



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 5 April 2001

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.51pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Communications and the Arts Legislation Amendment Bill 2000
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2001
Interactive Gambling Bill 2001
Reconciliation Bill 2001 [Private senator's bill]

The following bills were considered

Administrative Decisions (Effect of International Instruments) Bill 1999–second reading debate continued
Anti-Genocide Bill 1999 [Private senator's bill]–second reading debate continued

The following bills were passed

Without amendments or requests

[These bills were introduced earlier in the day and will now be assented to]
Coal Industry Repeal Bill 2000
Foreign Affairs and Trade Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000
Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Legislation Amendment Bill 2001
Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Registration Fees) Amendment Bill 2000

With an amendment

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Concession Cards) Bill 2001–[1 Democrat [amendment agreed to](#)] [The House of Representatives will now consider the bill]

With requests

Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001–[[2 Government requests](#) for amendments agreed to] [The House of Representatives made the amendments requested by the Senate. The bill will now be assented to]

Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001–[2 Government requests for amendments agreed to] [The House of Representatives made the amendments requested by the Senate. The bill will now be assented to]

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

Child Support Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000—[The message](#) reported that the House of Representatives had disagreed to amendments nos 1 to 5 made by the Senate and had made amendments in place of nos 1 to 4 [The Senate will consider this message on a future sitting day]

Electoral and Referendum Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the amendment made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

Trade Practices Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000—The message reported that the House of Representatives disagreed with amendments made by the Senate [The Senate will consider this message on a future sitting day]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

Coal Industry Repeal Bill 2000

Foreign Affairs and Trade Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000

Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Legislation Amendment Bill 2001

Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Registration Fees) Amendment Bill 2000

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

- Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee—Additional Estimates 2000-01 (vol. 1)
- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Estimates (Supplementary) 2000-01 (vol. 2)

Reports tabled

- A 'reasonable and secure' retirement?—The benefit design of Commonwealth public sector and defence force unfunded superannuation funds and scheme—* Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee
- Airspace 2000 and related issues*—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
- Aviation Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001 [formerly Aviation Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000]—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- Freedom of Information Amendment (Open Government) Bill 2000—Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
- Government's information technology outsourcing initiative—Interim report—* Finance and Public Administration References Committee
- Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee—Report No. 381

- Public Works Joint Committee—4th report of 2001—Range support facilities, Delamere Range and RAAF Base Tindal, NT
- Publications Committee—[24th Report](#) (report adopted)
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 6](#) of 2001 (report adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Government responses to committee reports tabled

- East Timor: Final Report*—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
- Military justice procedures in the Australian Defence Force*—Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee
- Two treaties tabled on 6 June 2000*—Treaties Joint Committee—34th Report

New inquiries

The Senate agreed to refer the following matters to the following committees:

- Community Affairs References Committee—[The shortage of nurses](#) in Australia and the impact on the delivery of health and aged care services—to report by 25 October 2001
- Corporations and Securities Joint Committee—*Corporations (Commonwealth Powers) Act 2001* (NSW); Corporations Bill 2001 and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Bill 2000—to report by 18 May 2001
- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—[The management of water](#) in Australian cities—to report by 1 April 2002
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee—[Whether the current](#) recruitment and retention strategies of the Australian Defence Forces (ADF) are effective in meeting the organisation's requirements (including reserves)—to report by 27 September 2001

*See the **Reports tabled** section (Selection of Bills Committee Report) for details of bills referred to committees*

Meetings

Public meetings

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

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—5 April 2001 from 3.30pm

Reporting dates

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

- Child migration—Community Affairs References Committee—30 August 2001
- Telecommunications and electro-magnetic emissions—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—4 May 2001

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following [changes to committee membership](#):

- Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee—Senator Bartlett appointed as a participating member
- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—Senators Greig and Woodley appointed as participating members and Senator Lundy appointed as a substitute member

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—15 sitting days after today—by the Chairman of the Regulations and Ordinances Committee:

- Fisheries Management Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 22 and made under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991*
- Guidelines for Detention of, Dealing with, and Disposal of Drug like substances, made under subsection 99ZS(1) of the *National Health Act 1953*
- Health Insurance Commission Export of Pharmaceutical Benefits Guidelines, made under subsection 99ZS(2) of the *National Health Act 1953*
- Interstate Road Transport Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2001 No. 15 and made under the *Interstate Road Transport Act 1985*
- Radiocommunications Licence Conditions (Broadcasting Licence) Amendment Determination 2001 (No. 1), made under paragraph 107(1)(f) of the *Radiocommunications Act 1992*
- States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance)(SES Scores Guidelines) Approval 2000, made under section 7 of the *States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000*

Notice of intention given to withdraw a notice

A notice of intention was given by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances to withdraw a notice to disallow the Recognition of Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body 2001 (No. 1), made under subsection 203AD(1) of the *Native Title Act 1993*—12 sitting days after today

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

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate about:

- [University accreditation](#)—moved by Senator Carr

Notices of motion

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

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
- [Response](#) to a Senate resolution (agreed to 27 March 2001) about foot and mouth disease

Petitions

[2 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Government documents and an Auditor-General's report were further discussed
- Adjournment debate

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