Senate Daily Summary
Tuesday 27 February 2001

The Senate met from 2.00pm until 7.39pm

Privilege
The President reported that a matter of privilege had been raised by Senator Collins concerning whether false or misleading evidence was given at estimates hearings in relation to a change of evidence on the part of the Employment Advocate and whether there was improper interference with witnesses in respect of their evidence. Senator Collins gave notice of a motion to refer it to the Committee of Privileges.

Legislation
The following bill was introduced in the Senate
Medicare Levy Amendment (CPI Indexation) Bill (No. 2) 2000

The following bills were considered
Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill 2000 [2001]–second reading debate agreed to and committee of the whole commenced (6 Government amendments agreed to; 1 Opposition amendment agreed to) [The Senate agreed to a second reading amendment moved by the Opposition expressing a view about the policy of the bill]
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000–second reading debate continued

See the Committees section for details of reports relating to legislation

Committees
For scheduled public committee hearings click here
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Report tabled
Sex Discrimination Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2000, and a dissenting report–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
Meetings
The Senate agreed that the following public meetings may be held while the Senate is sitting:
- Environment Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–28 February 2001 and 7 March 2001–from 6.00pm
- Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee–5 March 2001–from 7.30pm
- National Crime Authority Joint Committee–28 February 2001–6.00pm to 8.00pm

Notice of motion given to extend a reporting deadline
- Developments in contemporary Japan and the implications for Australia–Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade References Committee–24 May 2001

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

Notice of motion withdrawn
A notice of motion to disallow the GST-free Supply (Drugs and Medicinal Preparations) Determination 2000 (No. 2), made under paragraph 177-10(4)(c) of the A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 was withdrawn by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances

Motions agreed to
The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:
- Albury-Wodonga bypass–moved by Senator Allison
- Centenary of first meetings of Parliament–moved by the President
- Death of Sir Donald Bradman–moved by Senator Schacht
- Heywire–3rd anniversary–moved by Senator Bourne
- Nuclear fuel shipments–moved by Senator Brown
- Parliamentary zone–A proposal by the National Capital Authority about work relating to the planting of the International Tree of Peace in Peace Park–moved by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- Western Sahara–25th anniversary–moved by Senator Allison

Ministerial statement
The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts made and tabled a ministerial statement and report about immigration detention procedures
Documents

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

Petitions

3 petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Government documents were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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