

Senate Daily Summary

31 August 2000

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.39pm

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Protection of the Sea (Civil Liability) Amendment Bill 2000

Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Amendment Bill 2000

Workplace Relations Amendment (Secret Ballots for Protected Action) Bill 2000

The following bill was considered

Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2000—
committee of the whole commenced (1 Opposition amendment pending)

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2000

Retirement Assistance for Farmers Scheme Extension Bill 2000

Trade Marks Amendment (Madrid Protocol) Bill 2000

With amendments

Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2000—(4 Government amendments
agreed to) [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill as amended]

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

No reports were tabled

Government response to a committee report tabled

- Rocking the cradle: A report into childbirth procedures—Community References Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee—
 - Senator Brandis appointed a participating member
 - Senator Crane to replace Senator Brandis for matters relating to employment, workplace relations and small business from 7pm on 31 August 2000

Meetings

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

- Information Technologies Select Committee—5 September 2000 from 6pm to 8pm

Reporting date

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

- Gene Technology Bill 2000—Community Affairs References Committee—10 October 2000

Notice of motion given

To refer a matter to a committee

- The constitutional validity of the Defence Legislation Amendment (Aid to Civilian Authorities) Bill 2000—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by 11 October 2000

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

- To note the failure of the Chair of the Economics Legislation committee to ensure that questions taken on notice by the Department of the Treasury during estimates hearings were responded to within 30 days and to further note that these answers are now some 60 days overdue

Delegated legislation

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

Notices of motion given

Notices of motion to disallow [nine instruments](#) were given

Notices of intention given to withdraw notices

Notices of intention to withdraw notices to disallow [four instruments](#) were given

Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion was withdrawn to disallow the Defence (Prohibited Words and Letters) Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 41 and made under the *Defence Act 1903*

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

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate that congratulated [Stuart Rendell](#) for his selection in the Australian team for the Year 2000 Olympic games

Motion debated

[The Senate debated](#) a motion (moved by Senator Cook) about Australia's participation in the United Nations Human Rights Committee system

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the return of documents

Documents tabled

An indexed list of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2000 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs was tabled

Motion agreed to

[The Senate ordered](#) the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts to table certain contracts between Telstra Corporation and Leighton Holdings and its subsidiaries (no later than immediately after question time on 6 September 2000)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

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

Petitions

[2 petitions](#) were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ 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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