

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 1 OF 2025

6 February 2025

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Anne Urquhart (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Wendy Askew (Opposition Whip)

Senator Ross Cadell (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Pauline Hanson (Pauline Hanson's One Nation Whip)

Senator Jacqui Lambie (Jacqui Lambie Network Whip)

Senator Nick McKim (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Ralph Babet

Senator the Hon. Anthony Chisholm

Senator the Hon. Katy Gallagher

Senator Maria Kovacic

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Senator Lidia Thorpe

Senator Tammy Tyrrell

Senator David Van

Secretary: Tim Bryant
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 5 February 2025 at 7.14 pm
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Commonwealth Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 March 2025 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Health Legislation Amendment (Improved Medicare Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2025 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 3 April 2025 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Customs Amendment (Expedited Seizure and Disposal of Engineered Stone) Bill 2024
 - Defence Service Homes Amendment (Insurance) Bill 2025
 - Social Security Legislation Amendment (Technical Changes) Bill 2025
 - Transport Security Amendment (Security of Australia’s Transport Sector) Bill 2024
 - Universities Accord (National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence) Bill 2025
 - Universities Accord (National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2025
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Australian Capital Territory Dangerous Drugs Bill 2023
 - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Ban on Gambling Advertisements During Live Sport) Bill 2023
 - Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Integrity and Reducing Building Costs) Bill 2024 (No. 2)
 - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Continuing ACCC Monitoring of Domestic Airline Competition) Bill 2023
 - Criminal Code Amendment (Inciting Illegal Disruptive Activities) Bill 2023
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Fair Territory Representation) Bill 2024
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Lowering the Voting Age) Bill 2023 [No. 2]
 - Electricity Infrastructure Legislation Amendment Bill 2025
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Protecting Environmental Heritage) Bill 2024
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020
 - Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Removing Criminals from Worksites) Bill 2024
 - Freeze on Rent and Rate Increases Bill 2023
 - Interactive Gambling Amendment (Ban Gambling Ads) Bill 2024

- Remuneration Tribunal Amendment (There For Public Service, Not Profit) Bill 2025
 - Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Amendment (Frontline Emergency Service Workers) Bill 2025
 - Tertiary Education Legislation Amendment (There For Education, Not Profit) Bill 2025
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Extending the FBT Exemption for Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles) Bill 2024.
 - Whistleblower Protection Authority Bill 2025.
5. The committee considered the following bills but was unable to reach agreement:
- Defence Trade Controls Amendment (Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity) Bill 2024
 - Early Childhood Education and Care (Three Day Guarantee) Bill 2025
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Reform) Bill 2024
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Communications) Bill 2024
 - Genocide Risk Reporting Bill 2024
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Divesting from Illegal Israeli Settlements) Bill 2024

(Anne Urquhart)

Chair

6 February 2025

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

[Commonwealth Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2024](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To scrutinize this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Interested parties and stakeholders.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

February

Possible reporting date:

14 March 2025

(signed) 

Print name: Wendy Askew

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Commonwealth Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2024

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:
This is an important bill that deserves proper scrutiny

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
- Services Australia
- Home Affairs
- Australian Electoral Commission
- Community and Public Sector Union

Committee to which bill is to be referred:
Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):
To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:
7 March 2025


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Senator Anne Urquhart

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Health Legislation Amendment (Improved Medicare Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2024

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To scrutinize this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Interested parties and stakeholders.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

February and March

Possible reporting date:

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(signed)



Print name:

Wendy Askew