SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 5 of 2010

18 March 2010
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Kerry O’Brien (Government Whip, Chair)
Senator Stephen Parry (Opposition Whip)
Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)
Senator Rachel Siewert (The Australian Greens Whip)
Senator Steve Fielding (The Family First Party Whip)
Senator Judith Adams
Senator Mitch Fifield
Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig
Senator Anne McEwen

Secretary: Maureen Weeks
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 17 March 2010 at 7.28 pm.

2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—

   (a) the order of the Senate of 11 March 2010 adopting the committee’s 4th report of 2010 be varied to provide that the provisions of the Personal Property Securities (Corporations and Other Amendments) Bill 2010 be referred immediately to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 May 2010 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral); 

   (b) the provisions of the Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 2) Bill 2010 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 11 May 2010 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and

   (c) the provisions of the Trade Practices Amendment (Australian Consumer Law) Bill (No. 2) 2010 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 May 2010 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral).

3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills not be referred to committees:

   • Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Amendment Bill 2010
   • Carer Recognition Bill 2010
   • Immigration (Education) Amendment Bill 2010
   • Ministers of State Amendment Bill 2010
   • Social Security Amendment (Flexible Participation Requirements for Principal Carers) Bill 2010
   • Tax Laws Amendment (Transfer of Provisions) Bill 2010
   • Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2010 Measures No. 1) Bill 2010.

   The committee considered the Food Importation (Bovine Meat Standards) Bill 2010 and, noting that the bill had passed the Senate on 15 March 2010, resolved to recommend that the bill not be referred to a committee.

   The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:

   • Defence Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2010
   • Insurance Contracts Amendment Bill 2010
• Territories Law Reform Bill 2010
• Keeping Jobs from Going Offshore (Protection of Personal Information) Bill 2009.

(Kerry O’Brien)
Chair
18 March 2010
APPENDIX 1

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Personal Property Securities (Corporations and Other Amendments) Bill.

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The purpose of the inquiry is to examine the consistency of the PPS regime and the Bill with the means of recording and enforcing security interests under the Corporations Act.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

A-G’s Department
ASIC
The Law Council.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: May 12 2010

(signed) Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 2) Bill 2010

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To ensure that there are no further unintended consequences of the Bill, particularly relating to the amendments in Schedule 1

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: May 11 2010

(signed)..................................................................................

Whip/Selection of Bills Committee member
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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:
Trade Practices Amendment (Australian Consumer Law) Bill (No. 2) 2010

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:
To enable the Senate – through the committee process – to give adequate consideration to this very substantial reform of Australia’s consumer protection laws.

Possible submissions or evidence from:
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Australian Securities and Investments Commission
Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Business Council of Australia
Law Council of Australia:
- Australian Consumer Law Group (Mr Gerard Mullins)
- Trade Practices Committee, Business Law Section (Mr Dave Poddar)
Prof Stephen Corones - School of Law, Queensland University of Technology

Committee to which bill is to be referred:
Senate Economics (Legislation) Committee

Possible hearing date(s):
No preference

Possible reporting date:
21 May 2010

(signed)
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member