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Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 13 November 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am until 10.58pm

Legislation

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The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Offences Against Australians) Bill 2002

The following bill was considered

- ❑ Prohibition of Human Cloning Bill 2002—committee of the whole continued (amendments moved by Senator [Murphy](#), and Senator [McLucas](#), also on behalf of Senator Stott Despoja, and were agreed to)

No bills were passed

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported

- ❑ Family Law Legislation Amendment (Superannuation) (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002—The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the [amendments made](#) by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

The following bills were exempted from the cut-off order [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Australian Animal Health Council (Live-stock Industries) Funding Amendment Bill 2002
- ❑ Health Care (Appropriation) Amendment Bill 2002
- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2002

Notices of motion given

To exempt bills from certain provisions of standing order 111 [to enable consideration this period of sittings]

- ❑ Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
- ❑ Criminal Code Amendment (Offences Against Australians) Bill 2002
- ❑ Telecommunications Competition Bill 2002

Cut-off motion defeated

A motion moved by the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts proposing the exemption of the Workplace Relations (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002 [No 2] from certain provisions of standing order 111 [to enable consideration this period of sittings] was defeated

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

Delegated legislation

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

Disallowance motion defeated

The Senate debated a motion to disallow the Telstra Carrier Charges–Price Control Arrangements, Notification and Disallowance Determination No. 1 of 2002, made under subsections 154(1), 155(1) and 157(1) of the *Telecommunications (Consumer Protection and Service Standards) Act 1999*. The Senate agreed **not** to disallow the Determination.

Notice of intention given to withdraw notice

A notice of intention was given by Senator O'Brien to withdraw a notice to disallow the Civil Aviation Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 2), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 167 and made under the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*

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

Committees

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

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Reports tabled

- Scrutiny of Bills Committee—[Alert Digest No. 13](#) of 2002 and [14th Report](#) of 2002 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee—[Report No. 12](#) of 2002 (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Amendment of standing orders relating to a committee

The Senate agreed to certain [amendments to standing order 21](#) relating to the House Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed that Senators McLucas and Moore replace Senators Denman and Hutchins on the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for the consideration of the 2002-03 supplementary budget estimates on 21 and 22 November 2002

New inquiries

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

Meetings

The Senate agreed that the following public meetings may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee—14 November 2002 from 3.30pm—to take evidence for the committee's inquiry into the Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Special Benefit Activity Test) Bill 2002

Reporting dates

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

- Australian meat industry and export quotas—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—14 November 2002

Notices of motion given to extend reporting deadlines

- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—28 November 2002
- Telecommunications Competition Bill 2002—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee—19 November 2002

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- Death of [Mr Jimmy Pike](#)—moved by Senator Ridgeway
- Former [Senator Colston](#)—moved by Senator Faulkner
- [International Labour Organisation Convention on child labour](#)—moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- [World Trade Organisation](#) negotiations relating to the GATS—moved by Senator Nettle

Motions defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Nettle on military action against Iraq was defeated

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motion defeated

A motion by Senator Bartlett that the figures 'in terms of the increasing capability that's necessary to meet this much more complex strategic environment' and related documentation provided to the Government by Senator Hill and referred to by him on Channel 10's *Meet the Press* program on 10 November 2002 be tabled was defeated

Notices of motion given

- To require the Minister representing the Minister for Trade to table [certain documents](#) concerning Australian services markets and negotiations under the GATS (no later than immediately after motions to take note of answers on 18 November 2002)—by Senators Cherry and Ridgeway
- To require the Minister for Arts and Sport to table [certain documents](#) relating to Victoria's bid for the Commonwealth Games—by Senator Allison

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- [Government documents](#)

Petitions

No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Matters of public interest debate
- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Adjournment debate

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