/04

Senate: Intro. 28/9/04; Passed 28/9/04

Assent: 29/9/04; Act No. 9, 1904

Supply Bill (No. 5)

Reps: Intro. 25/10/04; Passed 25/10/04

Senate: Intro. 26/10/04; Passed 26/10/04

Assent: 28/10/04; Act No. 10, 1904

S Trade Marks Bill

Senate: Intro. 14/7/04; Passed 30/11/04

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro. 30/11/04

Bill lapsed at prorogation

KEY

S Senate Bill
PS Private Senator's Bill
PM Private Member's Bill

PROT Protectionist
FT Free Traders
LAB Labor Party

Bills still before the Senate (lapsed at prorogation)

| | |
|---|----------|
| Number of bills still before the Senate at 15 December 1904: | 5 |
| Government bills | 3 |
| Private senators' bills | 1 |
| Private member's bill | 1 |

Government bills

| Bill short title | Origin |
|---|--------------------------|
| Evidence Bill | Senate |
| Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Survey Bill* | House of Representatives |
| Papua Bill* | House of Representatives |

Private senators' bills

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Parliamentary Evidence Bill* | Senator Neild |
|------------------------------|---------------|

Private member's bill

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Life Assurance Companies Bill* | House of Representatives |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|

*Bills restored in 1905. Consideration resumed in 1905 at the stage reached when interrupted by prorogation.

Bills discharged from Notice Paper, laid aside or negatived

| | |
|--|----------|
| Bills discharged from Notice Paper: | 2 |
|--|----------|

| Bill short title | Origin |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Merchandise Marks Bill | Senate |
| Navigation and Shipping Bill | Senate |

Amendments and requests—Disagreements

Bills on which there were disagreements between the Houses:

2

Conciliation and Arbitration Bill

House of Representatives disagreed to Senate amendments nos 1, 2 and 3 and amended Senate amendment no 4 (8 December 1904).

Senate did not insist on its amendments nos. 1, 2 and 3, and agreed with House of Representatives amendment to Senate amendment no. 4 (8 December 1904).

S Sea Carriage of Goods Bill

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendments nos 1, 4 and 6, and agreed to House of Representatives amendments 2 and 5 with amendments, and agreed with a consequential amendment (14 December 1904). House of Representatives agreed to the Senate amendments and the Senate consequential amendment (14 December 1904).

Motions to debate a matter of urgency

Prior to August 1975 a matter of urgency was debated on a motion that the Senate, at its rising, adjourn to an unusual time. The motion was then withdrawn or negatived.

Number of urgency motions: 2

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 13 July 1904 | The Annual Report of the Commander of the Commonwealth Military Forces, on the Defence of Australia Senator Pearce Debated and withdrawn |
| 15 December 1904 | The threatened discontinuance of the regular transit of mails between Australia and the rest of the world Senator Neild Debated and withdrawn |

Motions agreed to

Only principal motions are listed. Excluded are procedural motions, motions relating to the consideration of bills, and routine motions relating to the next meeting of the Senate, leave of absence to senators, variations in sitting times, order and rearrangement of business before the Senate, suspension of standing and sessional orders, references to committees and motions to take note of documents. Orders for the production of documents (returns to order) are listed separately.

Number of principal motions agreed to: **6**

| Subject | Agreed to |
|--|------------------|
| Attack by Russian fleet on British fishermen (Senator Symon) | 28 October 1904 |
| Chinese labour in the Transvaal (Senator McGregor) | 16 March 1904 |
| Iron works, establishment of federal (Senator De Largie) | 19 May 1904 |
| Old-age pensions, provision for and establishment of select committee (Senator Pearce) | 19 May 1904 |
| Use of the day labour system for construction of public works (Senator Pearce) | 28 July 1904 |
| Recognition that providing of Revenue and the Grant of Supply is a joint act of both houses of Parliament, not just the House of Representatives (Senator Keating) | 14 April 1904 |

Orders for the production of documents

Number of orders for the production of documents

14

Bass' Straits cable: Message receipts revenue—Document—Ordered 13 July 1904

Return showing the message receipts revenue of the Eastern Extension Company in respect of the Bass' Straits cable.

Tabled 28 July 1904

British New Guinea: lands—Document—Ordered 9 December 1904

Return showing details of sale and purchase (and conditions of purchase) of land in British New Guinea and Dutch New Guinea.

[Tabled 28 June 1905]

Capital site: Lyndhurst—Document—Ordered 25 May 1904

A report by Sir John Forrest on Lyndhurst as a federal capital site.

Tabled 26 May 1904

Case of Major Carroll: Minute of late Minister of Defence—Document—Ordered 2 June 1904

An extract from a report of the Honorable Austin Chapman, Minister of Defence, on the case of Major Carroll.

Tabled 2 June 1904

Commonwealth Flag: Papers concerning selection and approval—Documents—Ordered 26 May 1904

Copies of all papers connected with the selection and approval of the present Commonwealth flag.

Tabled 8 June 1904

Contract Post Offices—Document—Ordered 4 March 1904

Return showing the number of contract post offices in the Commonwealth (broken down by state) and the number of offices established since January 1903.

Tabled 16 March 1904

Field guns in each state—Document—Ordered 28 July 1904

Return showing the number of field guns at present in each state.

Tabled 10 August 1904

General Officer Commanding the Military Forces: Minutes by the late minister of Defence—Documents—Ordered 15 September 1904

Copies of correspondence relating to the conduct of the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces of the Commonwealth.

Tabled 12 October 1904

Instructional staffs of the Defence Department— Reclassification of the Warrant and non-commissioned officers —Document—Ordered 10 November 1904

Return showing the reclassification of the Warrant and non-commissioned officers of the instructional staffs of the Defence Department.

Tabled 1 December 1904

Japanese and Chinese governments and northern Australia—Documents—Ordered 7 September 1904

All papers relating to a statement alleged to have been made by the General Officer Commanding the Military Forces of the Commonwealth, regarding the governments of Japan and China casting longing eyes upon the northern portions of Australia.

Tabled 14 September 1904

Parade States: Reviews—Documents—Ordered 14 April 1904

Copies of parade states of certain reviews of the New South Wales Military Forces.

Tabled 18 May 1904

Quantity and value of imports and exports—Document—Ordered 14 July 1904

Return showing quantity or value of goods imported to and exported from the Commonwealth.

Tabled 11 August 1904

Rent payable by Commonwealth Departments—Document—Ordered 14 April 1904

Return showing details of rent payable by Commonwealth departments in respect of premises in and about Melbourne.

Tabled 18 May 1904

Secret Service Code Incident—Documents—Ordered 2 June 1904

Copies of papers in connexion with the Secret Service Code incident.

Tabled 3 June 1904

Petitions

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Number of petitions: | 8 |
| Number of signatories: | 469 |

| | 1904 Petitions | 1904 Signatures |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Bonus Bill, in reference to wirenetting industry | 1 | 200 |
| Navigation and Shipping Bill | 2 | 2 |
| Sale of intoxicating liquors in New Guinea, against | 1 | 4 |
| Trade Marks Bill, against | 1 | 1 |
| Trade Marks Bill, in favour of | 1 | 253 |
| Conciliation and Arbitration Bill, against | 1 | 8 |
| Papua Bill, in favour of prohibition of sale of intoxicants | 1 | 1 |

Committees

Disputed Returns and Qualifications Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to warrant of President of 4 March 1904
Members: Senators De Largie, Dobson, Macfarlane, Neild, Symon, Styles and Walker

House Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 3 March 1904
Members: President and Senators De Largie, Fraser, Neild, O'Keefe, Playford and Turley

Library Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 3 March 1904
Members: President and Senators Keating, Matheson, Millen, Stewart, Styles and Symon

Report: report of the Joint Library Committee

Printing Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 3 March 1904
Members: Senators Dawson, Findley, Guthrie, Henderson, Macfarlane, Pulsford and Staniforth Smith

Standing Orders Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 3 March 1904
Members: President, Chairman of Committees and Senators Dobson, Gould, Higgs, Playford, Pearce, Trenwith, Zeal and Best (appointed 14 April 1904)

