

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 54

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

30 May 2012

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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Hon W G Entsch MP, Chief Opposition Whip

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Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation business and of private Members' business

1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 29 May 2012.
2. The committee determined the order of precedence and times to be allotted for consideration of committee and delegation business and private Members' business on Monday, 18 June 2012, as follows:

Items for House of Representatives Chamber (10.10 am to 12 noon)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

Presentation and statements

1 Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

Review of Administration and Expenditure: No. 9 - Australian Intelligence Agencies

The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10:20 a.m.

Speech time limits —

Mr Byrne — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 5 mins]

2 Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters

*Report of the Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Indonesia and Tonga:
24 September – 1 October 2011*

The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10:30 a.m.

Speech time limits —

Mr Melham — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 5 mins]

3 Standing Committee on Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry

Advisory report on the Wheat Export Marketing Amendment Bill 2012

The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10:40 a.m.

Speech time limits —

Mr Adams — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 5 mins]

4 Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs

Advisory report on the Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2012 and the Marriage Amendment Bill 2012

The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10:50 a.m.

Speech time limits —

Mr Perrett — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 5 mins]

5 Delegation Report

Report of the Australian Parliamentary Delegation to Vietnam, Thailand and Singapore: 6 to 16 November 2011

The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 11:00 a.m.

Speech time limits —

Mr Sidebottom — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 5 mins]

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MR BANDT:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fair Work Act 2009*, the *Migration Act 1958*, and for related purposes (*Protecting Local Jobs (Regulating Enterprise Migration Agreements) Bill 2012*). (Notice given 29 May 2012)

Presenter may speak for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41.

- 2 **MR WINDSOR:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the Excise Act 1901, and for related purposes (*Excise Amendment (Gaseous Fuel) Bill 2012*). (Notice given 29 May 2012)

Presenter may speak for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41.

Order of the day

- 1 **AIR SERVICES (AIRCRAFT NOISE) AMENDMENT BILL 2011** (*Mrs Moylan*):
Second reading — Resumption of debate (*from 31 October 2011*)

Time allotted — 20 minutes

Speech time limits —

All Members speaking — 10 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 mins]

The Committee determined that consideration of this matter should continue on a future day.

Notices — continued

- 3 **DR LEIGH:** To move — That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) by historical standards, unemployment, inflation and interest rates are at very low levels;
- (b) for the first time in Australian history, Australia has a AAA rating from all three major credit rating agencies;
- (c) Australia's debt levels, despite the hit to revenues from the global financial crisis, are around one tenth the level of major advanced economies;

- (d) OECD Economic Outlook 91 confirms that the Australian economy will significantly outperform OECD economies as a whole over this year and next; and
- (e) the IMF has said of Australia: ‘we welcome the authorities’ commitment to return to a budget surplus by 2012-13 to rebuild fiscal buffers, putting Commonwealth government finances in a stronger position’; and
- (2) calls upon all Members to approach economic debates with facts rather than fear, and to put the national interest first when discussing the strong Australian economy. (Notice given 24 May 2012)

Time allotted — remaining private Members’ business time prior to 12 noon.

Speech time limits —

Dr Leigh — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 mins]

The Committee determined that consideration of this matter should continue on a future day.

Items for House of Representatives Chamber (8 to 9.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notices — continued

4 MR RUDDOCK: To move — That this House:

- (1) recognises that:
 - (a) the band of the Royal New South Wales Lancers, based in Parramatta, makes a significant contribution to the local community;
 - (b) similar Army Reserve Bands across Australia make significant contributions to their local communities;
 - (c) these bands provide a key link between communities and the Australian Defence Force in this time of high operational tempo;
 - (d) the recent Government decision, as part of the Strategic Reform Program, to remove financial support for these bands places the onus for support on regimental associations; and
 - (e) such associations consist largely of retired veterans without the financial resources to provide such support; and
- (2) calls upon the Government to continue support for Army Reserve Bands, thus ensuring these key links with the local community are not lost. (*Notice given 20 March 2012*)

Time allotted — 60 minutes

Speech time limits —

Mr Ruddock — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 + 8 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration of
this matter should continue on a future day.*

5 MS RISHWORTH: To move — That this House:

- (1) welcomes the introduction of the Australian Standard for Olive and Olive-Pomace Oils in 2011 which clearly defines the grade, content and quality of olive oil products and establishes labelling and packaging requirements;
- (2) notes the findings of an analysis conducted recently by the Australian Olive Association which revealed that a significant number of imported olive oils in particular, still fail to comply with this national standard;
- (3) recognises that misleading labelling practices present considerable challenges for the commercial viability of our domestic olive oil industry, lead to low levels of consumer confidence in olive oil products and prevent consumers from making informed choices about the products they consume, and which may have adverse consequences, including on their health;
- (4) welcomes the news that some retailers intend to phase in the voluntary national standard in light of the recent findings, and calls on these retailers to do so in a timely and rigorous manner; and
- (5) urges all retailers in Australia to adopt and enforce the Australian Standard for Olive and Olive-Pomace Oils so that consumers can make informed purchasing choices, and so that producers of accurately labelled olive oils benefit from a level playing field. (Notice given 1 March 2012)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 9.30 pm.

Speech time limits —

Ms Rishworth — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes

Other Members — 5 minutes each..

