



Senate Daily Summary

7 September 2000

The Senate met from 9.30am until 8.01pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Criminal Code Amendment (United Nations and Associated Personnel) Bill 2000

Fuel Quality Standards Bill 2000

Patents Amendment (Innovation Patents) Bill 2000

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000

Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability) Amendment Bill 2000

Trade Practices Amendment (International Liner Cargo Shipping) Bill 2000

With amendments

[The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments]

[Defence Legislation Amendment \(Aid to Civilian Authorities\) Bill 2000](#)–

(2 Opposition and 6 Government amendments agreed to 7/9/00) [Senator Harris moved an amendment to the motion for the third reading which, if carried, would have had the effect of disposing of the bill. See [Standing Order 122\(3\)](#)]

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2000–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [The 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

- ❑ Publications Committee–[18th Report](#) (report adopted)
- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Australian Workplace Agreements Procedures) Bill 2000, Workplace Relations Amendment (Secret Ballots for Protected Action) Bill 2000, Workplace Relations Amendment (Tallies and Picnic Days) Bill 2000 and the Workplace Relations Amendment (Termination of Employment) Bill 2000–Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee

Government response to a committee report tabled

- ❑ World debt: Report on proceedings of a seminar, Canberra, 27 August 1999–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- ❑ Electoral Matters Joint Committee–Discharged: Senator Boswell, Appointed: Senator Ferris
- ❑ Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee–Senator Crossin to replace Senator Collins for the consideration of the Education Services for Overseas Students Bill 2000 and related bills
- ❑ Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–Senator Tierney to replace Senator Eggleston for the consideration of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment Bill 2000 on 21 September 2000
- ❑ Legal and Constitutional Legislation and References Committees –Senator Ludwig appointed as participating member
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–Senator Tierney to replace Senator Crane for the inquiry into the incidence and management of Ovine Johnes disease in the Australian sheep flock on 18 and 19 September 2000

New inquiry

The Senate agreed to refer the Wool Services Privatisation Bill 2000 to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–to report by 10 October 2000

Variation of reference

The Senate agreed to a variation in the [terms of reference](#) of the inquiry into child migration to Australia being conducted by the Community Affairs References Committee

Meeting

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

- ❑ Community Affairs Legislation Committee–4 October 2000 from 3.30pm

Reporting dates

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

- ❑ Administrative Review Tribunal Bill 2000–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee– first sitting day in 2001
- ❑ Air safety–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–last sitting day in December 2000

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- ❑ Global warming and the Convention on Climate Change (Implementation) Bill 1999–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–12 October 2000
- ❑ Telecommunications and electro-magnetic emissions–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–Thursday of the fourth sitting week in 2001

To refer matters to a committee

- ❑ Australian Federal Police and the National Crime Authority–Operational arrangements, funding and related matters–Legal and Constitutional References Committee–to report by the first sitting day in August 2001

To note the failure to provide answers to questions taken on notice at estimates hearings

- ❑ To note with continuing concern the failure of the Assistant Treasurer and the Department of the Treasury to provide timely answers to questions taken on notice at the most recent estimates hearings

Delegated legislation

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

Notices of motion given

Notices of motion were given to disallow two instruments about [hearing services](#)

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

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate which related to:

- ❑ [Cassowary Habitat](#)–Threatened species–moved by Senator Bartlett
- ❑ [National Threatened Species Day](#)–moved by Senator Bartlett
- ❑ [National Threatened Species Day](#)–moved by Senator Bartlett
- ❑ [S11 protest at World Economic Forum](#)–moved by Senator Brown

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 for Education, Training and Youth Affairs to table documents relating to SES scores and related matters (by immediately after question time on 3 October 2000)—motion moved by Senator Carr (see also *Senate Daily Summary*, dated [16](#), [17](#), [28](#), [29](#) and [30](#) August 2000)

Documents tabled

- The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts tabled certain contracts between Telstra Corporation and Leighton Holdings and its subsidiaries (in response to a motion moved by Senator Bishop on 31 August 2000)
- Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 1999 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for [various agencies](#) were tabled

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- Auditor-General—Report No. 8 of 2000-2001—Performance audit—Amphibious transport ship project: Department of Defence
- [Clerk's documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)

Petitions

No petitions were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

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

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