The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.44pm

Legislation
For full text of bills and other associated documents click here [2]

The following bills were introduced in the Senate
Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment Bill 2001
Communications and the Arts Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000

The following bills were considered
Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2000 [2001]–second reading debate began [The Opposition moved a second reading amendment to the bill expressing a view about the bill’s policy]
Customs Tariff Amendment (Petrol Tax Cut) Bill 2001 [Private senator’s bill]–second reading debate began
Excise Tariff Amendment (Petrol Tax Cut) Bill 2001 [Private senator’s bill]–second reading debate began

The following bills were passed
Without amendments
Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2000 [2001] [The House of Representatives will now consider the bill]
International Monetary Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000 [This bill will now be assented to]

With amendments
National Museum of Australia Amendment Bill 2000 [2001]–1 Government amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the bill as amended]
Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2000–1 Democrat amendment agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate]
The following messages from the House of Representatives were considered
Australian Research Council Bill 2000–A message was reported (on 7/12/2000) that the House of Representatives had disagreed to amendments made by the Senate. The Senate did not insist on 4 amendments (and made 3 substitute amendments) and insisted on 7 of the amendments disagreed to by the House. [The House of Representatives will now consider the substitute amendments and the amendments insisted on by the Senate]

Australian Research Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2000–A message was reported (on 7/12/2000) that the House of Representatives disagreed to amendments made by the Senate. The Senate insisted on the amendments disagreed to by the House. [The House of Representatives will now reconsider the amendments insisted on by the Senate]

The following bill was exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]
Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment Bill 2001

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
Additional information received by the following committees was tabled:
- Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee–Estimates (Supplementary) 2000-01 (vol. 9)
- Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee–Estimates 2000-01 (vol. 5)
- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–Estimates (Supplementary) 2000-01 (vols 4-6)

Reports tabled
- Fees on electronic and telephone banking–Corporations and Securities Joint Committee
- Publications Committee–22nd Report (report adopted)

Document tabled
- Work of Committees–1 July 2000 to 31 December 2000 and consolidated statistics for 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2000
Government responses to committee reports tabled

- A sanctuary under review: An examination of Australia’s refugee and humanitarian determination processes–Legal and Constitutional References Committee
- Deregulation of the Australian Dairy Industry–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee
- Jobs for the regions: A report on the inquiry into regional employment and unemployment–Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee
- Review of Audit Report No. 34 1997-98–New Submarine Project: Department of Defence–Public Accounts and Audit Joint Committee
- The format of the Portfolio Budget Statements–Third report–Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
- The Hinchinbrook Channel inquiry–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee
- Two Treaties Tabled on 26 May 1998, the Bougainville Peace Monitoring Group Protocol and Treaties Tabled on 11 November 1998–20th Report–Treaties Joint Committee

Membership
The Senate agreed to various changes to committee memberships

Message from the House of Representatives
A message from the House of Representatives was reported advising that the House of Representatives Privileges Committee requested that the Senate give leave to certain senators to appear before the committee

Other motion agreed to Allocation of Department to committees
The Senate agreed to allocate the new Department of Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs to the Finance and Public Administration legislative and general purpose standing committees

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

- Fair Prices and Better Access for All (Petroleum) Bill 1999 and the practice of multi-site franchising by oil companies–Economics References Committee–8 March 2001
- Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) Bill 2000–Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee–8 March 2001
Delegated legislation
For a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes) click here ▶

Notice of motion given

See the Documents section for details of instruments tabled

Motion agreed to

- Mandatory sentencing laws–Northern Territory–moved by Senator Brown (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 that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission table a report on competition in the grocery industry (as soon as practicable after 30 June 2001)–motion moved by Senator Murray

Statement by Minister and tabling of document
The Minister for Justice and Customs made a statement relating to the order of the Senate of 6 February 2001 for the production of documents relating to the new reactor at Lucas Heights and tabled certain documents. A motion to note the statement moved by Senator Forshaw was debated.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:
- Clerk’s documents [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]

Petitions

5 petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday
Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
Government documents, committee reports and government responses were further discussed
Adjournment debate

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