



Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 18 September 2001

The Senate met from 2.00pm until 8.21pm

Privilege

The Senate agreed to endorse the findings of the [99th Report](#) of the Privileges Committee, impose a penalty and agree in principle to a further recommendation.

The President made a statement relating to a matter of privilege raised by the Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund concerning an allegation that misleading evidence was given before the joint committee. The matter was given priority consideration. The Chair of the joint committee gave a [notice of motion](#) to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges.

Days of meeting

A [notice of motion](#) was given to vary the days the Senate will meet in October and November

Legislation

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The following bill was considered

States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001—second reading debate continued

Notices of motion given

To exempt bills from certain provisions of standing order 111 [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

Interactive Gambling Amendment Bill 2001

Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2001

Royal Commissions and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2001

Proclamations

[Proclamations](#) by the Governor-General were tabled announcing when particular parts of Acts would commence

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

Committees

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Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Charter of Public Honesty Bill 2000 and three related bills—Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—28 February 2002
- Framework for the market supervision of Australia's stock exchanges—Economics References Committee—27 September 2001
- Higher education—Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education References Committee—27 September 2001

To refer a bill to a committee

- [Regional Forests](#) Agreements Bill 2001 and related issues—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—to report by 1 April 2002

To refer a matter to a committee

- Ansett Australia—The role of the Federal government in the sale of Ansett Australia to Air New Zealand and the events leading up to, and the collapse of, the Ansett group of companies—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—to report by 28 March 2002

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate about the [Australia and United States of America Alliance](#)—moved by Senator Ellison

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Notices of motion given

- Senator Allison gave a [notice of motion](#) that that there be laid on the table a report by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) on the performance of its functions under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* in respect of certain matters (no later than 28 February 2002)
- Senator O'Brien gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister representing the Minister for Transport and Regional Services to table certain documents relating to the analysis, and any related reports, prepared by the Department of Transport and Regional Services of the application by Air New Zealand to the Australian Government for approval to take 100 percent ownership of Ansett Airlines (no later than 5pm on 20 September 2001)

Documents tabled

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry tabled a copy of documents constituting the E71 database (in response to a motion moved by Senator Mackay on 28 August 2001)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#)

Petitions

[11 petitions](#) were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- The President advised the chamber of the death of former Senator for Tasmania, Robert John Bell, on 6 September 2001. The Senate supported a [condolence motion](#) moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate.
- Matter of public importance discussion about the role of the government in the collapse of the Ansett group of companies

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