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# Senate Daily Summary

Monday 5 March 2001

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.41pm

## Legislation

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### **The following bill was introduced in the Senate**

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000

### **The following bills were considered**

Defence Legislation Amendment (Enhancement of the Reserves and Modernisation) Bill 2000—second reading debate continued [The Opposition moved [a second reading amendment](#) to the bill expressing a view about the bill's policy]

Defence Reserve Service (Protection) Bill 2000—second reading debate continued

### **The following bills were passed**

#### *Without amendments*

[These bills will now be assented to]

Medicare Levy Amendment (CPI Indexation) Bill (No. 2) 2000

Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 4) 2000 [2001]

#### *With amendments*

Crimes Amendment (Forensic Procedures) Bill 2000 [2001] (23 Government amendments agreed to (1 amended by 1 Democrat)) [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) last week [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

### **The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported**

Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the amendment made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

National Museum of Australia Amendment Bill 2001—The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment [The 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]*

Aircraft Noise Levy Collection Amendment Bill 2001

Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (New Zealand Citizens) Bill 2001

Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement Bill 2001

### **Proclamation**

A [proclamation](#) by the Governor-General was tabled announcing when the provisions of an Act 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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### **Reporting date**

The Senate agreed to the following extension of time for a committee to report:

- Sale of Christmas Island resort—National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee—18 June 2001

### **Notices of motion given**

*To extend reporting deadlines*

- Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee—
  - Benefit design of Commonwealth public sector and defence force unfunded superannuation funds and schemes—5 April 2001
  - Initial terms of reference—24 May 2001

*To vary the terms of reference for a committee inquiry*

- Issues arising from the provisions of any bill relating to superannuation—Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee

## **Delegated legislation**

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

### **Notice of intention given to withdraw notices**

The Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances gave notice of intention to withdraw notices to disallow the following:

- Civil Aviation Regulations 2000 (No.8), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 295 and made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*
- Exemption No. CASA EX43/2000, made under regulation 308 of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988

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

## Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Freedom of religion in the People's Republic of China](#)—moved by Senator Brown (with amendments by Senators O'Brien and Harradine agreed to)
- [Genetically-modified organisms](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja (without debate)

## 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 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)—[motion moved](#) by Senator Cook

### *Documents tabled*

Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2000 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts and the Environment and Heritage portfolio were tabled

## 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 delegation report—Hungary and Poland, 15-26 October 2000

## Petitions

No 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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