



Senate Daily Summary

17 August 2000

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.28pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2000

Interactive Gambling (Moratorium) Bill 2000

Trade Marks Amendment (Madrid Protocol) Bill 2000

Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 2000

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2000

Defence Legislation Amendment (Flexible Career Practices) Bill 2000

With amendments

[Copyright Amendment \(Digital Agenda\) Bill 2000](#)—(1 item negatived, 1 Opposition and 19 Government amendments agreed to) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate to this bill]

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

Corporate Code of Conduct Bill 2000—Notice of motion given by Senator Bourne

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

Committees

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Reports tabled

- ❑ Excise Amendment (Compliance Improvement) Bill 2000–Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ Japan’s economy: Implications for Australia (First report)–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
- ❑ Petroleum Excise Amendment (Measures to Address Evasion) Bill 2000–Economics Legislation Committee
- ❑ Publications Committee–[17th Report](#) (report adopted)
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee–Report No. 12 of 2000 ([tabled and adopted](#), and [revised](#)) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Information about committees

- ❑ The Chairman of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee made [a statement](#) relating to the work of the committee during 1999-2000
- ❑ Work of Committees–1 January to 30 June 2000, and statistics for 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 was tabled

Government response to a committee report tabled

- ❑ Amendments proposed to the International Whaling Commission (23rd Report)–Treaties Joint Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–Senator Conroy to replace Senator George Campbell for consideration of the Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 7) 2000
- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–Senator Lundy to replace Senator Bolkus for consideration of the Interactive Gambling (Moratorium) Bill 2000
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–Senator Hutchins appointed
- ❑ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–Senator Hutchins appointed
- ❑ Lucas Heights Reactor–Select Committee–Senators George Campbell, Chapman, Forshaw, Lightfoot, McLucas and Sandy Macdonald appointed
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee–Senator Ludwig appointed

Meeting

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

- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–17 August 2000 from 4 to 6pm

Reporting dates

The Senate agreed to the following extensions of time for committees to report:

- ❑ Japan's economy: Implications for Australia (Second report)–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–2 November 2000
- ❑ Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–29 August 2000

Delegated legislation

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

Regulations disallowed

The Senate *agreed to disallow* the Workplace Relations Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 121 and made under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*

Notices of motion given

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

- ❑ A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 77 and made under the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999*–15 sitting days after today
- ❑ Australian Postal Corporation Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 76 and made under the *Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989*–15 sitting days after today
- ❑ Child Support (Assessment) (Overseas-related Maintenance Obligations) Regulations 2000, as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 79 and made under the *Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989*–15 sitting days after today
- ❑ Child Support (Registration and Collection) (Overseas-related Maintenance Obligations) Regulations 2000, as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 80 and made under the *Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act 1988*–15 sitting days after today
- ❑ Family Law Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 81 and made under the *Family Law Act 1975*–15 sitting days after today
- ❑ Instrument No. CASA 06/00, made under regulation 152 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988–15 sitting days after today

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

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion (after debate) which related to:

- ❑ [Fiji–Maintenance of sanctions](#)–Moved by Senator West

The Senate also agreed to motions without debate which related to:

- ❑ [Australia-China human rights dialogue](#)–Moved by Senator Brown
- ❑ [South Australia–Nuclear waste dump](#)–Moved by Senator Allison

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the return of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered the Minister representing the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs to table draft guidelines on the calculation of SES scores and certain SES scores (no later than immediately after question time on 28 August 2000)

Documents tabled

- Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for [two agencies](#) were tabled
- [Unproclaimed legislation](#)—Document providing details of all provisions of Acts which come into effect on proclamation and which have not yet been proclaimed (*tabled pursuant to standing order 139(2)*)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- Department of the Senate—Senior officers' travelling allowance payment details 1999-2000, dated August 2000

Petitions

[2 petitions](#) were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- [President's absence](#)—28-31 August 2000
- [Opposition Deputy Whip](#)—Senator Ludwig appointed (to replace Senator Quirke who resigned earlier this week)
- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were further discussed
- Adjournment debate

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