



# Senate Daily Summary

Monday 27 August 2001

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.53pm

## Privilege

The President made a [statement](#) about two [previous resolutions](#) concerning the examination of documents following the order of the Federal Court in *Crane v Gething*, and tabled certain [documents](#). Senator Crane made a [statement](#) relating to the matter and tabled certain documents. Senator Ray [moved](#) that the Senate take note of the statement.

## Legislation

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### The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001

Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2001

General Insurance Reform Bill 2001

Treasury Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill (No. 2) 2001

### The following bills were considered

Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment)

Amendment Bill 2000—second reading agreed to

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation and Other Legislation

Amendment Bill 2000—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced (129 Government and 1 Opposition [amendments](#) agreed to, 4 items and 2 parts omitted and consideration of 1 item postponed)

### The following bills were passed with amendments

General Insurance Reform Bill 2001—2 Opposition [amendments](#) were agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Measures to Combat Serious and Organised Crime Bill 2001—59

Government [amendments](#) (1 as amended by Opposition) and 38

Opposition amendments were agreed to and 12 items omitted [The House of Representatives will now consider this bill as amended]

**Notices of motion given to exempt bills from certain provisions of standing order 111** [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2001

Disability Services Amendment (Improved Quality Assurance) Bill 2001

Family Assistance Estimate Tolerance (Transition) Bill 2001

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

## Committees

[For scheduled public committee hearings click here](#) 

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### Reports tabled

- Intelligence Services Bill 2001, the Intelligence Services (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2001 and certain parts of the Cybercrime Bill 2001*—Intelligence Services Joint Committee
- Privileges Committee—98th Report (report adopted and a reply from a person adversely commented on in the Senate was included in [Hansard](#))
- The law enforcement implications of new technology*—National Crime Authority Joint Committee

### Reporting date

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

- Framework for the market supervision of Australia's stock exchanges—Economics References Committee—30 August 2001

### Notices of motion given

*To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting*

- Community Affairs References Committee—28 August 2001 from 5 to 7.00pm to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into nursing

*To extend reporting deadlines*

- Prudential supervision and consumer protection for superannuation, banking and financial services—Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee—last sitting day in March 2002

*To refer a bill to a committee*

- Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2001—Electoral Matters Joint Committee—to report by 17 September 2001

## Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to a motion (without debate) about [Science Meets Parliament Day](#)—moved by Senator Bartlett

## Notices of motion

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

## Orders for the production of documents

### *Notice of motion given*

Senator Mackay gave a [notice of motion](#) to require the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts to table the Telstra document, or series of Telstra documents, containing substandard plant reports and known as the E71 database (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers to questions without notice on 30 August 2001)

### *Statements by Minister*

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts made a statement about the following orders:

- Departmental and agency contracts—20 June 2001—the [statement](#) indicated how the government expects agencies to comply with the order
- Great Barrier Reef—water quality targets—23 August 2001—the [statement](#) indicated that the government will comply with the order at a later date

### *Documents tabled*

- Departmental and agency contracts—Letters of advice—Department of Defence (*order agreed to 20 June 2001*)
- Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 January to 30 June 2001 (*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]

## Petitions

No petitions were received

## Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- [Statement](#) by the President relating to the Senate Department's media clipping service
- Adjournment debate

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