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Senate Daily Summary

2 November 2000

The Senate met from 9.30am until 8.12pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Child Support Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000

Wool Services Privatisation Bill 2000

The following bill was considered

Health Insurance Amendment (Rural and Remote Area Medical Practitioners) Bill 2000—second reading agreed to

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

Criminal Code Amendment (Theft, Fraud, Bribery and Related Offences) Bill 1999

Patents Amendment (Innovation Patents) Bill 2000

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000 [These bills will now be assented to]

National Crime Authority Amendment Bill 2000 (No. 2) [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill]

With amendments

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Bill 2000—(2 Opposition amendments agreed to) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate to this bill]

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

Committees

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Reports tabled

- ❑ *Australian Public Service employment matters—First report: Australian workplace agreements*—Finance and Public Administration References Committee
- ❑ Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—Report No. 379—Contract management in the Australian Public Service

Government response to a committee report tabled

- ❑ *Bougainville: The peace process and beyond*—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Contract for a new reactor at Lucas Heights Select Committee—Senator Allison discharged; Senator Stott Despoja appointed
- ❑ Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee—Senator Crossin to replace Senator Collins for the inquiry into the Australian Research Council Bill 2000 and the Australian Research Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000

New inquiry

The Senate agreed to refer the following matter to a committee:

- ❑ Importation of fresh apple fruit from New Zealand—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by the last sitting day in March 2001

Reporting date

The Senate agreed to the following extension of time for a committee to report:

- ❑ Education Services for Overseas Students Bill 2000 and four related bills—Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee—28 November 2000

Notices of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund Joint Committee—9 November 2000 from 4.00pm to 7.00pm

To extend a reporting deadline

- ❑ Initial terms of reference—Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee—15 March 2001

Additional sitting days

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts to make changes to the November and December 2000 sitting pattern. The supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings have been brought forward to 22, 23 and, if required, 24 November.

Motions

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate about [Parliamentarians' entitlements](#)—moved by Senator Murray

Motion defeated

The Senate defeated a motion moved by Senator Brown about the [Indian Sardar Sarovar project](#)

Motion debated

- ❑ The Senate debated a motion (moved by Senator Bishop) about the restructuring of the [Australian Broadcasting Corporation](#)

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the return of documents

Statement by Minister and document tabled

The Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government [made a statement](#) relating to the production of documents concerning heavy truck specifications. The Minister tabled a copy of a letter to the Federal Office of Road Safety from Given Emerson, Chartered Loss Adjustors (in response to a motion moved by Senator Harris on 1 November 2000)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

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

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports and government responses were discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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