



Senate Daily Summary

26 June 2000

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 11.06pm

Childers tragedy

The President made a statement relating to the deaths of people in the fire at the Childers backpackers hostel in Queensland on 23 June 2000. Senators stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Centenary of Federation

The Senate agreed to a motion to accept an invitation from the Presiding Officers of the Houses of Parliament of Victoria to meet in Melbourne on 9 and 10 May 2001 to commemorate the first sittings of the Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament in 1901

Privilege

The President reported that a matter of privilege had been raised by the Corporations and Securities Joint Committee concerning the alleged unauthorised disclosure of a submission which the committee received on a confidential basis. The Chair of the Corporations and Securities Joint Committee gave a [notice of motion](#) to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges.

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

A New Tax System (Tax Administration) Bill (No. 2) 2000

Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000

The following bills were considered

Diesel and Alternative Fuels Grants Scheme Amendment Bill 2000—second reading debate continued [The Opposition moved a second reading amendment expressing a view about the bill's policy]

Indirect Tax Legislation Amendment Bill 2000—[4 amendments and 3 requests](#) (moved by the Government) were agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the requests made by the Senate to this bill]

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Matters) Bill 2000—The message reported that the House of Representatives had disagreed to the request made by the Senate [The Senate will consider this message on a future sitting day]

The following messages from the House of Representatives were considered

Corporations Law Amendment (Employee Entitlements) Bill 2000—The Senate considered a message from the House of Representatives disagreeing to an amendment made by the Senate. The Senate agreed not to insist on the amendment. [The bill will now be assented to]

New Business Tax System (Miscellaneous) Bill 1999— The Senate considered a message from the House of Representatives reporting that it had disagreed to the amendment made by the Senate and had made an identical amendment because it was of the view that the Senate's amendment should have been a request under section 53 of the Constitution. The Senate agreed to the amendment made by the House of Representatives. [The bill will now be assented to] (and *see* **Procedural change**)

Proclamations

[Proclamations](#) by the Governor-General were tabled announcing when particular Arts would commence

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

Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings click here](#) [▶](#)

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

Additional information received by the following committees was tabled:

- ❑ Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Additional estimates 1999-2000 (volume 2)
- ❑ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Additional estimates 199-2000 (volume 1)

Reports tabled

- ❑ Accountability to the Senate in relation to government contracts—Finance and Public Administration References Committee
- ❑ The 1998 federal election: Inquiry into the conduct of the 1998 federal election and matters related thereto—Electoral Matters Joint Committee

Meeting

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

- Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee–26 June 2000 from 8pm

Notice of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Corporations and Securities Joint Committee–28 June 2000 from 5.30pm

Procedural change

[The Senate agreed](#) to require that all requests for amendments circulated in the chamber be accompanied by a statement of reasons for them being requests and a statement from the Clerk of the Senate to indicate if the statement of reasons conformed with Senate practice. The resolution arose from consideration of whether certain Senate amendments should have been drafted as requests (moved during consideration of the New Business Tax System (Miscellaneous) Bill 1999 (see *Senate Daily Summary*, 8 June 2000, Legislation, Messages reported from the House of Representatives).

Delegated legislation

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

Notices of motion withdrawn

[Notices of motion](#) were withdrawn to disallow 3 instruments relating to health insurance

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

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the return of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Cook gave a notice of motion to require the Assistant Treasurer to table a copy of the economic modelling, including the methodology and assumptions, relating to petrol pricing and referred to by the Prime Minister in his interview on the Channel Nine *Sunday* program on 25 June 2000 (no later than 4pm on 28 June 2000)]

Documents tabled

A document (and attachments) prepared by the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation relating to fuel for the new nuclear reactor at Lucas Heights was tabled (in response to a motion moved by Senator Bolkus on 20 June 2000)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) (disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled)
- ❑ Government documents: No government documents were tabled
- ❑ Parliamentary delegation reports relating to: Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, Amman (103rd IPU Conference) and Tanzania, and Canberra (8th annual meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum)

Petition

[A petition](#) was tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

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

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