



Senate Daily Summary

8 November 2000

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.33pm

Legislation

[For full text of bills and other associated documents click here](#) 

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Horticulture Marketing and Research and Development Services Bill 2000
Horticulture Marketing and Research and Development Services (Repeals and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2000

The following bills were considered

Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Debt Recovery) Bill 2000—second reading agreed to
Gene Technology Bill 2000 and two related bills—second reading agreed to
States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Bill 2000—second reading debate began [The Opposition moved a [second reading amendment](#) to the bill expressing a view about the bill's policy]

The following bills were passed with amendments

[Family Law Amendment Bill 2000](#)—(18 Government, 1 Democrat and 2 Opposition amendments agreed to) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]
Fuel Quality Standards Bill 2000—(1 clause omitted, 13 Opposition and 2 Democrat amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill as amended])

The following message from the House of Representatives was considered

[Telecommunications \(Consumer Protection and Service Standards\) Amendment Bill \(No. 2\) 2000](#)—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to amendments nos 3 to 16 and disagreed to nos 1 and 2 made by the Senate, making substitute amendments for the two disagreed to. The Senate agreed to the substitute amendments. [This bill will now be assented to]

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

Committees

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

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Reports tabled

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 16 of 2000](#) and [16th report](#) of 2000 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 19 of 2000](#) (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- *Telecommunications Legislation Amendment Bill 2000*—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

New inquiries

The Senate agreed to refer the following matters to committees:

- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—[Christmas Island resort sale tender process](#)—to report by 5 April 2001
- Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee—Commonwealth public sector and defence force unfunded [superannuation funds and schemes](#)—to report by the last sitting day in March 2001

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

Notice of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Fair Prices and Better Access for All (Petroleum) Bill 1999 and the practice of multi-site franchising by oil companies—Economics References Committee—6 December 2000

Delegated legislation

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

Parts of regulations disallowed

The Senate agreed to disallow Part 47 of the Civil Aviation Regulations in Item [7] of Schedule 2 and Items [1], [4] and [5] of Schedule 3 of the Civil Aviation Amendment Regulations 2000 (no. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 204 and made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*

Notice of motion withdrawn

[A notice of motion](#) to disallow the two determinations about child care was withdrawn

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

Notices of motion

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

[A notice of motion](#) setting out the 2001 sitting pattern was given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Orders for the return of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Brown gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Sport and Tourism to table the grant application by Forestry Tasmania and the documentation of the approval of the Dismal Swamp Project, held by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (no later than immediately after question time on the next day of sitting)

Document tabled

An Australian Competition and Consumer Commission report on anti-competitive and other practices by health funds and providers in relation to private health insurance for the period ending 30 June 2000 ([order agreed to 25 March 1999](#)) was tabled

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

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

Petitions

[A petition](#) was tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Matters of public interest debate
- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Government documents were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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