



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 28 November 2000

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The Senate met from 2.00pm until 10.30pm

Legislation

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The following bill was introduced in the Senate

Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Bill 2000

The following bills were considered

Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Debt Recovery) Bill 2000—committee of the whole commenced

Telecommunications Legislation Amendment Bill 2000—second reading debate continued

The following bills were passed

With amendments

ACIS Administration Amendment Bill 2000—1 [Government amendment](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate]

[Aged Care Amendment Bill 2000](#)—1 Opposition (amended by 3 Democrat and 12 Government amendments), 2 Opposition (1 amended by the Government) and 1 Democrat amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Broadcasting Services Amendment Bill 2000—4 Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill as amended]

The following messages from the House of Representatives were considered

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Bill 2000—The message reported that the House of Representatives had disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate and made substitute amendments. The Senate agreed to the substitute amendments. [The bill will now be assented to]

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Bill 2000–The message reported that the House of Representatives had not made the amendments requested by the Senate. The Senate agreed to press the requests. [The House of Representatives will now consider the requests again]

The following bill was exempted from the cut-off order (to enable consideration this period of sittings)

Jurisdiction of Courts (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2000

Bill assented to

[Assent](#) to a bill was reported in the Senate

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Committees

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Reports tabled

- Additional estimates for the Department of the Senate 2000-2001–34th report– Appropriations and Staffing Committee
- Australian Research Council Bills– Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee
- Education Services for Overseas Student Bills–Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee
- Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) Bill 2000–Interim report– Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee

Membership

Message from the House of Representatives reported

A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that Mr St Clair would replace Mr Forrest on the Electoral Matters Joint Committee

Variation of reporting date

The Senate agreed to a variation in the reporting date for the inquiry into the Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) Bill 2000, to provide that the committee present an interim report on 28 November 2000 and a final report on 8 February 2001

Meetings

Public meetings

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

- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–30 November 2000 from 5pm to 10pm
- Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee–28 November 2000 from 7.30pm to 11pm
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–1 December 2000 from 9.30am

- ❑ Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee–29 November 2000 from 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Reconvened Estimates hearing

The Senate directed the Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee to reconvene—for further examination of the Office of the Employment Advocate—7 December from 10am to 12.45pm.

Reporting dates

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

- ❑ Government's response to the recommendations contained in the report *Bringing Them Home*—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—30 November 2000
- ❑ Lucas Heights new reactor—Select Committee—4 April 2001
- ❑ Public hospital funding—Community Affairs References Committee—8 December 2000

Delegated legislation

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

Consideration of disallowance motion

The Senate debated a motion to disallow item 19 of Schedule 1 of the Dairy Structural Adjustment Program Scheme Amendment 2000 (No. 3) made under the *Dairy Produce Act 1986*. The Senate agreed **not to disallow** the item.

Notices of motion withdrawn

Notices of motion relating to the following delegated legislation were withdrawn:

- ❑ Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2000, as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 181 and made under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*
- ❑ National Food Authority Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 1) as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 122 and made under the *Australia New Zealand Food Authority Act 1991*

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

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- ❑ [International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women](#)—moved jointly by Senators Patterson, Lees and Crowley
- ❑ [Parliamentary zone](#)—Matters concerning the construction of Commonwealth Place; construction of the Magna Carta monument; and erection of temporary structures related to the V8 Supercar Race Carnival to be held in June 2001—moved by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Notices of motion

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

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

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

Petition

[A petition](#) was tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time

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Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Portfolios allocated: Finance and Administration; Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet

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The committee met from 7.33pm until 11.04pm.

The committee **completed:**

- Department of Finance and Public Administration (output 3.1), Australian Electoral Commission and Office of Asset Sales and Information Technology Outsourcing
- supplementary budget estimates consideration**

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