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Constitution Alteration (Appropriations for the Ordinary Annual Services of the Government) 2001

No. , 2001

(Senators Stott Despoja and Murray)

A Bill for an Act to alter the Constitution to ensure that if the Senate fails to pass a proposed law appropriating revenue or moneys for the ordinary annual services of the Government in respect of a year, an amount of money is appropriated for those services in respect of that year equal to the amount appropriated for those services in respect of the preceding year

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6 **services in respect of that year equal to the amount**
7 **appropriated for those services in respect of the**
8 **preceding year**

9 The Parliament of Australia, with the approval of the
10 electors, as required by the Constitution, enacts:

Part 1 Preliminary

Section 1

1 **Part 1—Preliminary**

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3 **1 Short title**

4 This Act may be cited as the *Constitution Alteration*
5 *(Appropriations for the Ordinary Annual Services of the*
6 *Government) 2001.*

7 **2 Schedule**

8 The Constitution is altered as set out in the Schedule.

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**Schedule —Amendment of the Constitution
relating to appropriations for the
ordinary annual services of the
Government**

1 Section 53, after the fourth paragraph

Add “If the House of Representatives passes a proposed law appropriating revenue or moneys for the ordinary annual services of the Government in respect of a year, and at the expiration of sixty days after the day on which the proposed law is transmitted to the Senate the Senate has not passed the proposed law, there shall be deemed to be in force, until the Parliament makes a law appropriating revenue or moneys for those services in respect of that year, a law appropriating for those services in respect of that year an amount of money equal to the amount appropriated for those services in respect of the year immediately preceding that year.”.

2 At the end of section 54

Add “in respect of a particular year, and any law in contravention of this section shall be of no effect”.