References: 'Remarks and suggestions on the standing orders' (*referred 9 March 1904*)
Parliamentary Evidence Bill (*referred 20 October 1904*)

Reports: First Report (*tabled 21 April 1904*)
Report on the Parliamentary Evidence Bill (*tabled 24 November 1904*)

Defence: Case of Major Carroll—Select Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 3 March 1904

Members: Senators Dawson, Findley, Guthrie, Henderson, Macfarlane, Pulsford and Staniforth Smith

Report: Report of Select Committee (*tabled 14 September 1904*)

Privilege: Case of Senator Lieut.-Col. Neild—Select Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 20 April 1904

Members: Senators Best*, Dawson#, Gray, Higgs*, Macfarlane, McGregor#, Pearce, Playford and Styles

Discharged 27 April 1904

* Appointed by ballot 27 April 1904

Report: Report of the Select Committee (*tabled 21 October 1904*)

Provision for Old-Age Pensions (Tobacco Monopoly)—Select Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 3 March 1904

Members: Senators Dawson, Findley, Guthrie, Henderson, Macfarlane, Pulsford and Staniforth Smith

Attendance of senators, 1904

Sitting Period – 2 March 1904 - 15 December 1904
 Sitting Days – 64 Attendance Recorded – 64 days

| <i>Senator</i> | <i>Days absent</i> | <i>Days absent on Leave</i> | <i>Days present</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Baker (President) | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| Best | 14 | 0 | 50 |
| Clemons | 16 | 1 | 47 |
| Croft | 16 | 3 | 45 |
| Dawson | 2 | 0 | 62 |
| De Largie | 9 | 0 | 55 |
| Dobson | 0 | 0 | 64 |
| Drake | 0 | 0 | 64 |
| Findlay | 13 | 2 | 49 |
| Fraser | 6 | 0 | 58 |
| Givens | 8 | 1 | 55 |
| Gould | 26 | 3 | 35 |
| Gray | 13 | 6 | 45 |
| Guthrie | 6 | 0 | 58 |
| Henderson | 1 | 0 | 63 |
| Higgs | 3 | 0 | 60 |
| Keating | 11 | 0 | 53 |
| Macfarlane | 17 | 0 | 47 |
| Matheson | 15 | 7 | 42 |
| McGregor | 0 | 0 | 64 |
| Millen | 19 | 14 | 31 |
| Mulcahey | 19 | 1 | 44 |
| Neild | 15 | 7 | 42 |
| O'Keefe | 3 | 0 | 61 |
| Pearce | 3 | 0 | 61 |
| Playford | 5 | 0 | 59 |
| Pulsford | 16 | 1 | 47 |
| Smith | 0 | 0 | 64 |
| Stewart | 20 | 5 | 39 |
| Story | 12 | 0 | 52 |
| Styles | 16 | 0 | 48 |
| Symon | 14 | 5 | 45 |
| Trenwith | 15 | 0 | 49 |
| Turley | 7 | 5 | 52 |
| Walker | 6 | 0 | 58 |
| Zeal | 12 | 0 | 52 |

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Number of sitting days

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| MONTH | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun |
|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|
| February | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4/5 |
| | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11/12 |
| | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18/19 |
| | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25/26 |
| | 27 | 28 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4/5 |
| March | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11/12 |
| | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18/19 |
| | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25/26 |
| | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1/2 |
| | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8/9 |
| April | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15/16 |
| | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22/23 |
| | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29/30 |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6/7 |
| May | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13/14 |
| | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20/21 |
| | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27/28 |
| | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3/4 |
| | June | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 12 | | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17/18 |
| 19 | | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24/25 |
| 26 | | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | H 1/2 |
| 3 | | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8/9 |
| July | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15/16 |
| | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22/23 |
| | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29/30 |
| | 31 | 1 | H 2 | 3 | 4 | 5/6 |
| | August | 7 | 8 | H 9 | H 10 | H 11 |
| 14 | | 15 | H 16 | 17 | 18 | 19/20 |
| 21 | | 22 | H 23 | 24 | 25 | 26/27 |
| 28 | | 29 | H 30 | 31 | 1 | H 2/3 |
| September | | 4 | 5 | H 6 | H 7 | H 8 |
| | 11 | 12 | H 13 | 14 | 15 | 16/17 |
| | 18 | 19 | H 20 | 21 | 22 | 23/24 |
| | 25 | 26 | H 27 | 28 | 29 | 30/1 |
| October | 2 | 3 | H 4 | 5 | 6 | 7/8 |
| | 9 | 10 | H 11 | 12 | 13 | 14/15 |
| | 16 | 17 | H 18 | 19 | 20 | 21/22 |
| | 23 | 24 | H 25 | 26 | 27 | 28/29 |
| | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4/5 |
| November | 6 | 7 | H 8 | 9 | 10 | 11/12 |
| | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18/19 |
| | 20 | 21 | H 22 | 23 | 24 | 25/26 |
| | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | H 2/3 |
| December | 4 | 5 | H 6 | 7 | 8 | 9/10 |
| | 11 | H 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 H/17 |
| | 18 | 19 | 20 | S 21 | 22 | 23/24 |
| | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30/31 |

Shaded areas = Senate sittings

H = House only

S = Senate only

Statistical summary—General statistics 1905

| | |
|--|--|
| Number of sitting days | 66 |
| Hours of sitting | 358 hours 46 minutes |
| Average length of a sitting day | 5 hours 31 minutes |
| Longest sitting day | 12 hours 8 minutes (29 November 1905) |
| Shortest sitting day | 8 minutes (5 July 1905) |
| Questions placed on notice | 188 |
| Questions without notice | 140 |
| Petitions presented | 6 |
| Signatories to petitions | 2 183 |
| Delegated legislation—Disallowance motions | 0 |
| Urgency motions | 7 |
| Principal motions agreed to | 15 |
| Condolence motions and addresses of condolence | 0 |
| Orders made for the production of documents (Returns to order) | 20 |
| Divisions | 135 |

Statistical summary 1905—Legislation

Bills considered by the Senate in the period 28 June to 21 December 1905

Origin

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Introduced in the Senate (1905) | |
| Government bills | 3 |
| Private senators' bills | 1 |
| Received from the House of Representatives (1905) | |
| Government bills | 21 |
| Resumed from Session of 1904 | |
| Government bills | 4 |
| Private senators' bills..... | 1 |
| Total | 30 |

Outcome

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Bills passed by the Senate | |
| Still before the House of Representatives | 1 |
| Passed by both Houses | |
| Government bills | 26 |
| Still before the Senate | |
| Government bill | 1 |
| Negatived at second reading | 2 |
| Total | 30 |

Bills on which there were disagreements between the Houses 7

Amendments and requests moved during 1901

| | |
|--|----|
| Bills to which second reading amendments were moved | 0 |
| Bills to which second reading amendments were agreed | 0 |
| Bills to which amendments were agreed in committee of the whole | 17 |
| Bill to which requests for amendments were agreed in committee of the whole | 0 |

Bills to which the Governor-General recommended amendments 1

Details of bills

Bills considered by the Senate 1905

The following is a list of bills in alphabetical order showing certain details of the consideration of bills by the Senate and the House of Representatives. Details of disagreements between the Houses on a number of these bills are shown separately at Amendments and Requests—Disagreements.

