

Senate Daily Summary

Tuesday 26 June 2001

The Senate met from 2.30pm until 11.08pm

Privilege

[The Senate agreed](#) that a matter of privilege raised by the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee concerning the alleged unauthorised disclosure of a draft report of the committee be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Legislation

[For full text of bills and other associated documents click here](#) 

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Constitution Alteration (Appropriations for the Ordinary Annual Services of the Government) 2001 [Private senators' bill]

Health Legislation Amendment (Medical Practitioners' Qualifications and Other Measures) Bill 2001

New Business Tax System (Capital Allowances) Bill 2001

New Business Tax System (Capital Allowances—Transitional and Consequential) Bill 2001

New Business Tax System (Simplified Tax System) Bill 2000

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001

The following bills were considered

Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2001-2002—second reading debate commenced

Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2001-2002—second reading debate commenced

Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2001-2002—second reading debate commenced

Dairy Produce Legislation Amendment (Supplementary Assistance) Bill 2001—committee of the whole concluded (1 Opposition request for an amendment agreed to on 25/6/01) [The House of Representatives will now consider the request made by the Senate to this bill]

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to several bills was reported in the Senate

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

Committees

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Report tabled

- Public Works Joint Committee–7th report of 2001–Fitout of new Central Office building for the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, Belconnen, ACT

Documents tabled

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–Additional information relating to the committee’s inquiry into the Dairy Produce Legislation Amendment (Supplementary Assistance) Bill 2001

New inquiry

[The Senate agreed](#) to refer to the following matters to the following committee:

- Legal and Constitutional References Committee–certain matters relating to the Australian Customs Service’s communications systems–to report by the last sitting day in December 2001

Meetings

The Senate agreed that the Corporations and Securities Joint Committee may hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 27 June 2001 from 9.30am to 11.30am and from 4.10pm to 6.30 pm

Special meeting

The Senate authorised the Regulations and Ordinances Committee to hold a private deliberative meeting with members of the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee of the Queensland Parliament in attendance on 27 June 2001 from 10.15 am to 11.15am.

Reporting dates

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

- Framework for the market supervision of Australia’s stock exchanges–Economics References Committee–9 August 2001
- Human Rights (Mandatory Sentencing for Property Offences) Bill 2000– Legal and Constitutional References Committee–25 September 2001
- Management arrangements and adequacy of funding of the Australian Federal Police and the National Crime Authority–Legal and Constitutional References Committee–28 August 2001

Notice of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines

- Disposal of Defence properties–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–23 August 2001
- Examination of developments in contemporary Japan and the implications for Australia–Second report–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–23 August 2001

Delegated legislation

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

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion without debate about [Human Right Registers](#)—moved by Senator Ridgeway

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Question to Minister

[Senator Carr asked](#) the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts about the order of the Senate to table various files about workplace relations at a meat processing firm, G&K O'Connor Pty Ltd (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on 18 June 2001). [The Minister](#) for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts indicated that he could not provide any further advice. [Senator Carr](#) took note of the Minister's statement.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#)
- Parliamentary delegation—105th Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference at Havana, Cuba from 1 to 7 April 2001 and a bi-lateral visit to Mexico from 8 to 15 April 2001

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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