The Senate met from 9.30am until 6.46pm

**Debate on Iraq**

The Senate [debated](#) and agreed to a motion moved by the Leader of the Government in the Senate relating to Iraq, [as amended](#) [debate on this motion has concluded]

**Legislation**

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

The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2003

The following bill was passed

*Without amendments*

[This bill will now be assented to]

- Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment Bill 2002

Bills assented to

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

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
Estimates

Reports tabled

- Additional estimates 2002-03–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Reports tabled

- Powers and functions of the Australian Law Reform Commission–Final Report–Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee. A notice of motion was given proposing that the Senate adopt the recommendation in the report that the reference to the committee not proceed further.
- Proposed importation of fresh apple fruit from New Zealand–Interim Report–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
- Reports on annual reports were tabled by the following legislation committees: Community Affairs; Economics; Employment, Workplace Relations and Education; Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts; Finance and Public Administration; Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade; Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Government response to a committee report tabled

- Prudential Supervision and Consumer Protection for Superannuation, Banking and Financial Services–Third Report–Superannuation Select Committee

Membership

The Senate agreed to the following changes to committee membership:

- Community Affairs Legislation Committee–Senator Humphries appointed, Senator Barnett discharged
- Community Affairs References Committee–Senator Humphries appointed, Senator Barnett discharged
- Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee–Senator Buckland appointed as a participating member
- Privileges Committee–Senator Humphries appointed
- Senators’ Interests Committee–Senator Humphries appointed

Meetings

The Senate agreed that the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee may hold a public meeting while the Senate is sitting on 24 March 2003 from 4pm to take evidence for the committee’s inquiry into the Dairy Industry Service Reform Bill 2003 and a related bill

Reporting date

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

- Wheat Marketing Amendment Bill 2002–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–14 May 2003
Notice of motion given
To extend a reporting deadline
- Corporations (Fees) Amendment Bill 2002 and 2 related bills–Economics Legislation Committee–27 March 2003

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions without debate about:
- Cluster bombs–moved by Senator Nettle
- Death of Ms Rachel Corrie–moved by Senator Stott Despoja
- Iraq–military action–moved by Senator Bartlett
- World Water Day–2 motions moved by Senator Lees and 1 motion moved by Senator Allison

Motion debated

The Senate debated a motion moved by Senator Conroy about small business taxation

Notices of motion
For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere click here

Orders for the production of documents

Statement
The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer made a statement relating to the order of the Senate of 19 March 2003 for the production of documents concerning the legality of involvement in a war with Iraq where there is no resolution subsequent to resolution 1441

Document tabled
The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer tabled a copy of a letter from the Minister for Health and Ageing to the Danish Minister for Health, Mr Rasmussen, about tobacco sponsorship [in response to a motion moved by Senator Allison on 19 March 2003]

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 and amended]

Departmental and agency contracts published on the internet
Statements of compliance for various 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 and amended]
Documents

The following documents were tabled:
- Clerk’s documents [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- Letter to the President of the Senate from the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Mr Ah Kit (Northern Territory), concerning the protection of unsupervised children—Swimming Australia—in response to a resolution of the Senate (agreed to 11 December 2002)

No government documents were tabled

Petitions

A petition was received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- Government documents, committee reports and government responses were discussed
- Adjournment debate

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