The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.53pm

Privilege

The Senate authorised senators who are members of the Defence Sub-Committee of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee to appear before the House of Representatives Privileges Committee

Legislation

For full text of bills and other associated documents click here

The following bills were introduced in the Senate
Aircraft Noise Levy Collection Amendment Bill 2001
Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (New Zealand Citizens) Bill 2001
Workplace Relations Amendment (Unfair Dismissals) Bill 1998 [No. 2]

The following bill was considered
Trade Practices Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000–second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced (1 Democrat amendment pending)

The following bills were passed
Without amendments
[These bills will now be assented to]
Defence Legislation Amendment (Enhancement of the Reserves and Modernisation) Bill 2000
Defence Reserve Service (Protection) Bill 2000

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported
[These bills will now be assented to]
Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to amendments made by the Senate
Workplace Relations Amendment (Tallies) Bill 2000 [formerly Workplace Relations Amendment (Tallies and Picnic Days) Bill 2000]–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to amendments made by the Senate
The following messages from the House of Representatives were considered

Australian Research Council Bill 2000–The message reported that the House of Representatives had disagreed to 7 amendments made and insisted on by the Senate, and had disagreed to 5 amendments made by the Senate in place of certain other amendments. The Senate insisted on 4 amendments, did not insist on 8 other amendments and made 2 replacement amendments [The House of Representatives will now reconsider the amendments insisted on and the 2 replacement Senate amendments]

Australian Research Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000–The message reported that the House of Representatives had disagreed to 4 amendments made and insisted on by the Senate. The Senate insisted on 3 amendments, did not insist on 1 and made a replacement amendment [The House of Representatives will now reconsider the amendments insisted on and the replacement Senate amendment]

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill
Prime Minister and Cabinet Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001–Notice of motion given by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Bill assented to
Assent to a bill was reported in the Senate

See the Committees section for details of reports relating to legislation

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

Reports tabled
- Reports on annual reports–seven legislation committees tabled reports on annual reports
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–Alert Digest No.3 of 2001 and 3rd report of 2001 [contains assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee–Report No. 3 of 2001 adopted [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Membership
The Senate agreed to the following change to a committee membership:
- Finance and Public Administration References Committee–Senator Stott Despoja discharged as a substitute member and appointed as a participating member for the committee’s inquiry into the Government’s information technology outsourcing initiative from close of business on 8 March 2001

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

Reporting date
The Senate agreed to the following extension of time for a committee to report:
- Examination of annual reports–Economics Legislation Committee–8 March 2001
Documents sought by committee [see Orders for the production of documents below]

Notice of motion given to hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting
- Electoral Matters Joint Committee—two public meetings on 27 March 2001 and 3 April 2001 from 5.00pm while the Senate is sitting

Delegated legislation
For a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes) click here

Motion defeated
A motion moved by Senator Allison about tobacco advertising appearing at the Australian Grand Prix 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 representing the Minister for Health and Aged Care to table an explanation and details relating to monitoring and safety control of certain Tasmanian genetically-engineered crops (no later than 9.45am on 8 March 2001)—motion moved by Senator Brown

Notice of motion given
The Chair of the Finance and Public Administration References Committee gave a notice of motion to require the Minister representing the Minister for Finance and Public Administration to provide to the committee certain documents relating to the committee’s inquiry into the Government’s information technology outsourcing initiative (by 14 March 2001)

Statement by Minister
The Assistant Treasurer made a statement indicating that the Government would not comply with the Senate order to table certain Segment Accountability reports and other documents 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 various agencies 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

Petitions

No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Matters of public interest debate
- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Urgency debate about the goods and services tax
- Adjournment debate

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