



Senate Daily Summary

Thursday 30 October 2003

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.14pm

Legislation

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The following bill was introduced in the Senate

- Kyoto Protocol Ratification Bill 2003 [No. 2] [Private senators' bill]

The following bills were considered

- Kyoto Protocol Ratification Bill 2003 [No. 2] [Private senators' bill]—second reading debate commenced
- Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Bill 2003—committee of the whole continued
- Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Amendment Bill 2003—committee of the whole continued (1 Green amendment and 2 Democrat amendments to the Green amendment moved previously [to be determined](#))

The following bills were passed

With amendments

- Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2003—6 Government amendments agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments made by the Senate](#)]
- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002—2 Government amendments agreed to, and 1 item omitted [The House of Representatives will now consider the [amendments made by the Senate](#)]

Without amendments

- Telecommunications Interception and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2003 [This bill will now be assented to]

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

- Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2003

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

Delegated legislation

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Committees

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Reports tabled

- Examination of the annual report for 2001-2002 of the National Crime Authority–Australian Crime Commission Joint Committee
- Medicare–healthcare or welfare–Medicare Select Committee
- Publications Committee–[13th Report](#) [report adopted]
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Compliance with Court and Tribunal Orders) Bill 2003, Workplace Relations Amendment (Codifying Contempt Offences) Bill 2003, and the Workplace Relations Amendment (Improved Remedies for Unprotected Action) Bill 2002–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Government response to a committee report tabled

- Japan: Politics and society–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Claims of commercial confidentiality by witnesses before Senate committees

The Senate agreed to a [motion](#) limiting claims of commercial confidentiality by witnesses before Senate committees to those made and justified by a minister

Membership

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

New inquiry

The Senate agreed to the following new inquiry:

- The effectiveness of the Australian military justice system and [related matters](#)–Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee–to report by 12 May 2004

Reporting dates

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

- Labour market skills requirements–Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee–to report by 6 November 2003
- Maritime Transport Security Bill 2003–Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee–to report by 25 November 2003

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- [Christmas Island mining proposals](#)–moved by Senator Brown
- [Constitutional change proposals](#)–moved by Senator Bartlett
- [Ukrainian famine](#)–Anniversary–moved by Senator Heffernan

Motions defeated

The Senate did not agree to motions about:

- ❑ [Constitutional reform proposals](#)—moved by Senator Nettle
- ❑ [Constitutional change proposals](#)—moved by Senator Bartlett

Notices of motion

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

Orders for the production of documents

Statement by Minister

The Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs made a statement about the order requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Trade to table certain documents relating to the Sepon Mine project in Laos [in response to a motion moved by Senator Nettle on [16 October 2003](#)]. The [minister indicated](#) that the Minister for Trade would respond in the next two weeks.

Statements by Minister and documents tabled

- ❑ The Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs made [a statement](#) and tabled some of the documents in response to the order requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Health and Ageing and the Minister representing the Minister for Trade to table all documents relating to the proposed Australia-United States free trade agreement and the regulation of labelling of genetically-modified foods in Australia and/or the United States [in response to a motion moved by Senator Nettle on [9 October 2003](#)]
- ❑ The Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs made [a statement](#) and [tabled documents](#) in response to the order (agreed to [9 October 2003](#)) requiring the Minister representing the Minister for Science to table certain documents relating to Rio Tinto Technology (question on notice no. 1374) [in response to a motion moved by Senator Brown on [9 October 2003](#)]

Document tabled

The Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs tabled [a document](#) responding to the order to table any assessment made since 1996 in preparation for, or consideration of, a world heritage nomination for the Sydney Opera House [in response to a motion moved by Senator Brown on [16 October 2003](#)]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ Australian parliamentary delegation—East Timor, 3 to 5 September 2003—Report
- ❑ [Government documents](#)
- ❑ [5 petitions](#) were received

No Clerk's documents were tabled

Also in the Senate yesterday

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

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