HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 59

Private Members’ business

and

referral of bills to committees

28 June 2012
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1. The committee met in private session on 27 and 28 June 2012.

2. The committee determined that the following referrals of bills to committees be made—

   Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs:
   • Customs Amendment (Smuggled Tobacco) Bill 2012
     REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION: to ensure the new proposed criminal offences are given proper examination.

   Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters:
   • Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Improving Electoral Procedure) Bill 2012
     REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION: the bill and explanatory memorandum are particularly ambiguous when it comes to what specific changes are being made to the process about postal vote applications and it is necessary for the committee to investigate the full extent that these changes will have on the current practice.

   Standing Committee on Economics:
   • Tax Laws Amendment (2012 Measures No. 4) Bill 2012
     REASONS FOR REFERRAL/PRINCIPAL ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION: (a) impact of changes to the taxation treatment of Living Away from Home allowances and benefits; (b) the tiebreaker provision, where two provisions would otherwise apply where a mortgagee takes possession of, and exercises, their power of sale with respect to a corporation’s property; and (c) amendments to Tax Laws Amendment (2012 Measures No. 2) Bill 2012 (passed by Senate only on 27 June and already needing amendment) that seek to ensure no interest or penalties are payable if an overpayment of income tax arises, or if additional tax becomes payable, because a claim for deduction is allowed or disallowed because of rules made under provisions of that bill.

3. The committee recommends that the following items of private Members’ business listed on the notice paper be voted on:

   Orders of the Day
   International Year of Cooperatives (Mr Hartsuyker)
   Chinese-Australians (Mr Alexander)
   School and work (Mr Tehan)
   Business assistance payments and the live cattle export ban (Mr Entsch).

Peter Slipper MP
Chairman

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