Amendments Incorporation Bill

Reps: Intro 13/10/05; Passed 7/11/05

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro 8/11/05; Passed 22/11/05

Amended in committee of the whole

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments 22/11/05

Assent: 23/11/05; Act No. 13, 1905

Appropriation Bill 1905-06

Reps: Intro 3/11/05; Passed 9/11/05

Senate: Intro 9/11/05; Passed 30/11/05

Assent: 30/11/05; Act No. 14, 1905

Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1905-06

Reps: Intro 12/9/05; Passed 12/9/05

Senate: Intro 13/9/05; Passed 22/9/05

Amended in committee of the whole

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments 22/9/05

Assent: 28/9/05; Act No. 6, 1905

Census and Statistics Bill

Reps: Intro 18/8/05; Passed 4/10/05

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro 5/10/05; Passed 8/11/05

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the House of Representatives 1/12/05

Assent: 8/12/05; Act No. 15, 1905

Commerce Bill (No. 2)

Reps: Intro 2/8/05; Passed 29/9/05

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro 4/10/05; Passed 16/11/05

Amended in committee of the whole

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments 6/12/05

Assent: 8/12/05; Act No. 16, 1905

S [Commonwealth] Electoral Bill

Senate: Intro 13/9/05; Passed 2/11/05

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro 2/11/05; Passed 15/12/05

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the House of Representatives 19/12/05

Assent: 21/12/05; Act No. 26, 1905

Contract Immigrants Bill

Reps: Intro 10/11/05; Passed 8/12/05

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro 8/12/05; Passed 15/12/05

Amended in committee of the whole

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments 15/12/05

Assent: 21/12/05; Act No. 19, 1905

S Copyright Bill

Senate: Intro 16/8/05; Passed 25/10/05

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro 25/10/05; Passed 18/12/05

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the House of Representatives 18/12/05

Assent: 21/12/05; Act No. 25, 1905

Evidence Bill

Reps: Intro 1/8/05; Passed 2/8/05

Senate: Intro 2/8/05; Passed 18/8/05

Amended in committee of the whole

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments 23/8/05

Assent: 25/8/05; Act No. 4, 1905

Excise Tariff Bill

Reps: Intro 7/11/05; Passed 15/12/05
Amended in committee of the whole
Senate: Intro 18/12/05; Passed 19/12/05
Amended in committee of the whole
Disagreement between the Houses
Final agreement by the Senate 19/12/05
Assent: 21/12/05; Act No. 24, 1905

Immigration Restriction Amendment Bill

Reps: Intro 10/11/05; Passed 6/12/05
Amended in committee of the whole
Senate: Intro 7/12/05; Passed 13/12/05
Amended in committee of the whole
House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments 14/12/05
Assent: 21/12/05; Act No. 17, 1905

PS Judiciary Act 1903 Amendment Bill

(Introduced by Senator Sir J.H. Symon)
Senate: Intro 24/8/05
Second reading negatived 16/11/05

Jury Exemption Bill

Reps: Intro 26/6/05; Passed 2/8/05
Senate: Intro 2/8/05; Passed 16/8/05
Assent: 17/8/05; Act No. 2, 1905

Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Bill

Reps: Intro 14/9/04; Passed 29/11/04
Senate: Intro 30/11/04
Interrupted by prorogation of Parliament 15/12/04
Resumed by the Senate under standing order 234 3/8/05
In committee 23/8/05

Life Assurance Companies Bill

Reps: Intro 2/11/04, Passed 13/12/04

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro 13/12/04

Interrupted by prorogation of Parliament 15/12/04

Resumed by the Senate under standing order 234 3/8/05

Amended in committee of the whole, Passed 25/8/05

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendment 25/8/05

Governor-General recommended amendments 25/10/05

House of Representatives agreed to Governor-General's amendments with amendment 2/11/05; Senate agreed to Governor-General's amendments as amended 16/11/05

Assent: 23/11/05; Act No. 12, 1905

Manufactures Encouragement Bill

Reps: Intro 8/12/05; Passed 12/12/05

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro 12/12/05

Second reading negatived 15/12/05

Papua Bill

Reps: Intro 13/7/04; Passed 29/11/04

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro 30/11/04; Passed 14/12/04

Amended in committee of the whole

Interrupted by prorogation of Parliament 15/12/04

Resumed by the House of Representatives under standing order 214A 28/7/05

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the House of Representatives 7/11/05

Assent: 16/11/05; Act No. 9, 1905

PS Parliamentary Witnesses Bill

(Introduced by Senator Nield as Parliamentary Evidence Bill)

Senate: Intro 8/6/04

Interrupted by prorogation of Parliament 15/12/04

Resumed by the Senate under standing order 234 29/6/05

Amended in committee of the whole

Passed 13/10/05

Reps: Intro 13/10/95

Queen Victoria Memorial Bill

Reps: Intro 12/12/05; Passed 12/12/05

Senate: Intro 12/12/05; Passed 13/12/05

Assent: 21/12/05; Act No. 18, 1905

Representation Bill

Reps: Intro 23/8/05; Passed 27/9/05
Amended in committee of the whole
Senate: Intro 27/9/05; Passed 2/11/05
Amended in committee of the whole
Disagreement between the Houses
Final agreement by the Senate 15/11/05
Assent: 23/11/05; Act No. 11, 1905

Secret Commissions Bill

Reps: Intro 1/8/05; Passed 12/10/05
Amended in committee of the whole
Senate: Intro 12/10/05; Passed 9/11/05
Amended in committee of the whole
House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments 9/11/05
Assent: 16/11/05; Act No. 10, 1905

Service and Execution of Process Bill

Reps: Intro 8/8/05; Passed 15/8/05
Senate: Intro 16/8/05; Passed 23/8/05
Assent: 25/8/05; Act No. 5, 1905

Sugar Bounty Bill

Reps: Intro 7/11/05; Passed 13/12/05
Amended in committee of the whole
Senate: Intro 14/12/05; Passed 18/12/05
Amended in committee of the whole
House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments 19/12/05
Assent: 21/12/05; Act No. 23, 1905

Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1903-4 and 1904-5

Reps: Intro 16/12/05; Passed 16/12/05
Senate: Intro 18/12/05; 19/12/05
Assent: 21/12/05; Act No. 21, 1905

Supplementary Appropriation Bill (Works and Buildings) Bill

Reps: Intro 16/12/05; Passed 16/12/05
Senate: Intro 18/12/05; Passed 19/12/05
Assent: 21/12/05; Act No. 22, 1905

Supply Bill (No. 1)

Reps: Intro 7/7/05; Passed 7/7/05

Senate: Intro 7/7/05; Passed 7/7/05

Assent: 8/7/05; Act No. 1, 1905

Supply Bill (No. 2)

Reps: Intro 23/8/05; Passed 23/8/05

Senate: Intro 23/8/05; Passed 24/8/05

Assent: 25/8/05; Act No. 3, 1905

Supply Bill (No. 3)

Reps: Intro 26/9/05; Passed 26/9/05

Senate: 27/9/05; Passed 27/9/05

Assent: 28/9/05; Act No. 7, 1905

S Trade Marks Bill

Senate: Intro 14/7/04; Passed 30/11/04

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro 30/11/04

Interrupted by prorogation of Parliament 15/12/04

Resumed by the house of Representatives under standing order 214A 27/7/05

Passed 6/12/05

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the House of Representatives 11/12/05

Assent: 21/12/05; Act No. 20, 1905

S Wireless Telegraphy Bill

Senate: Intro 27/7/05; Passed 18/8/05

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro 18/8/05; Passed 13/9/05

Assent 18/10/05; Act No. 8, 1905

KEY

S Senate Bill
PS Private Senators' Bill
PM Private Members' Bill

PROT Protectionist
FT Free Trade
LAB Labor Party

Bills still before the Senate (lapsed at prorogation)

Number of bills still before the Senate at 21 December 1905: 1
Government bills 1

Government bill

| Bill short title | Origin |
|---|--------------------------|
| Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Bill | House of Representatives |

Bills discharged from Notice Paper, laid aside or negatived

Bills negatived at second reading 2

| Bill short title | Origin |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Judiciary Act 1903 Amendment Bill | Senate |
| Manufactures Encouragement Bill | House of Representatives |

Amendments and requests—Disagreements

Bills on which there were disagreements between the Houses

7

Census and Statistics Bill

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments nos 2-4, 6, 8-9; agreed to amendments nos 5 and 7 with amendments, and disagreed to amendment no. 1 (23/11/05).

Senate insisted on amendment no. 1, and agreed with House of Representatives amendments to amendments nos 5 and 7 (30/11/05).

House of Representatives did not insist on disagreeing to amendment no. 1 (1/12/05).

S [Commonwealth] Electoral Bill

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendments nos 1-8, 10-25, 29-39, 41, 43-45; disagreed to amendments nos 9, 26-28; and agreed to amendments nos 40 and 42 with amendments (19/12/05).

