



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 1 March 2001

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.10pm

Legislation

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

The following bills was introduced in the Senate

Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2000

Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement Bill 2000

Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Post-retirement Commutations) Bill 2000

The following bills were considered

Broadcasting Services Amendment (Multi-channelling) Bill 2001—This bill was created when the Senate agreed to a motion moved by Senator Bourne to divide the Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2000 [2001] into two separate bills.

The Senate also agreed to two other motions moved by Senator Bourne: to amend the new bill and to postpone further consideration of the bill until 6 August 2001

Customs Tariff Amendment (Petrol Tax Cut) Bill 2001 [Private senator's bill]—second reading debate continued

Excise Tariff Amendment (Petrol Tax Cut) Bill 2001 [Private senator's bill]—second reading debate continued

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2000

Communications and the Arts Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000

With amendments

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2000 [2001]—This bill was divided into two (see the section on the consideration of bills, above). The remainder of the original bill was passed [Government and Opposition amendments to the bill were [agreed to](#) on 27/2/01]

Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001—2 Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill as amended]

Workplace Relations Amendment (Tallies and Picnic Days) Bill 2000–5 Democrat [amendments agreed to](#) (1 amended by 2 Opposition) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

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

Committees

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Report tabled

- National Crime Authority Legislation Bill 2000–National Crime Authority Joint Committee

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- Australia and APEC: A review of Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation–Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade References Committee
- Australia and ASEAN: Managing change–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Australia’s trade relationship with India: Commonwealth, common language, cricket and beyond–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Islands to islands: Communication with Australia’s external territories–National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee
- Japan’s economy: Implications for Australia–Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade References Committee
- Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Bill 2000–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- The 1998 federal election: Inquiry into the conduct of the 1998 federal election and matters related thereto–Electoral Matters Joint Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following change to committee membership:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Senator Forshaw to replace Senator Evans for the consideration of the Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment Bill 2001

Notice of motion given to extend reporting deadlines

- Sale of Christmas Island resort–National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–18 June 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:

- ❑ Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 305 and made under the *Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act 1987*–15 sitting days after today–by the Chairman of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee
- ❑ Regulations 11 and 19 of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001, as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 2 and made under the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000*–on 6 March 2001–by Senator Brown

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

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate about:

- ❑ [Genetically-modified crops in Tasmania](#)–moved by Senator Brown
- ❑ [National Missile Defence System](#)–moved by Senator Cook [a Democrat amendment moved to the motion was negatived]
- ❑ [Noel Butlin Archives](#)–moved by Senator Carr

Motion defeated

[A motion](#) moved by Senator Allison about the Formula One Grand Prix to be held in Melbourne was defeated

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to

The Senate ordered the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources to table a list of certain firms registered for the TCF Strategic Investment Program (no later than immediately after taking note of answers to questions without notice on 26 March 2001)–motion moved by Senator George Campbell

Notice of motion given

Senator Cook gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Treasurer to table certain Segment Accountability reports and other documents (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers to questions without notice on 7 March 2001)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

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

No government documents were tabled

Petitions

[2 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Senator Schacht was suspended from the sitting of the Senate for the rest of the day for persistent and wilful refusal to conform to standing orders
- ❑ Government documents, committee reports, government responses and Auditor-General's reports were further discussed
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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