Senate Daily Summary
Wednesday 10 September 2003

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.41pm

Legislation
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The following bill was introduced in the Senate
- Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 2003

Bill restored to Notice Paper [to enable consideration to be resumed at the second reading stage]
- Superannuation (Surcharge Rate Reduction) Amendment Bill 2003

The following bill was considered
- Australian National Training Authority Amendment Bill 2003—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced (1 Democrat amendment to be determined)

The following bills were passed
Without amendments
[These bills will now be assented to]
- Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment Bill 2003
- Quarantine Amendment (Health) Bill 2003

With amendments
- Health Legislation Amendment (Private Health Insurance Reform) Bill 2003 (1 Government amendment agreed to) [The House of Representatives will now consider the bill as amended]

The following message from the House of Representatives was reported
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2003–The message reported that the House of Representatives agreed to the amendments made by the Senate [The bill will now be assented to]

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

See the Documents section for details of instruments tabled

Committees
For scheduled public committee hearings click here
For committee reports click here

Estimates
Additional information tabled
☑ 2002-03 Additional estimates–Economics Legislation Committee
☑ 2003-04 Budget estimates–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Reports tabled
☑ ACIS Administration Amendment Bill 2003 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (ACIS) Bill 2003–Economics Legislation Committee
☑ Draft Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2003 and draft Retirement Savings Accounts Amendment Regulations 2003–Superannuation Select Committee
☑ Economics Legislation Committee–Report No. 2 of 2003 on annual reports referred to legislation committees
☑ Public Works Joint Committee–8th report of 2003–Construction of a new chancery building for the Australian High Commission, Colombo, Sri Lanka
☑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–Alert Digest No. 10 of 2003 and 9th Report of 2003 [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
☑ Selection of Bills Committee–Report No. 10 of 2003 (tabled and adopted) [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
☑ Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 7) 2003–Economics Legislation Committee

Membership
The Senate agreed to various changes to committee membership

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 meeting may be held while the Senate is sitting:
☑ Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Joint Committee–15 September 2003 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm–Australia’s relationship with Indonesia

Notices of motion given
To extend reporting deadlines
☑ Progress towards national reconciliation–Legal and Constitutional References Committee–to report by 8 October 2003
Motions agreed to

An urgency motion moved by Senator Greig about same-sex couple recognition was agreed to by the Senate.

The Senate agreed to motions (without debate) about:
- Bipolar disorder—moved by Senator Allison (without debate)
- Point Nepean—moved by Senator Nettle (without debate)

Notices of motion

For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere click here.

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect
Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet
Statements of compliance for various agencies were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; Senate order agreed to]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet
Statements of compliance for Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio agencies were tabled [Letters of advice about certain contracts valued at $100 000 or more entered into by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; Senate order agreed to]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:
- Clerk’s documents [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Government documents
- 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 informed the Senate of the death of the Honourable Donald Robert Willesee, senator for Western Australia from 1950 to 1975. The Senate agreed to a condolence motion moved by the Minister for Family and Community Services.
- Government documents were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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