House of Representatives did not insist on amendments nos 9, 26-28, and agreed to Senate amendments to amendments nos 40 and 42 (19/12/05).

S Copyright Bill

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendments nos 1, 2, 4 and 5, and made a consequential amendment to amendment no. 3 (18/12/05).

House of Representatives agreed to the consequential amendment (18/12/05).

Excise Tariff Bill

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendment with an amendment (19/12/05).

Senate agreed to the amendment made by the House of Representatives (19/12/05).

Papua Bill

Proceedings lapsed in House of Representatives on 15/12/04 due to prorogation of Parliament. Resumed on 2/8/05 under standing order 214A.

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendment 2, and agreed to amendment no. 1 with an amendment (24/10/05).

Senate agreed to amendment to amendment no. 1 with a further amendment (3/11/05).

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendment (7/11/05).

Representation Bill

Houses of Representatives agreed to Senate amendment no. 1, and agreed to amendments nos 2 and 3 with amendments (10/11/05).

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendments to nos 2 and 3 (15/11/05).

S Trade Marks Bill

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendments nos 1-53, 55-87 and agreed to amendment no. 54 with an amendment (8/12/05). House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendment (11/12/05).

Motions to debate a matter of urgency

Prior to August 1975 a matter of urgency was debated on a motion that the Senate, at its rising, adjourn to an unusual time. The motion was then withdrawn or negatived.

Number of urgency motions:

7

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 3 August 1905 | Imposition of increased duty on agricultural harvesters Senator Pulsford Debated and withdrawn |
| 8 November 1905 | Newspapers and election addresses Senator Mulcahy Debated and withdrawn |
| 15 November 1905 | Commerce Bill Senator Pulsford Debated and negatived |
| 30 November 1905 | Government intention to proceed with business after the passage of the Appropriation Bill Senator Gould Debated and withdrawn |
| 8 December 1905 | Capital site of the Commonwealth Senator Pulsford Debated and withdrawn |
| 15 December 1905 | Department of External Affairs and Pacific Islands Mail contract—unsatisfactory conduct Senator Higgs Debated and withdrawn |
| 18 December 1905 | Travelling expenses of senators in steam-boats Senator Staniforth Smith Debated and withdrawn |

Motions agreed to

Only principal motions are listed. Excluded are procedural motions, motions relating to the consideration of bills, and routine motions relating to the next meeting of the Senate, leave of absence to senators, variations in sitting times, order and rearrangement of business before the Senate, suspension of standing and sessional orders, references to committees and motions to take note of documents. Orders for the production of documents (returns to order) are listed separately.

Number of principal motions agreed to: 15

| Subject | Agreed to |
|---|-------------------|
| British New Guinea, administration of justice (Senator Staniforth Smith) | 14 September 1905 |
| Civil servants, classification and allowances (Senator Staniforth Smith) | 30 November 1905 |
| Coloured labour, importation and return (Senator Pearce) | 30 November 1905 |
| Eastern Extension Telegraph Co.—Offices (Senator Higgs) | 6 December 1905 |
| Eastern Extension Telegraph Co. agreement (Senator Playford) | 6 December 1905 |
| High Commissioner, selection of (Senator Higgs) | 14 September 1905 |
| Home rule for Ireland (Senator Dawson) | 19 October 1905 |
| Mail, contracts for carriage between Naples, Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane and Tasmania (Senator Keating) | 19 October 1905 |
| Mail service between Australia, Fiji and Canada (Senator Keating) | 1 November 1905 |
| Memorial to Queen Victoria (Senator Playford) | 30 November 1905 |
| Resolution on Irish Home rule be communicated to the King (Senator Dawson) | 23 November 1905 |
| Select committee on Major Carroll, return of documents (Senator Givens obo Senator Higgs) | 3 August 1905 |
| Sugar, nationalisation of monopoly on refining and distributing (Senator Givens) | 20 December 1905 |

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Telegraph communication between Australia and New Guinea (Senator Pulsford) | 7 December 1905 |
| Treaty relating to emigration and immigration between the Commonwealth and Japan (Senator Pulsford) | 21 December 1905 |

Orders for the production of documents

Number of orders for the production of documents

20

Buildings transferred to the Commonwealth—Document—Ordered 12 October 1905

Return showing the amount expended in each state on buildings transferred to the Commonwealth, and cost of the lands on which they were erected.

Case of Mr McIntosh—Correspondence—Ordered 26 July 1905

Copies of correspondence relating to the treatment of Mr McIntosh by Customs authorities at Hobart.

Hon. Alfred Deakin: views of Defence—Document—Ordered 31 August 1905

Copy of views on present condition of defences of the Commonwealth published in the *Herald* of 12 June 1905.

Tabled 31 August 1905

Indentured coloured labourers and Australian pearling fleets—Document—Ordered 17 August 1905

Return showing number of labourers, by nationality, engaged by the Australian pearling fleet, who were returned to their homes during 1904.

Tabled 25 August 1904

Ironworkers' wages, Commonwealth and England—Document—Ordered 29 September 1905

Return showing average wages of ironworkers in each state of the Commonwealth and some districts in England, 1899-1904.

Tabled 31 October 1905

Machinery imported 1899-1904: quantity, cost, etc—Document—Ordered 29 September 1905

Return showing quantity and cost of machinery imported into Queensland and the Commonwealth, and details of the iron industry in Queensland and the Commonwealth.

Tabled 31 October 1905

Mahommed Din, wife of—Documents—Ordered 24 August 1905

Copies of documents relating to the landing in the Commonwealth of Mrs Mahommed Din, and the grant of an exemption ticket to her.

Tabled 24 August 1905

Mail Services, 1904-5 between Commonwealth and Pacific Islands—Document—Ordered 20 October 1905

Return showing postal matter carried between the Commonwealth and the New Hebrides, the Solomon Islands, the Gilbert and Marshall Island, Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands, during the year ending June 1905.

Tabled 6 December 1905

Mail Services, 1904-5: Sydney, Vancouver, Europe, America—Document—Ordered 19 October 1905

Return showing amount of postal matter carried by the Sydney-Vancouver Mail Service, and mail services between Europe and Australia and America and Australia, in 1904-5.

Tabled 26 October 1905

Mail Services, 1904-5: Sydney, San Francisco, Europe, America—Document—Ordered 20 October 1905

Return showing amount of postal matter carried by the Sydney-San Francisco Mail Service, and mail services between Europe and Australia and America and Australia in 1904-5.

Tabled 1 November 1905

Mr A Hart—Documents—Ordered 23 November 1905

Documents in connexion with the case of A. Hart, late of the Post and Telegraph Department, Brisbane.

Mr O'Brien, Yodda Valley Gold-Field, British New Guinea—Documents—Ordered 17 August 1905

Copies of documents relating to the capture, imprisonment and escape of Mr O'Brien

Tabled 24 August 1905.

Pacific Cable and Eastern extension Company: pooling receipts—Documents—Ordered 23 November 1905

Correspondence between the Pacific Cable board and the Commonwealth concerning a scheme for pooling receipts with the Eastern Extension Company.

Pacific Cable: statement of accounts—Document—Ordered 23 November 1905

Copy of last statement of accounts received from the British Treasury by the Postmaster-General concerning the Pacific Cable.

Tabled 6 December 1905

Pacific Island Mail Services: agreement between Commonwealth and Burns, Philp, and Co.—Document—Ordered 23 November 1905

Copy of the agreement between the Commonwealth and Burns, Philp and Co., having reference to Pacific Island Mail Services.

Pacific Island Mail Services: agreement between Commonwealth and Burns, Philp, and Co.—Document—Ordered 8 December 1905

Copy of the proposed agreement between the Commonwealth and Burns, Philp, and Co., having reference to the Pacific Island Mail Services, as referred to by the Honorary Minister (Senator Keating).

Pistols, purchase of for Light Horse Regiments—Documents—Ordered 24 August 1901

Copies of documents related to the recommendation of purchase of pistols by Major-General Hutton, the refusal of the Minister of Defence, and the condemnation of the recommendation by the British War Office.

Tabled 31 August 1905

Post and Telegraph Department: officers, salaries, etc—Document—Ordered 14 September 1905

Return showing number and salaries of officers in each division of state Post and Telegraph departments when taken over by the Commonwealth, and at 30 June 1905, and other details of salaries.

