



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 28 June 2001

The Senate met from 9.30am until Friday 29 June at 3.23am

The Senate has now completed its Winter sittings and will commence Spring sittings on [6 August 2001](#)

Legislation

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

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001
Copyright Amendment (Parallel Importation) Bill 2001
Environmental Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001
Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Amendment Bill 2001
Trade Marks and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2001

The following bill was considered

Innovation and Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2001—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced [The [committee of the whole](#) divided the bill into three separate bills—moved by Senator Carr]

The following bills were passed

Without amendments or requests

[These bills will now be assented to]

Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001
Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 2001
Migration Legislation Amendment (Immigration Detainees) 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
Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Amendment Bill 2001
Passenger Movement Charge Amendment Bill 2001

With amendments

Health Legislation Amendment (Medical Practitioners Qualifications and Other Measures) Bill 2001–(3 Democrat [amendments agreed to](#)) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

Interactive Gambling Bill 2001–(28 Government, 8 Australian Green, 2 Democrat, and 3 Government (amended by 2 Democrat and 1 Australian Green) [amendments agreed to](#); 1 clause negatived) [The House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment. The bill will now be assented to.]

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2001–(1 Opposition (amended by 1 Australian Green) [amendment agreed to](#)) [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate]

Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 5) 1999–([1 Schedule negatived](#) on 28/3/01 [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendment made by the Senate])

The following messages from the House of Representatives were reported

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment Bill 2001–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment. [The bill will now be assented to]

Social Security Legislation Amendment (Concession Cards) Bill 2001 The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the bill without amendment. [The bill will now be assented to]

The following messages from the House of Representatives were considered

Australia New Zealand Food Authority Amendment Bill 2001–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill [with amendments](#). The Senate agreed to the amendments made by the House. [The bill will now be assented to]

Child Support Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2000–The message reported that the House of Representatives had disagreed to amendments nos 1 to 5 made by the Senate and had made amendments in place of nos 1 to 4. [The Senate](#) insisted on 4 Senate amendments not made by the House, did not insist on 1 Senate amendment not made by the House, agreed to 3 amendments made by the House (2 with an amendment), did not agree to 5 amendments made by the House, and made a consequential amendment. [The House of Representatives will now reconsider the amendments insisted on by the Senate and consider the amendments made by the Senate to the House amendments and the consequential amendment]

Dairy Produce Legislation Amendment (Supplementary Assistance) Bill 2001–The message reported that the House of Representatives had not made the amendment requested by the Senate, but had made amendments in place of the requested amendment. The Senate did not press the request not made by the House and agreed to the amendments made by the House.

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Wildlife Protection) Bill 2001–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill [with amendments](#). The Senate agreed to the amendments made by the House. [The bill will now be assented to]

Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions) Bill 2000—The message reported that the House of Representatives disagreed to [the amendment made](#) by the Senate. The Senate did not insist on the amendment disagreed to by the House [The bill will now be assented to]

Notice of motion given to introduce a bill

Republic (Consultation of the People) Bill 2001—Notice of motion given by Senator Stott Despoja [A draft bill was tabled for comment] [Private senator's bill]

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

Committees

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

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Estimates

Report tabled

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2001-02

Documents tabled

- Portfolio budget statements—Corrigenda for Finance and Administration portfolio

Reports tabled

- Corporate Code of Conduct Bill 2000—Corporations and Securities Joint Committee
- Government's information technology outsourcing initiative: Accountability issues—Two case studies—Finance and Public Administration References Committee
- Innovation and Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2001—Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Legislation Committee
- Privileges Committee—97th Report (report adopted and a reply from a person adversely commented on in the Senate was included in [Hansard](#))
- Publications Committee—[26th Report](#) (report adopted)
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Reports Nos 9 and 10](#) of 2001 (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

New joint select committee

[The Senate agreed](#) to a proposal by the House of Representatives to establish a Joint Select Committee on the Intelligence Services—to report no later than 20 August 2001.

The Senate appointed members to the committee—Senators Calvert, Coonan, Faulkner, Greig, Sandy Macdonald and Ray

A message was received from the House of Representatives advising that members had been appointed to the committee—Mr Andrews, Mr Brereton, Mr Forrest, Mr Hawker, Mr Jull, Mr McArthur, Mr McLeay, Mr Melham and Mr O'Keefe

Documents tabled

- Regulations and Ordinances Standing Committee—Ministerial correspondence relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation (1 March to 30 June 2001)
- Senators' Interests Standing Committee—Register of senators' interests incorporating declarations of interests and notifications of alterations of interests lodged between 5 December 2000 and 25 June 2001

Government responses

Government response to a committee report tabled

- Healing: A legacy of generations—Report of the inquiry into the Federal Government's implementation of recommendations made by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission in *Bringing Them Home*—Legal and Constitutional References Committee

President's report on Government responses tabled

- President's report on government responses outstanding to parliamentary committee reports as at 28 June 2001

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following change to a committee membership:

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—Senator Denman appointed participating member

New inquiry

[The Senate agreed](#) to refer to the Scrutiny of Bills Standing Committee certain matters relating to the application of absolute and strict liability offences in Commonwealth legislation—to report by 28 February 2002

Reference of bills

See the **Reports tabled** section (*Selection of Bills Committee Report*) for details of bills referred to committees

Reference withdrawn

The Senate agreed *not* to refer the Space Activities Amendment (Bilateral Agreement) Bill 2001 to the Economics Legislation Committee (agreement had been made to refer the bill on 20/6/01)

Reporting date

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

- Import risk assessment on New Zealand apples—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—23 July 2001

Notice of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Legal and Constitutional References Committee—6 August 2001 from 7.30pm

Delegated legislation

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

See the **Documents** section for details of instruments tabled

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [Australian Broadcasting Corporation](#)–69th birthday–moved by Senator Bourne
- ❑ [Mururoa Atoll](#)–35th anniversary of French nuclear weapons testing–moved by Senator Allison
- ❑ [Shark finning](#) and unsustainable shark fishing–moved by Senator Greig (debated and amended)
- ❑ [Parliamentary zone](#)–Capital works within the Parliamentary Zone, being the construction of Reconciliation Place in the Parliamentary Zone (without debate)
- ❑ [President Wahid](#) of Indonesia–moved by Senator Brown (without debate)

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion agreed to and documents tabled

[The Senate ordered](#) the Minister representing the Minister for Employment Services to table certain documents relating to the an investigation undertaken by the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business into allegations of impropriety by Leonie Green and Associates (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on 28 June 2001)–motion moved by Senator Collins. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts [tabled the documents](#) relating to this order later in the day.

Documents tabled and statement by Parliamentary Secretary

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts [tabled certain files](#) about workplace relations at a meat processing firm, G&K O'Connor Pty Ltd (agreed to by the Senate on 24 May 2001). [The Minister indicated](#) that the order could not be fully complied with because of public interest issues. [Senator Carr](#) responded to the statement.

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Bringing them home: National inquiry into the separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families–Progress on Commonwealth initiatives in response to the *Bringing them home* report, as at 31 December 2001
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ Presiding Officers Advance 2000-01–Details of amounts determined from the Advance for the Department of the Parliamentary Library
- ❑ Senate Senior Executive Officers' Interests Register–Declarations of interests and notifications of alterations made between 5 December 2000 and 25 June 2001
- ❑ Travelling allowance payments made by the Department of the Senate to senators and members during the period July to December 2000

- Parliamentarians' travel payments made by the Department of Finance and Administration to senators and members during the period July to December 2000

No government documents were tabled

Petitions

[A petition](#) was tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Adjournment debate

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