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PIG SLAUGHTER LEVY AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1986

Date introduced: 23 October 1986
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John Kerin, M.P.,
Minister for Primary Industry

DIGEST OF BILL

Purpose

To amend the Pig Slaughter Levy Act 1971 (the Principal Act) to provide for financing of the Australian Pork Corporation and to raise the maximum amount of the pig slaughter levy.

Background

The Pork Promotion Committee, established under the Pig Meat Promotion Act 1975, is presently funded by a levy imposed on the slaughter of pigs intended for human consumption. Under the Pig Industry Bill 1986, the Committee will continue, with wider powers and functions, as the Australian Pork Corporation. To enable it to meet its administrative and operation expenses, this Bill will ensure that the portion of the pig slaughter levy which has been payable to the Committee will now be payable to the Corporation.

The portion of the levy payable to the Committee currently stands at the rate of \$1.00 per pig and contributes \$3.7 million to Committee revenue[1]. This Bill will raise the maximum rate which can be collected for the Corporation to \$1.50.

Main Provisions

Clause 3 will amend section 4 of the Principal Act to replace the definition of Promotion Committee with a definition of the Australian Pork Corporation.

Section 6 of the Principal Act sets the maximum rate of levy for the Promotion Committee at \$1 00. Clause 6 will increase the rate of levy for the Pork Corporation to \$1 50.

For further information, if required, contact the Economics and Commerce Group.

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Reference

1. 1986-87 Budget Statements, p.200.

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