Tabled 6 December 1905

Tarcoola Post Office: annual telegraphic revenue—Document—Ordered 30 August 1905

Return showing annual revenue collected by the Tarcoola Post Office from telegraphic business since opening.

Tabled 14 September 1905

Treaty of commerce and navigation: Great Britain and Japan—Document—Ordered 26 October 1905

Copy of most recent treaty of commerce and navigation between Great Britain and Japan.

Tabled 1 November 1905

Petitions

Number of petitions: 6
Number of signatories: 2 183

| | 1905 | 1905 |
|--|-----------|------------|
| | Petitions | Signatures |
| Sugar bonus | 1 | 7 |
| Prohibition of importation of opium | 1 | 4 |
| Australian publishers' rights | 1 | 2 |
| Commerce Bill | 1 | 2 |
| Rifle range at Queensborough, Tasmania | 1 | 13 |
| Duty on imported stripper harvesters | 1 | 2155 |

Committees

Disputed Returns and Qualifications Committee

Appointment: By warrant of the President, 29 June 1905

Members: Senators De Largie, Dobson, Macfarlane, Sir Josiah Symon, Walker, Neild and Styles

House Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 29 June 1905

Members: President and Senators De Largie, Fraser, Neild, O'Keefe, Turley and Zeal

Report: Report of the Joint House Committee as to the working of the refreshment rooms (*tabled 19 December 1905*)

Library Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 29 June 1905

Members: President and Senators Keating, Matheson, Millen, Stewart, Styles and Clemons

Printing Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 29 June 1905

Members: Senators Dawson, Findley, Guthrie, Henderson, Macfarlane, Pulsford, and Staniforth Smith

Standing Orders Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 29 June 1905

Members: President, Chairman of Committees and Senators Best, Dobson, Gould, Playford, Pearce, Trenwith and Symon

Reports: Report of the Standing Orders Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives on the question of Standing Orders relating to the resumption of proceedings on lapsed bills (*tabled 18 August 1905*).

Report from the Standing Orders Committee on the subject of instructions to committees of the whole (*tabled 14 December 1905*)

Tobacco monopoly—Select Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 31 August 1905

Members: Senators Keating, Stewart, Gray, Story, Styles, Findley and Pearce

Report: Progress report from the Select Committee on the subject of the tobacco monopoly (*tabled 19 December 1905*)

Attendance of senators, 1905

Sitting Period – 28 June 1905 to 21 December 1905
 Sitting Days – 66 Attendance Recorded – 66 days

| <i>Senator</i> | <i>Days absent</i> | <i>Days absent on Leave</i> | <i>Days present</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Baker (President) | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| Best | 29 | 8 | 29 |
| Clemons | 20 | 0 | 46 |
| Croft | 5 | 0 | 61 |
| Dawson | 18 | 0 | 48 |
| De Largie | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| Dobson | 1 | 0 | 65 |
| Drake | 11 | 0 | 55 |
| Findlay | 25 | 0 | 41 |
| Fraser | 27 | 0 | 39 |
| Givens | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| Gould | 30 | 0 | 36 |
| Gray | 22 | 0 | 44 |
| Guthrie | 3 | 0 | 63 |
| Henderson | 2 | 0 | 64 |
| Higgs | 0 | 1 | 65 |
| Keating | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| Macfarlane | 18 | 0 | 48 |
| Matheson | 7 | 0 | 59 |
| McGregor | 30 | 10 | 26 |
| Millen | 16 | 0 | 50 |
| Mulcahey | 14 | 0 | 52 |
| Neild | 19 | 40 | 7 |
| O'Keefe | 2 | 0 | 64 |
| Pearce | 1 | 0 | 65 |
| Playford | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| Pulsford | 22 | 0 | 44 |
| Smith | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| Stewart | 3 | 5 | 58 |
| Story | 5 | 0 | 61 |
| Styles | 15 | 0 | 51 |
| Symon | 26 | 0 | 40 |
| Trenwith | 22 | 0 | 44 |
| Turley | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| Walker | 5 | 0 | 61 |
| Zeal | 21 | 0 | 45 |

Business of the Senate

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Senate sittings for 1906

Number of sitting days

57

| MONTH | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/Sun |
|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|---------|
| February | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10/11 |
| | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17/18 |
| | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24/25 |
| | 26 | 27 | 28 | 1 | 2 | 3/4 |
| March | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10/11 |
| | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17/18 |
| | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24/25 |
| | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31/1 |
| April | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7/8 |
| | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14/15 |
| | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21/22 |
| | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28/29 |
| | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5/6 |
| May | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12/13 |
| | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19/20 |
| | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26/27 |
| | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2/3 |
| June | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | H 9/10 |
| | 11 | 12 | H 13 | 14 | 15 | 16/17 |
| | 18 | 19 | H 20 | 21 | 22 | 23/24 |
| | 25 | 26 | H 27 | H 28 | H 29 | H 30/1 |
| July | 2 | 3 | H 4 | H 5 | H 6 | H 7/8 |
| | 9 | 10 | H 11 | H 12 | H 13 | H 14/15 |
| | 16 | 17 | H 18 | 19 | 20 | 21/22 |
| | 23 | 24 | H 25 | 26 | 27 | 28/29 |
| | 30 | 31 | H 1 | 2 | 3 | 4/5 |
| August | 6 | 7 | H 8 | 9 | 10 | 11/12 |
| | 13 | 14 | H 15 | 16 | 17 | 18/19 |
| | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25/26 |
| | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1/2 |
| September | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | S 8/9 |
| | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15/16 |
| | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22/23 |
| | 24 | S 25 | 26 | 27 | S 28 | 29/30 |
| October | 1 | S 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6/7 |
| | 8 | S 9 | S 10 | 11 | 12 | 13/14 |
| | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20/21 |
| | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 27/28 |
| | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3/4 |
| November | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10/11 |
| | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17/18 |
| | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24/25 |
| | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1/2 |
| December | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8/9 |
| | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15/16 |
| | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22/23 |
| | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29/30 |

Shaded areas = Both Houses

H = House only

S = Senate only

Statistical summary—General statistics 1906

| | |
|--|---|
| Number of sitting days | 57 |
| Hours of sitting | 377 hours 33 minutes |
| Average length of a sitting day | 6 hours 15 minutes |
| Longest sitting day | 13 hours 28 minutes (4 October 1906) |
| Shortest sitting day | 27 minutes (13 June 1906) |
| Questions placed on notice | 99 |
| Questions without notice | 83 |
| Petitions presented | 1 |
| Signatories to petitions | 30 |
| Delegated legislation—Disallowance motions | 0 |
| Urgency motions | 2 |
| Principal motions agreed to | 7 |
| Condolence motions and addresses of condolence | 1 |
| Orders made for the production of documents (Returns to order) | 17 |
| Divisions | 151 |

Statistical summary 1906—Legislation

Bills considered by the Senate in the period 7 June to 12 October 1906

Origin

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Introduced in the Senate (1906) | |
| Government bills..... | 4 |
| Private senators' bills..... | 3 |
| Received from the House of Representatives (1906) | |
| Government bills..... | 28 |
| Total | 35 |

Outcome

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Bills passed by the Senate | |
| Still before the House of Representatives | 1 |
| Passed by both Houses | |
| Government bills..... | 25 |
| Laid aside in the Senate | 2 |
| Discharged from Senate <i>Notice Paper</i> | 1 |
| Negatived at first reading..... | 2 |
| Negatived at second reading | 3 |
| Negatived at third reading..... | 1 |
| Total | 35 |

Bills on which there were disagreements between the Houses 6

Amendments and requests moved during 1906

| | |
|--|----|
| Bills to which second reading amendments were moved | 0 |
| Bills to which second reading amendments were agreed | 0 |
| Bills to which amendments were agreed in committee of the whole | 15 |
| Bill to which requests for amendments were agreed in committee of the whole | 3 |

Bills to which the Governor-General requested amendments..... 1

Bills reserved by the Governor-General for the Sovereign's Assent 1

Details of bills

Bills considered by the Senate 1906

The following is a list of bills in alphabetical order showing certain details of the consideration of bills by the Senate and the House of Representatives. Details of disagreements between the Houses on a number of these bills are shown separately at Amendments and Requests—Disagreements.

