Senate Daily Summary
Tuesday 27 March 2001

The Senate met from 2.00pm until 7.40pm

Legislation
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The following bill was introduced in the Senate
Migration Legislation Amendment (Integrity of Regional Migration Schemes) Bill 2000

The following bill was considered
Taxation Laws Amendment (Excise Arrangements) Bill 2000–second reading debate began [This bill was introduced in the Senate earlier in the day. The Opposition moved a second reading amendment to the bill expressing a view about the bill’s policy]

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported
Crimes Amendment (Forensic Procedures) Bill 2001–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill without amendment [This bill will now be assented to]

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Committees
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Reports tabled
- 2000-01 Additional Estimates—6 legislation committees tabled 2000-01 Additional Estimates Reports

Additional information tabled
Additional information received by the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee relating to Budget Estimates 2000-01 (Supplementary hearings) was tabled (volumes 3 and 4)

Report tabled
- Crimes Amendment (Age Determination) Bill 2001–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
Membership

The Senate agreed to the following change to committee membership:
- Economics References Committee–Senator Sherry appointed as a participating member

New inquiries

Reference of matter
- Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee–Issues arising from the committee’s report on the Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2000–to report by 24 May 2001

Reference of a bill
- Parliamentary (Choice of Superannuation) Bill 2001–Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee–to report by 23 May 2001

Meetings

Public meeting
The Senate agreed that the following public meeting may be held while the Senate is sitting:
- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–29 March 2001 from 3.30pm

Reporting dates

The Senate agreed to the following extensions of time for committees to report:
- Additional estimates 2000-01–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–3 April 2001
- Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment Bill 2000–Community Affairs Legislation Committee–3 April 2001
- Aviation Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2001–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–5 April 2001
- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000 [2001] and two related bills–Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee–4 April 2001

Notices of motion given

To extend reporting deadlines
- Air safety–Rural and Regional and Transport References Committee–5 April 2001
- Disposal of Defence properties–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

The Senate debated motions to disallow various parts of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Regulations 2001. The Senate agreed not to disallow the parts.

Notice of motion withdrawn

A notice of motion to disallow the Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Amendment Regulations 2000 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2000 No. 305 and made under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act 1987 was withdrawn
Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:
- **Consideration of the Advance** to the Minister for Finance and the Advance to the President of the Senate–moved by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
- **Australia Television**–moved by Senator Crossin
- **Foot and mouth disease**–moved by Senator Macdonald

Notices of motion

For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere click here

Orders for the production of documents

Statement by Minister

The Minister for Family and Community Services made a statement about the Senate order requiring the Minister for Health and Aged Care to table certain documents about the listing of Celebrex and Voixx and the appointment of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (no later than 4pm on 27 March 2001)–motion moved by Senator Evans. The Minister indicated that the documents would be tabled as soon as possible.

Documents tabled

- Statements of compliance relating to indexed lists of departmental and agency files for the period 1 July to 31 December 2000 (*order agreed to 30 May 1996, as amended 3 December 1998*) for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission and the Industry, Science and Resources portfolio

Documents

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

Petitions

4 petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Matter of public importance debate about the National Competition Council
- Government documents were discussed
- The President advised the chamber of the death of Mr Vincent Martin MP (former Member for Banks) on 10 March 2001
- Adjournment debate