



Senate Daily Summary

Monday 11 August 2003

The Senate met from 12.30pm until 10.14pm

Legislation

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The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Australian Human Rights Commission Legislation Bill 2003
- ❑ Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Export Control Amendment Bill 2003
- ❑ Migration Amendment (Duration of Detention) Bill 2003
- ❑ National Animal Welfare Bill 2003 [Private senator's bill]

The following bill was considered

- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Transmission of Business) Bill 2002—second reading debate continued

The following bill was passed without amendments

[This bill will now be assented to]

- ❑ Product Stewardship (Oil) Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003

The following bill was defeated at the third reading by a majority vote

- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment (Termination of Employment) Bill 2002

Bills assented to

[Assent](#) to numerous bills was reported in the Senate

Proclamations

[Proclamations](#) by the Administrator were tabled announcing when particular parts of Acts would commence

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](#)

Notices of motion withdrawn

Notices of motion to disallow the following delegated legislation were withdrawn:

- ❑ Space Activities Amendment Regulations 2003 (No. 1), as contained in Statutory Rules 2003 No. 33 and made under the *Space Activities Act 1998* (Senator Brown)
- ❑ Workplace Relations Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 3), as contained in Statutory Rules 2002 No. 337 and made under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* (Senator Tchen)

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

Committees

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Report tabled

- ❑ Planning for retirement–Superannuation Select Committee

Government responses to committee reports tabled

Government responses to committee reports presented since the last sitting of the Senate were tabled:

- ❑ Australian meat industry consultative structure and quota allocation–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- ❑ Education of students with disabilities–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee
- ❑ Quota management control on Australian beef exports to the United States–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Reporting dates

The Senate agreed to the following extensions of time for committees to report:

- ❑ Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Bill 2003–Economics Legislation Committee–15 September 2003
- ❑ New Business Tax System (Taxation of Financial Arrangements) Bill (No. 1) 2003–Economics Legislation Committee–13 August 2003
- ❑ Progress towards national reconciliation–Legal and Constitutional References Committee–16 September 2003
- ❑ Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2003–Economics Legislation Committee–21 August 2003

Notices of motion given

To hold public meetings when the Senate is sitting

- ❑ Corporations and Financial Services Joint Committee–14 August 2003 from 4.30pm–Australia’s insolvency laws
- ❑ Economics Legislation Committee–12 August 2003 from 5pm–Trade Practices Amendment (Personal Injuries and Death) Bill 2003 and the Financial Services Reform Amendment Bill 2003

- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–20 August 2003 from 7pm to 10pm–Examination of the Government’s foreign and trade policy strategy
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–13 August 2003 from 6pm to 8pm–Pay parking in the parliamentary zone
- National Capital and External Territories Joint Committee–14 August 2003 from 10am to 1pm–Governance on Norfolk Island
- Superannuation Select Committee–13 August 2003 from 4pm to 7pm–Draft Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Amendment Regulations 2003 and draft Retirement Savings Accounts Amendment Regulations 2003

To extend reporting deadlines

- Examination of the Government’s foreign and trade policy strategy–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 16 September 2003

Notice of motion withdrawn

Senator Lees withdrew her motion to refer to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee a matter relating to corporate governance

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:

- [Daw Aung San Suu Kyi](#)–Imprisonment–moved by Senator Brown
- [Genetically-modified material](#)–Sterilisation of pest species–moved by Senator Brown
- [Live animal shipments](#)–moved by Senator Bartlett

Motions defeated

A [motion](#) moved by Senator Brown about the complementary healthcare industry was defeated

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 the Commonwealth Ombudsman and National Capital Authority were tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; Senate order [agreed to](#) and [amended](#)]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Auditor-General](#)—Report Nos. 59 to 63 of 2002-03 and Report No 1 of 2003-2004—Presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ Business of the Senate—1 January to 30 June 2003
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) presented since the last sitting of the Senate
- ❑ Odgers' Australian Senate Practice—10th edition Supplement, updates to 30 June 2003
- ❑ Questions on notice summary—For the period 12 February 2002 to 30 June 2003
- ❑ Responses to Senate resolutions about:
 - ❑ Carbon dioxide emission reduction—from the [Premier of Victoria](#) and the [Chief Minister](#) of the ACT (resolution agreed to [24 June 2003](#))
 - ❑ [Photovoltaic energy](#)—from the Queensland Minister for Innovation and Information Economy (resolution agreed to [9 December 2002](#))
 - ❑ [Recherche Bay, Tasmania](#)—from the Premier of Tasmania (resolution agreed to [15 May 2003](#))
 - ❑ [Treaties Joint Standing Committee](#)—Reference of proposed agreement with the United States of America—from the Secretary of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties (resolution agreed to [2 December 2002](#))

Petitions

[A petition](#) was received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ [The President](#) informed the Senate of the death, on 7 August 2003, of the Hon. Charles Keith Jones, AO, a former minister and member of the House of Representatives for the division of Newcastle from 1958 to 1983
- ❑ Adjournment debate

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