Appropriation Bill 1906-7

Reps: Intro. 28/9/06; Passed 28/9/06

Senate: Intro. 1/10/06; Passed 11/10/06

Assent: 12/10/06; Act No. 23, 1906

Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1906-7

Reps: Intro. 22/8/06; Passed 22/8/06

Senate: Intro. 23/8/06; Passed 7/9/06

Assent: 7/09/06; Act No. 7, 1906

Audit Bill

Reps: Intro. 20/6/06; Passed 1/8/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 2/8/06; Passed 13/9/06

Amended in committee of the whole

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments 13/9/06

Assent: 24/09/06; Act No. 8, 1906

Australian Industries Preservation Bill

Reps: Intro. 7/06/06; Passed 17/7/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 18/7/06; Passed 5/9/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Assent: 24/09/06; Act No. 9, 1906

Bounties Bill

Reps: Intro. 18/7/06; Passed 30/8/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 31/8/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Discharged from *Notice Paper* 12/10/06

Canteen Bill

Reps: Intro. 14/6/06; Passed 19/7/06
Amended in committee of the whole
Senate: Intro. 19/7/06
Second reading negatived 30/8/06

Commonwealth Electoral Bill

Reps: Intro. 28/9/06; passed 5/10/06
Senate: Intro. 5/10/06; passed 10/10/06
Amended in committee of the whole
House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendment 10/10/06
Assent: 12/10/06; Act No. 18, 1906

PS Constitution Alteration (Nationalisation of Monopolies) Bill

(Introduced by Senator Pearce—LAB)
Senate: Intro. 16/8/06
Second reading negatived 4/10/06

S Constitution Alteration (Senate Elections) Bill

Senate: Intro. 17/8/06; passed 19/9/06
Amended in committee of the whole
Reps: Intro. 19/9/06; passed 20/9/06
Assent: 03/04/1907; Act No. 1, 1907

Constitution Alteration (Special Duties) Bill

Reps: Intro. 30/8/06; Passed 20/9/06
Senate: Intro. 20/9/06
Amended in committee of the whole
Laid aside in the Senate 2/10/06

Constitution Alteration (State Debts) Bill

Reps: Intro. 5/9/06; Passed 20/9/06
Amended in committee of the whole
Senate: Intro. 20/9/06; Passed 2/10/06
Amended in committee of the whole
Disagreement between the Houses
Bill laid aside in the Senate 11/10/06

Customs Tariff (British Preference) Bill

Reps: Intro. 21/9/06; Passed 25/9/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 26/9/06; Passed 11/10/06

Requests for amendments agreed in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the House of Representatives 11/10/06

Governor-General recommended amendments 11/10/06

House of Representatives agreed to Governor-General's amendments 11/10/06

Senate disagreed with Governor-General's amendments 11/10/06

Reserved by Governor-General for the Sovereign's Assent 12/10/06

Customs Tariff (British Preference) Amendment Bill

Reps: Intro. 11/10/06; Passed 11/10/06

Senate: Intro. 11/10/06

First reading negatived 11/10/06

Customs Tariff (Harvesters) Bill

Reps: Intro. 21/9/06; Passed 21/9/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 24/9/06; Passed 8/10/06

Assent: 12/10/06; Act No. 14, 1906

Customs Tariff (South African Preference) Bill

Reps: Intro. 5/10/06; Passed 5/10/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 5/10/06; Passed 9/10/06

Assent: 12/10/06; Act No. 17, 1906

S Designs Bill

Senate: Intro. 15/6/06; Passed 22/6/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro. 22/6/06; Passed 3/8/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendments 9/8/06

Assent: 28/08/06; Act No. 4, 1906

PS Electoral Bill

(Introduced by Senator Pearce—LAB)

Senate: Intro. 19/7/06

Second reading negatived 26/7/06

Electoral Validating Bill

Reps: Intro. 17/8/06; Passed 22/8/06
Senate: Intro. 22/8/06; Passed 3/10/06
Assent: 08/10/06; Act No. 12, 1906

Excise Tariff (Amendment) Bill

Reps: Intro. 28/9/06; Passed 03/10/06
Senate: Intro. 4/10/06; Passed 9/10/06
Assent: 12/10/06; Act No. 15, 1906

Excise Tariff (Harvesters) Bill

Reps: Intro. 21/9/06; Passed 21/9/06
Amended in committee of the whole
Senate: Intro. 24/9/06
Requests for amendments agreed in committee of the whole
House of Representatives agreed to Senate requests for amendments 5/10/06
Bill as amended passed in the Senate 5/10/06
Assent: 12/10/06; Act No. 16, 1906

Excise Tariff (Spirits) Bill

Reps: Intro. 21/8/06; Passed 24/8/06
Senate: Intro. 28/8/06; Passed 25/9/06
Requests for amendments agreed in committee of the whole
Disagreement between the Houses
Final agreement by the House of Representatives 10/10/06
Assent 12/10/06; Act No. 20, 1906

Governor-General's Residence Bill

Reps: Intro. 28/6/06; Passed 29/6/06
Amended in committee of the whole
Senate: Intro. 18/7/06; Passed 27/7/06
Assent: 15/08/08; Act No. 2, 1906

Judiciary Bill

Reps: Intro. 11/7/06; Passed 20/7/06
Amended in committee of the whole
Senate: Intro. 25/7/06; Passed 23/08/06
Assent: 28/08/06; Act No. 5, 1906

Kalgoorlie to Port August Railway Survey Bill

Reps: Intro. 15/6/06; Passed 31/7/06
Senate: Intro. 1/8/06
Amended in committee of the whole
Third reading negatived 21/9/06

S Lands Acquisition Bill (previously Eminent Domain Bill)

Senate: Intro. 22/6/06; Passed 9/8/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro. 9/8/06; Passed 2/10/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendments 5/10/06

Assent: 12/10/06; Act No. 13, 1906

S Meteorology Bill

Senate: Intro. 15/06/06; Passed 22/6/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Reps: Intro. 22/6/06; Passed 1/8/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendment 8/8/06

Assent: 28/08/06; Act No. 3, 1906

Pacific Island Labourers Bill

Reps: Intro. 11/9/06; Passed 3/10/06

Senate: Intro. 4/10/06; Passed 10/10/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the House of Representatives 11/10/06

Assent: 12/10/06; Act No. 22, 1906

PS Papua Bill

(Introduced by Senator Stewart—LAB)

Senate: Intro. 16/8/06; Passed 14/9/06

Reps: Intro. 14/9/06

Patents Bill

Reps: Intro. 28/9/06; Passed 4/10/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 5/10/06; Passed 9/10/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the Senate 10/10/06

Assent: 12/10/06; Act No. 19, 1906

Public Service (Telegraph Messengers) Bill

Reps: Intro. 28/9/06; Passed 5/10/06

Senate: Intro. 5/10/06

First reading negatived 5/10/06

Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Bill

Reps: Intro. 28/8/06; Passed 20/9/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: Intro. 20/9/06; Passed 3/10/06

Amended in committee of the whole

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments 3/10/06

Assent: 08/10/06; Act No. 11, 1906

Spirits Bill

Reps: Intro. 21/8/06; Passed 30/8/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Senate: intro. 31/8/06; Passed 25/9/06

Amended in committee of the whole

Disagreement between the Houses

Final agreement by the House of Representatives 10/10/06

Assent 12/10/06; Act No. 21, 1906

Supply Bill (No. 1)

Reps: Intro. 21/6/06; Passed 21/6/06

Senate: Intro. 22/6/06; Passed 22/6/06

Assent: 28/06/06; Act No. 1, 1906

Supply Bill (No. 2)

