



# Senate Daily Summary

No. 11/2021

**Thursday, 25 February 2021**

The Senate met from 9.30 am to 5.20 pm

## Bills

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### Introduced

- [Special Recreational Vessels Amendment Bill 2021](#)
- [Fair Work Amendment \(Supporting Australia's Jobs and Economic Recovery\) Bill 2021](#)
- [Regulatory Powers \(Standardisation Reform\) Bill 2020](#)
- [Narcotic Drugs Amendment \(Medicinal Cannabis\) Bill 2021](#)
- [National Collecting Institutions Legislation Amendment Bill 2020](#)

### Considered

- [Higher Education Support Amendment \(Freedom of Speech\) Bill 2020](#)
  - ▶ Watch the debate [\[part one\]](#) [\[part two\]](#) [\[part three\]](#)
  - 📄 Read the transcript [\[part one\]](#) [\[part two\]](#) [\[part three\]](#)

Debate on this bill will continue at a later date

- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Reuniting More Superannuation\) Bill 2020](#)
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)
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The Senate agreed to the bill with amendments and requests. The House has made the requested amendments and the Senate will vote on the third reading of the bill in the March sittings

### Passed

Without amendments

- [Financial Sector Reform \(Hayne Royal Commission Response No. 2\) Bill 2020](#)
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)
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- [National Collecting Institutions Legislation Amendment Bill 2020](#)
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)
  - 📄 [Read the transcript](#)
- [Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment \(Refunds of Charges and Other Measures\) Bill 2020](#)
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)
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These bills will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

## Message

The House of Representatives agreed to the Senate's amendments to the following bill:

- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code\) Bill 2021](#)

This bill will now be sent to the Governor-General for assent

## Committees

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### New inquiries

- The Senate adopted [report no. 3 of 2021](#) of the [Selection of Bills Committee](#) and made the following references:
  - [Environment and Communications Legislation Committee](#):
    - [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Save the Koala\) Bill 2021](#) for inquiry and report by 2 December 2021
    - [Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Standards and Assurance\) Bill 2021](#) for inquiry and report by 1 June 2021
    - [Online Safety Bill 2021](#) and [Online Safety \(Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2021](#) for inquiry and report by 11 March 2021
  - [Social Services Legislation Amendment \(Strengthening Income Support\) Bill 2021](#) referred to the [Community Affairs Legislation Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 12 March 2021
- [Australia Post](#) referred to the [Environment and Communications References Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 30 April 2021
- [Funding for public research into foreign policy issues](#) referred to the [Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee](#) for inquiry and report by 17 June 2021

### Report tabled

- [Human rights scrutiny report 2 of 2021](#) Joint Human Rights Committee

### Reporting date extended

- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2021 Measures No. 1\) Bill 2021](#) extended to 30 June 2021

### Membership

- [Variations were agreed to](#)

[See also committee membership page](#)

## Documents

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### Tabled documents

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

To view individual instruments visit [www.legislation.gov.au](http://www.legislation.gov.au) and search using the Federal Register of Legislation (FRL) number

## Other

- Senator McKim tabled a petitioning document relating to asylum seekers and World Refugee Day

## Orders for the production of documents

### Tabled

- [Response](#) to an [order for the production of documents](#) relating to the terms of reference for the reviews being conducted by Ms Foster and Mr Gaetjens agreed to on 24 February 2021

### Agreed to

- [Documents](#) relating to defence capital acquisitions to be provided to the Parliamentary Budget Office by the Secretary of the Department of Defence by no later than 5 March 2021, and the Senate to be advised of the Secretary's compliance by no later than 9 March 2021

## Other business

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### Motions

#### Agreed to

- [Offshore natural gas](#) moved by Senators Hanson and Roberts
- [Juvenile crime in the Northern Territory](#) moved by Senator McMahon
- [Spending at NBN Co](#) moved by Senator Pratt and others
- [e-cigarettes](#) moved by Senator Griff and others
  - ▶ [Watch the debate](#)
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#### Negatived

- [Takayna trail ultra-marathon](#) moved by Senators McKim and Wish-Wilson

### Disallowance motions

#### Withdrawn

- Chair of the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation Committee (Senator Fierravanti-Wells) withdrew the following notices:
  - ASIC Corporations (Amendment) Instrument 2020/721 [[F2020L01064](#)]
  - ASIC Corporations (Hardship Withdrawals Relief) Instrument 2020/778 [[F2020L01069](#)]
  - ASIC Corporations (IPO Communications) Instrument 2020/722 [[F2020L01066](#)]
  - ASIC Corporations (Stub Equity in Control Transactions) Instrument 2020/734 [[F2020L01199](#)]
  - Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Amendment Standards 2020 [[F2020L01245](#)]
  - Industry Research and Development (Supporting Agricultural Shows and Field Days Program) Instrument 2020 [[F2020L01401](#)]
  - Radiocommunications (Police Forces - Disruption of Unmanned Aircraft) Exemption Determination 2020 [[F2020L01296](#)]

## Statistics

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Bills received from the House of Representatives	4
Bills introduced in the Senate – government	1
Bills introduced in the Senate – private senators'	0
Bills passed in the Senate	3
Bills negated or discharged	0
Bills referred to committees	5
New inquiries	6
Reports tabled	1
Orders for production of documents agreed to	1
Notices of motion given	12
Divisions	7

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