



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 28 August 2002

The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.10pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

Trade Practices Amendment (Liability for Recreational Services) Bill 2002

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2002 Budget Measures) Bill 2002

The following bills were considered

Second reading debate continued on the following bills

Higher Education Funding Amendment Bill 2002

Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002

No bills were passed

Message from the House of Representatives considered

Workplace Relations Amendment (Prohibition of Compulsory Union Fees) Bill 2002—The message reported that the House of Representatives had disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate. The Senate agreed to insist on [its amendments](#) [The House of Representatives will now reconsider these amendments]

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

Committees

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Estimates

Additional information tabled

Additional information received by the following committee was tabled:

- Employment, Workplace Relations, and Education Legislation Committee—Budget estimates 2002-03 (vols 4 and 5)

Reports tabled

- Procedure Committee–1st Report of 2002. The Senate adopted the report's [recommendations](#) relating to the adjournment debate (and see **Changes to procedure**).
- Scrutiny of Bills Committee–Alert Digest [No. 8](#) of 2002 and [9th Report](#) of 2002 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 7](#) of 2002 (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]

Government response not provided

The Senate agreed to [a motion](#) about the Government's failure to respond to the Employment, Workplace Relations, Small Business and Education Reference Committee report, *Universities in Crisis*–moved by Senator Carr

Membership

The Senate agreed to numerous [changes to committee](#) membership

Notices of motion given

To hold a public meeting when the Senate is sitting

- Legal and Constitutional References Committee–16 September 2002 from 8 pm

To extend a reporting deadline

- Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Australians Working Together and other 2001 Budget Measures) Bill 2002 and related issues–Community Affairs References Committee–25 September 2002

To refer a matter to a committee

- The refusal, in a statement made in the Senate on 26 August 2002 on behalf of the Minister for Education, Science and Training, to respond to the order of the Senate of 21 August 2002 for documents relating to financial information concerning higher education, and the justification for that refusal (*contingent on the Senate's order for documents of 21 August 2002 not being fully complied with by 16 September 2002*)–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–to report by the fifth day of sitting in February 2003

Motion negatived

[A motion](#) to establish a Select Committee on the Possible Support by Australia of a United States Invasion of Iraq was negatived–moved by Senators Nettle and Brown

Changes to procedure

The Senate debated the recommendations of the Procedure Committee in its first report of 2002, and agreed:

- That standing orders 54(4), 55(1) and 57(1), concerning the adjournment debate, be [amended](#) as set out in the report, with immediate effect
- That the recommendations of the Procedure Committee relating to standing order 74(5) be referred back to the committee for further consideration

Motion agreed to

The Senate agreed to [an urgency motion](#), moved by Senator Bishop, about the veterans' Gold Card

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Motions agreed to

- ❑ The Senate [ordered](#) the tabling, on the next day of sitting, of the advice by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority, to the Assistant Treasurer, under section 230A of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* in relation to applications for financial assistance for superannuation funds where Commercial Nominees of Australia Ltd was trustee—motion moved by Senator Sherry
- ❑ The Senate [ordered](#) the tabling, on the next day of sitting, of the report presented to the Government by the Superannuation Working Group—motion moved by Senate Sherry

Notices of motion given

- ❑ The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer gave a [notice of motion](#) that the order of the Senate of 25 March 1999, relating to an order for the production of periodic reports by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on private health insurance, be amended
- ❑ Financial information concerning higher education (see **Committees—***notices of motion—To refer a matter to a committee*)

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

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

Petitions

A [petition](#) was received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Matters of public interest debate
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ The President made a [statement](#) about the allocation of the call at question time
- ❑ First speeches—Senators [Stephens](#) and [Kirk](#)

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