Reps: Intro. 23/8/06; Passed 23/8/06

Senate: Intro. 24/8/06; Passed 29/8/06

Assent: 29/08/06; Act No. 6, 1906

Tasmanian Cable Rates Bill

Reps: Intro. 14/9/06; Passed 14/9/06

Senate: Intro. 18/9/06; Passed 27/9/06

Assent: 28/9/06; Act No. 10, 1906

KEY

S Senate Bill
PS Private Senator's Bill
PM Private Member's Bill

PROT Protectionist
FT Free Traders
LAB Labor Party

Bills still before the Senate

Number of bills still before the Senate at 12 October 1906: 0

Bills discharged from Notice Paper, laid aside or negatived

Bills discharged from Senate Notice Paper: 1

| Bill short title | Origin |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bounties Bill | House of Representatives |

Bills negatived at first reading 2

| Bill short title | Origin |
|--|--------------------------|
| Customs Tariff (British Preference) Amendment Bill | House of Representatives |
| Public Service (Telegraph Messengers) Bill | House of Representatives |

Bills negatived at second reading 3

| Bill short title | Origin |
|--|---------------|
| Canteen Bill | Senate |
| Electoral Bill | Senate |
| Constitution Alteration (Nationalisation of Monopolies) Bill | Senate |

Bills negatived at third reading 1

| Bill short title | Origin |
|--|--------------------------|
| Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta Railway Survey Bill | House of Representatives |

Bills laid aside in the Senate 2

| Bill short title | Origin |
|---|--------------------------|
| Constitution Alteration (State Debts) Bill | House of Representatives |
| Constitution Alteration (Special Duties) Bill | House of Representatives |

Amendments and requests—Disagreements

Bills on which there were disagreements between the Houses:

6

Constitution Alteration (State Debts) Bill

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendment no 2 and agreed to amendment no 1 with two amendments. (5 October 1906).

Senate agreed to the first amendment to amendment no. 1 but disagreed with the second amendment to amendment no. 1 (11 October 1906).

Senate laid the bill aside, 11 October 1906.

Customs Tariff (British Preference) Bill

House of Representatives agreed to Senate requests for amendments nos 2 and 3, disagreed with request for amendment no. 1, and made a further amendment (10 October 1906).

Senate pressed request for amendment no. 1 and informed the House of Representatives that its further amendment was not a modification of amendment no. 1 (10 October 1906).

House of Representatives agreed to Senate request for amendment no. 1 (11 October 1906).

House of Representatives agreed to amendments recommended by the Governor-General (11 October 1906).

Senate disagreed with amendments recommended by the Governor-General (11 October 1906), and the House of Representatives did not insist on the amendments (11 October 1906).

The Governor-General reserved the bill for the sovereign's assent.

Excise Tariff (Spirits) Bill

House of Representatives agreed to Senate requests for amendments nos 1, 3, 7, 8 and 9; agreed to request for amendment no. 2 with amendment; and disagreed with Senate request for amendments nos 4, 5 and 6 (3 October 1906).

Senate agreed to amendment of amendment no. 2, and pressed request for amendments nos 4, 5 and 6 (8 October 1906).

House of Representatives agreed with Senate request for amendment no. 6 and agreed to amendments nos 4 and 5 with amendment (10 October).

Senate pressed requested amendments nos 4 and 5; House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments nos 4 and 5 as originally requested (10 October 1906).

Pacific Island Labourers Bill

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments nos 2-6, and agreed to Senate amendment no. 1 with amendment (10 October 1906).

Senate disagreed with House of representatives amendment to amendment no. 1 (10 October 1906).

House of Representatives did not insist on its amendment to Senate amendment no. 1 (11 October 1906).

S Patents Bill

House of Representatives agreed with Senate amendment with amendment (10 October 1906).

Senate agreed to amendment made by the House of Representatives in the amendment of the Senate (10 October 1906).

S Spirits Bill

House of Representatives agreed to Senate amendments nos 1-3, 7-15, 17-20, agreed to Senate amendment no. 16 with amendment and a consequential amendment; and disagreed with Senate amendments nos 4, 5 and 6 (3 October 1906).

Senate agreed to House of Representatives amendment to amendment no. 16; did not insist upon its amendment to amendment no. 6; and insisted on amendments nos 4 and 5 (5 October 1906).

House of Representatives agreed to amendments nos 4 and 5 with amendments (10 October 1906).

Senate disagreed with amendments to amendments nos 4 and 5 (10 October 1906);

House of Representatives did not insist on amendments to amendment nos 4 and 5 (10 October 1906).

Motions to debate a matter of urgency

Prior to August 1975 a matter of urgency was debated on a motion that the Senate, at its rising, adjourn to an unusual time. The motion was then withdrawn or negatived.

Number of urgency motions:

2

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 21 June 1906 | Injustice suffered by an employee of the British Australasian Tobacco Company who was dismissed after giving evidence before a Royal Commission on Tobacco Monopoly Senator Pearce Debated and withdrawn |
| 26 September 1906 | Injustice suffered by an employee of the British Australasian Tobacco Company who was dismissed after giving evidence before a Royal Commission on Tobacco Monopoly Senator Neild Debated and withdrawn |

Motions agreed to

Only principal motions are listed. Excluded are procedural motions, motions relating to the consideration of bills, and routine motions relating to the next meeting of the Senate, leave of absence to senators, variations in sitting times, order and rearrangement of business before the Senate, suspension of standing and sessional orders, references to committees and motions to take note of documents. Orders for the production of documents (returns to order) are listed separately.

Number of principal motions agreed to: 7

| Subject | Agreed to |
|---|------------------|
| Electoral divisions: New South Wales (Senator Keating) | 15 June 1906 |
| Electoral divisions: Victoria (Senator Keating) | 15 June 1906 |
| Electoral divisions: Queensland (Senator Keating) | 15 June 1906 |
| Electoral divisions: Western Australia (Senator Keating) | 15 June 1906 |
| Governor-General's opening speech: status of Senate) Senator Neild) | 21 June 1906 |
| Mail services to Europe: agreement between Postmaster General and Sir James Laing and Sons Ltd (Senator Keating) | 3 August 1906 |
| Microbes: the introduction in New South Wales for destruction of rabbits (Senator O'Keefe) | 22 June 1906 |

Condolence motions

13 June 1906

Right Honourable R.J. Seddon

Prime Minister of New Zealand

Moved by Minister for Defence, debated and passed.

Senate adjourned as a mark of respect.

Orders for the production of documents

Number of orders for the production of documents

17

Conference of Officials and Fruit Exporters—Documents—Ordered 15 June 1906

Copy of resolutions carried at the conference of officials and fruit exporters, held in Sydney, in regard to regulations under the Commerce Act.

Tabled 20 June 1906

Conveyance of Members to Federal Parliament—Documents—Ordered 15 June 1906

Copy of the contract or agreement between the Commonwealth and the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales for the conveyance of Members of the Federal Parliament.

Tabled 18 July 1906

Customs Department, applications of lockers for restoration of seniority—Documents—Ordered 2 October 1906

Copies of papers connected with applications by lockers for restoration of seniority.

Eastern Extension Company, petition and signatories—Documents—Ordered 20 August 1906

Copy of petition and names of signatories concerning the Eastern Extension Company

Tabled 24 September 1906

Erection of Building for Military Purposes in Centennial Park—Documents—Ordered 15 June 1906

Copies of all papers connected with the proposed erection of a building for military purposes in the Centennial Park.

Tabled 18 July 1906

Federal offices in Melbourne, Rental—Documents—Ordered 21 June 1906

Return showing rentals paid by the Federal Government for offices in Melbourne.

Tabled 18 July 1906

General Officer Commanding and State Commandants, Travelling Expenses—Documents—Ordered 21 June 1906

Copies of vouchers covering the travelling expenses involved in the return laid before the House of Representatives on 31 May 1904.

Tabled 26 July 1906

High Court appointments—Documents—Ordered 9 October 1906

Copies of correspondence on the subject of appointments to the High Court.

Tabled 11 October 1906

Major General Hutton—Documents—Ordered 21 June 1906

Remaining papers connected with the claim of Major-General Hutton to be paid a sum in respect of a cable message having no relation to Commonwealth affairs.

Tabled 18 July 1906

Manufacture of Cigars, Tobaccos and Cigarettes—Documents—Ordered 28 August

Return showing numbers of males and females employed in the Commonwealth tobacco industry.

