Senate
Daily Summary
Tuesday 28 August 2001

The Senate met from 2.00pm until 7.17pm

**Legislation**

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The following bill was introduced in the Senate
Migration Legislation Amendment (Immigration Detainees) Bill (No. 2) 2001

The following bill was considered
Migration Legislation Amendment (Immigration Detainees) Bill (No. 2) 2001–second reading debate began

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]
Disability Services Amendment (Improved Quality Assurance) Bill 2001
Family Assistance Estimate Tolerance (Transition) Bill 2001

Notices of motion given to exempt bills from certain provisions of standing order 111 [to enable consideration this period of sittings]
Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001
Health and Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Bill 2001
Innovation and Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001
States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001
Wool International Amendment Bill 2001

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Estimates
Additional information tabled
Additional information received by the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee relating to Estimates 2001-2002 was tabled (volume 2)

Reports tabled
- Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2000–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- Order in the law: Management arrangements and adequacy of funding of the Australian Federal Police and the National Crime Authority–Legal and Constitutional References Committee
- Rebooting the IT agenda in the Australian Public Service–Government’s information technology outsourcing initiative–Final report–Finance and Public Administration References Committee
- Reports on annual reports referred to legislation committees–No. 2 of 2001–five legislation committees

Reporting date
The Senate agreed to the following extension of time for a committee to report:
- Prudential supervision and consumer protection for superannuation, banking and financial services–Superannuation and Financial Services Select Committee–last sitting day in March 2002

Notices of motion given
To extend reporting deadlines
- Administration of AusSAR in relation to the search for the Margaret J–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–last sitting day in March 2002
- Framework for the market supervision of Australia’s stock exchanges–Economics References Committee–19 September 2001

Notice of motion withdrawn
A notice of motion to refer the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment Bill 2001 to the Electoral Matters Joint Committee was withdrawn

Motions agreed to
The Senate agreed to the following motions (without debate):
- Baltic States–moved by Senator Calvert
- Hearing awareness week–moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- Optus takeover–security arrangements with Singapore–moved by Senator Brown

The Senate agreed to an urgency motion (after debate) about the Government’s decision to refuse entry to the Norwegian vessel, the Tampa–moved by Senator Bartlett, as amended by the Opposition (Senator Bolkus)
**Notices of motion**
For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere click here

**Orders for the production of documents**

*Motion agreed to*
The Senate ordered 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 18 September 2001—motion (as amended) moved by Senator Mackay.

*Documents tabled*
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]
- Government documents

**Petitions**
A petition was received

**Also in the Senate yesterday**
- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Statement about advice provided in an answer to a question on notice
- Government documents were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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