The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.38pm

**Legislation**
For full text of bills and other associated documents click here

The following bills were introduced in the Senate
Electoral and Referendum Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001
Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2000

The following bill was considered
Administrative Decisions (Effect of International Instruments) Bill 1999–second reading debate continued

The following bills were passed
*Without amendments or requests*
[These bills will now be assented to]
Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2000-2001
Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2000-2001
Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2000-2001

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported
Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001–The message reported that House of Representatives had agreed to this bill without amendment [This bill will now be assented to]

Notices of motion given
*To exempt bills from certain provisions of standing order 111* [to enable consideration this period of sittings]
Crimes Amendment (Age Determination) Bill 2001
Electoral and Referendum Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001

*To introduce a bill*
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment Bill 2001–notice of motion given by the Parliamentary Secretary for the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

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

For scheduled public committee hearings click here
For committee reports click here

Estimates
Additional information tabled
☐ Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee–Additional Estimates 1999-2000 (vols 4-6)

Reports tabled
☐ Parliamentary visit to East Timor, 12-13 February 2001–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
☐ Second Australian government loan to Papua New Guinea–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee

Membership
Messages from the House of Representatives reported
Messages from the House of Representatives were reported advising that Mr Georgiou had been appointed to the Migration Joint Committee, and Mr Jull had replaced Mr Somlyay on the Electoral Matters Joint Committee

Meetings
Public meetings
The Senate agreed that the following public meetings may be held while the Senate is sitting:
☐ Economics References Committee–3 April 2001 from 4.00pm
☐ Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee–2 April 2001 from 4.30pm

Notice of motion given
To extend a reporting deadline
☐ Parliamentary (Choice of Superannuation) Bill 2001–Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee–9 August 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:
☐ Export Inspection and Meat Charges Collection Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 342 and made under the Export Inspection and Meat Charges Collection Act 1985–15 sitting days after today–by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances
☐ Instrument fixing charges to be paid to APRA, made under paragraph 51(1)(a) of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Act 1998–15 sitting days after today–by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances
☐ National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 369 and made under the National Health Act 1953–15 sitting days after today–by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances
Recognition of Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body 2000 (No. 1), made under subsection 203AD(1) of the Native Title Act 1993–15 sitting days after today–by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001, as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 2 and made under the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000–15 sitting days after today–by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances


See the Documents section for details of instruments tabled

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- Advance to the President of the Senate 1999-2000 and the Advance to the Finance Minister 1999-2000–moved by the Special Minister of State
- International Criminal Court Statute ratification–moved by Senator Greig
- Kyoto Climate Change Convention–moved by Senator Brown
- Medical and dental services–moved by Senator Lees

Notices of motion

For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere click here

Orders for the production of documents

Notice of motion given

Senator Campbell (Chair, Finance and Public Administration References Committee) gave a notice of motion to again require the acting Minister for Finance and Administration to provide to the committee documents relating to the committee’s inquiry into the Government’s information technology outsourcing initiative (no later than the adjournment of the Senate on 4 April 2001). These documents were required to be tabled on 26 March 2001 but the Minister failed to meet the deadline.

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
- Parliamentary zone–documents relating to pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Parliament Drive and Melbourne Avenue. Notice of a motion was also given seeking approval of the related capital works.

Petitions

A petition was tabled

2 April 2001
Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- **Statement by the President** about the Centenary of Federation and former Prime Minister, Mr Andrew Fisher
- Urgency debate about the Kyoto Protocol
- Adjournment debate

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