



Senate Daily Summary

9 October 2000

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.55pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000

Health Insurance Amendment (Rural and Remote Area Medical Practitioners) Bill 2000

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Bill 2000

Workplace Relations Amendment (Australian Workplace Agreements Procedures) Bill 2000

The following bills were considered

[Migration Legislation Amendment \(Parents and Other Measures\) Bill 2000](#)—

committee of the whole commenced (7 Government amendments agreed to, 2 schedules negated)

Migration (Visa Application) Charge Amendment Bill 2000—committee of the whole commenced

The following bills were passed

Without requests

Renewable Energy (Electricity) (Charge) Bill 2000 [This bill will now be assented to]

With amendments

[Renewable Energy \(Electricity\) Bill 2000](#) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate to this bill]

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

Australian Bill of Rights Bill 2000—Notice of motion given by Senator Lees [Private senator's bill]

The following bill was defeated at the third reading

Interactive Gambling (Moratorium) Bill 2000

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

Committees

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Reports tabled

- *Agreement for Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy*–35th Report–Treaties Joint Committee
- *Migration Legislation Amendment Bill No. 2 (2000)*–Migration Joint Committee

Membership

The House of Representatives advised the Senate that Mr Schultz had been appointed to the National Crime Authority Joint Committee in place of Mr Somlyay

Reporting dates

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

- Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) Bill 2000–Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee–28 November 2000
- Vocational education and training–Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee–9 November 2000

Notice of motion given

To extend a reporting deadline

- Matters specified in paragraph (c) of the terms of reference for the inquiry into online delivery of Australian Broadcasting Corporation material–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–29 March 2001

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 the following delegated legislation:

- Child Care Benefit (Breach of Conditions for Continued Approval) Determination 2000 and Child Care Benefit (Eligibility of Child Care Services for Approval and Continued Approval) Determination, made under subsections 200(5) and 205(1), respectively, of the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999*–6 November 2000–by Senator Evans
- Civil Aviation Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 204, made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*–10 sitting days after today–by Senator Greig
- [6 instruments](#)–15 sitting days after today–by Senator Calvert

Notice of intention given to withdraw notices

A notice of intention to withdraw notices to disallow [4 instruments](#) was given

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- ❑ [Aborigines–Art exhibition](#)—moved by Senator Ridgeway
- ❑ [Aborigines–Reconciliation committees](#)—moved by Senator Ridgeway

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the return of documents

Statement by Minister

The Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government [made a statement](#) indicating that the Government was unable to table the correspondence, reports, investigations and any other information and documentation from the Federal Office of Road Safety in relation to certain matters (agreed to by the Senate on 5 October 2000) by the due date. The Minister advised that the documents would be tabled as soon as practicable.

Question on notice—failure to provide answer

Senator O’Brien asked the Leader of the Government in the Senate for an explanation for answers not being provided to 92 questions on notice asked of ministers. The minister indicated that answers would be provided.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ *Australia and the European Institutions in 2000: An Australian parliamentary perspective*—Report of the Australian parliamentary delegation to the European Institutions, 10 to 18 June 2000
- ❑ [Clerk’s documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- ❑ Government documents: No government documents were tabled

Petitions

[3 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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