Tabled 11 October 1906

Mr J.R. Craig and the New Guinea Government—Documents—Ordered 21 June 1906

Summary of report by Mr Atlee Hunt regarding complaints made by Mr J.R. Craig against the government of New Guinea.

Tabled 18 July 1906

O'Brien Case, British New Guinea—Documents—Ordered 29 August 1906

Copies of papers relating to the O'Brien case in British New Guinea

Tabled 4 September 1906

Private Lands, Unimproved Value—Documents—Ordered 18 July 1906

Returns showing the unimproved value of privately owned land at different values.

Revenue from Customs and Excise Duties on Sugar—Documents—Ordered 3 August 1906

Return showing revenue collected since federation by means of customs and excise duties on sugar.

Tabled 8 August 1906

Richmond Case, New Guinea—Documents—Ordered 29 August 1906

Copy of preliminary and final reports concerning the Richmond case in New Guinea.

Tabled 4 September 1906

State Officers, Expense of Transfer—Documents—Ordered 26 July 1906

Return of the expenses incurred in connection with the transfer of officers from various departments in each financial year since federation.

Tabled 18 September 1906

Site of Federal Capital—Documents—Ordered 15 June 1906

Copies of documents relating to the question of the selection of a site for the Federal Capital.

Petitions

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Number of petitions: | 1 |
| Number of signatories: | 30 |

| | 1906 | 1906 |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| | Petitions | Signatures |
| Legislation for the abolition of canteens where intoxicating liquor is sold throughout the Commonwealth | 1 | 30 |

Committees

Disputed Returns and Qualifications Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to Standing Order no. 38, 14 June 1906

Members: Senators De Largie, Dobson, Macfarlane, Symon, Walker, Neild and Styles

House Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 14 June 1906

Members: President and Senators De Largie, Fraser, Neild, O'Keefe, Turley and Staniforth Smith

Report: Report from the Joint house Committee on the subject of the working of the refreshment rooms (*tabled 8 August 1906*)

Library Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 14 June 1906

Members: President and Senators Keating, Matheson, Millen, Stewart, Styles and Clemons

Report: Report from the Joint library Committee (*tabled 26 September 1906*)

Printing Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 14 June 1906

Members: Senators Dawson, Findley, Guthrie, Henderson, Macfarlane, Pulsford and Zeal

Reports: First Report (*tabled 26 July 1906*)
Second Report (*tabled 10 August 1906*)

Standing Orders Committee

Appointment: Pursuant to resolution of the Senate of 14 June 1906

Members: President, Chairman of Committees and Senators Best, Dobson, Gould, Playford, Pearce, Trenwith, and Symon

Attendance of senators, 1906

Sitting Period – 7 June to 12 October 1906
 Sitting Days – 57 Attendance Recorded 57 days

| <i>Senator</i> | <i>Days absent</i> | <i>Days absent on Leave</i> | <i>Days present</i> |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Baker (President) | 0 | 0 | 57 |
| Best | 4 | 0 | 53 |
| Clemons | 11 | 0 | 46 |
| Croft | 4 | 0 | 53 |
| Dawson | 4 | 13 | 40 |
| De Largie | 0 | 0 | 57 |
| Dobson | 0 | 0 | 57 |
| Drake | 7 | 0 | 50 |
| Findley | 6 | 0 | 51 |
| Fraser | 10 | 0 | 47 |
| Givens | 27 | 0 | 30 |
| Gould | 21 | 0 | 36 |
| Gray | 46 | 2 | 9 |
| Guthrie | 0 | 0 | 57 |
| Henderson | 4 | 0 | 53 |
| Higgs | 1 | 0 | 56 |
| Keating | 0 | 0 | 57 |
| Macfarlane | 15 | 0 | 42 |
| Matheson | 25 | 32 | 0 |
| McGregor | 3 | 0 | 54 |
| Millen | 3 | 0 | 54 |
| Mulcahy | 7 | 0 | 50 |
| Neild | 27 | 0 | 30 |
| O'Keefe | 5 | 0 | 52 |
| Pearce | 6 | 0 | 51 |
| Playford | 0 | 0 | 57 |
| Pulsford | 14 | 0 | 43 |
| Smith | 0 | 0 | 57 |
| Stewart | 7 | 0 | 50 |
| Story | 5 | 0 | 52 |
| Styles | 7 | 0 | 50 |
| Symon | 26 | 0 | 31 |
| Trenwith | 8 | 0 | 49 |
| Turley | 3 | 0 | 54 |
| Walker | 11 | 0 | 46 |
| Zeal | 38 | 0 | 19 |

Appendix 1

Ministers in the Senate, 1901-1906

| | |
|--|---|
| <i>Senator Richard Edward O'Connor</i> | Vice President of the Executive Council 1 January 1901–24 September 1903 |
| <i>Senator James George Drake</i> | Postmaster-General, 5 February 1901–10 August 1903 Minister for Defence 10 August 1903–24 September 1903 Attorney-General 24 September 1903–27 April 1904 Vice-President of the Executive Council 18 August 1904–5 July 1905 |
| <i>Senator Thomas Playford</i> | Vice-President of the Executive Council 24 September 1903–27 April, 1904 Minister for Defence 5 July 1905–24 January 1907 |
| <i>Senator Anderson Dawson</i> | Minister for Defence 27 April 1904–17 August 1904 |
| <i>Senator Gregor McGregor</i> | Vice-President of the Executive Council 27 April 1904–17 August 1904 |
| <i>Senator Sir Josiah Symon</i> | Attorney-General 18 August 1904–5 July 1905 |
| <i>Senator John Henry Keating</i> | Minister without portfolio 5 July 1905–12 October 1906 Vice-President of the Executive Council 12 October 1906–20 February 1907 |

Appendix 2

Chronology of Parliaments, 1901–1906

First Parliament elected 29 and 30 March 1901

First session commenced 9 May 1901

Closed 10 October, 1902

Prorogued 10 October 1902

Second session commenced 26 May 1903

Closed 22 October 1903

Prorogued 22 October 1903

House of Representatives dissolved 23 November 1903

Second Parliament elected 16 December 1903

First session commenced 2 March 1904

Closed 15 December 1904

Prorogued 15 December 1904

Second session commenced 28 June 1905

Closed 21 December 1905

Prorogued 21 December 1905

Third session commenced 7 June 1906

Closed 12 October 1906

Prorogued 12 October 1906

House of Representatives dissolved 5 November 1906¹

¹ *Biographical Handbook and Record of Elections for the Parliament of the Commonwealth*, Library Committee of the Commonwealth Parliament, 1915

Appendix 3

Summary of general statistics 1901–1906

| | 1901 | 1902 | 1903 | 1904 | 1905 | 1906 |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Number of sitting days | 85 | 93 | 62 | 64 | 66 | 57 |
| Hours of sitting | 446 hours 49 minutes | 520 hours 25 minutes | 324 hours 53 minutes | 313 hours 23 minutes | 358 hours 46 minutes | 377 hours 33 minutes |
| Average length of a sitting day | 5 hours 15 minutes | 5 hours 39 minutes | 5 hours 30 minutes | 4 hours 53 minutes | 5 hours 31 minutes | 6 hours 15 minutes |
| Longest sitting day | 8 hours 43 minutes | 9 hours 43 minutes | 10 hours | 17 hours 21 minutes | 12 hours 8 minutes | 13 hours 28 minutes |
| Shortest sitting day | 16 minutes | 32 minutes | 30 minutes | 23 minutes | 8 minutes | 27 minutes |
| Questions placed on notice | 104 | 167 | 223 | 104 | 188 | 99 |
| Questions without notice | 53 | 37 | 61 | 48 | 140 | 83 |
| Petitions presented | 44 | 52 | 104 | 8 | 6 | 1 |
| Signatories to petitions | 35 199 | 6 640 | 10 085 | 469 | 2 183 | 30 |
| Urgency motions | 5 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 2 |
| Principal motions agreed to | 9 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 15 | 7 |
| Condolence motions and addresses of condolence | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Orders for the production of documents | 29 | 10 | 15 | 14 | 20 | 17 |
| Divisions | 120 | 254 | 108 | 61 | 135 | 151 |

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