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 mins + 2 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration of
this matter should continue on a future day.*

Items for Federation Chamber (approx 11 am to 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MR ENTSCHE: To move — That this House:

- (1) notes the motion agreed to on 18 August 2011 in relation to the severe flooding of Torres Strait Islands;
- (2) acknowledges the commitment the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government made on behalf of the Government to address the problem;
- (3) condemns the Minister for reneging on the promise to restore and rebuild the damaged sea walls on the outer islands of the Torres Strait to protect the island communities from further devastation; and
- (4) calls on:
 - (a) the Minister to publicly comply with the resolution that this House passed on 18 August 2011; and
 - (b) further calls on the Government to investigate:
 - (i) any remediation works required to bring the affected sea walls to a standard high enough to prevent tidal flooding;
 - (ii) the maintenance of sea walls to a safe standard; and
 - (iii) how these works might be funded. (Notice given 29 May 2012)

Time allotted — 60 minutes

Speech time limits —

Mr Entsch — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 mins + 8 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration of
this matter should continue on a future day.*

Order of the day

1 MARRIAGE EQUALITY AMENDMENT BILL 2012 (Mr Bandt): Second reading (from 13 February 2012)

Time allotted — 30 minutes

Speech time limits —

Mr Bandt — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration of
this matter should continue on a future day.*

Notices — continued

2 MR OAKESHOTT: To move — That this House:

(1) recognises the:

- (a) involvement of Australian service men and women in war and peacekeeping operations; and
- (b) role of family, friends and community networks in supporting those Australians who have served in our military; and

(2) calls on the Government to:

- (a) consider increasing the Military Superannuation and Benefits Scheme Pension, Defence Force Retirement Benefit Pension and the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Pension twice annually by the greatest of the Consumer Price Index, the Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index and the Male Total Average Weekly Earnings; and
- (b) do this in recognition of the unique circumstances of military service compared to all others within the public service. (Notice given 1 November 2011; amended 8 May 2012)

Time allotted — 30 minutes

Speech time limits —

Mr Oakeshott — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration of
this matter should continue on a future day.*

3 MR HUNT: To move — That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnoses are on the rise, with the latest estimates of approximately 1 in 100 children diagnosed; and
 - (b) families caring for a family member with an Autism Spectrum Disorder need greater support and community understanding;
- (2) acknowledges the need for a National Autism Plan, including a Forum, to discuss how best to deliver support to families caring for a family member with an Autism Spectrum Disorder;
- (3) notes that:
 - (a) an Autism Spectrum Disorder is one of numerous disability categories which should be addressed as part of a National Disability Insurance Scheme; and
 - (b) that 2 April 2012 is World Autism Awareness Day and that the Coalition and Autism Victoria are working to ensure Parliament House will be lit up in blue to acknowledge World Autism Awareness Day. (Notice given 13 March 2012)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to approximately 1.30 pm.

Speech time limits —

Mr Hunt — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

The Committee determined that consideration of this matter should continue at a later hour.

Items for Federation Chamber (6.30 to 9 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices — continued

DR LEIGH: To move — That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) by historical standards, unemployment, inflation and interest rates are at very low levels;
 - (b) for the first time in Australian history, Australia has a AAA rating from all three major credit rating agencies;
 - (c) Australia's debt levels, despite the hit to revenues from the global financial crisis, are around one tenth the level of major advanced economies;

- (d) OECD Economic Outlook 91 confirms that the Australian economy will significantly outperform OECD economies as a whole over this year and next; and
- (e) the IMF has said of Australia: ‘we welcome the authorities’ commitment to return to a budget surplus by 2012-13 to rebuild fiscal buffers, putting Commonwealth government finances in a stronger position’; and
- (2) calls upon all Members to approach economic debates with facts rather than fear, and to put the national interest first when discussing the strong Australian economy. (Notice given 24 May 2012)

Time allotted — 50 minutes

Speech time limits —

First 2 Members speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 mins + 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration of
this matter should continue on a future day.*

4 MR BUCHHOLZ: To move — That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) serious allegations have been made surrounding the misappropriation of union members' funds by union leaders;
 - (b) Australian Council of Trade Unions Secretary, Dave Oliver, has said that every union member has the right to know that their money is going to be subject to good governance and good regulation; and
 - (c) Australian Workers Union National Secretary, Paul Howes, has said he supports bringing unions' accountability and transparency in line with the Corporations Act 2001; and
- (2) calls on the Government to implement a plan that will expect the same standards of accountability and transparency of union leaders as are expected of Company Directors under the Corporations Act 2001. (Notice given 9 May 2012)

Time allotted — 60 minutes

Speech time limits —

Mr Buchholz — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 + 8 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration of
this matter should continue on a future day.*

5 MS SMYTH: To move — That this House:

- (1) reaffirms its commitment to the promotion of clean energy industries in Australia in order to develop a sustainable, healthy and safe energy future for our country;
- (2) recognises:
 - (a) that the expansion of Australia's wind energy industry is of critical importance in promoting Australia's energy security while decreasing pollution;
 - (b) the importance of the wind energy industry in ensuring, in the most cost effective manner, that 20 per cent of Australia's electricity supply will come from renewable sources by 2020; and
 - (c) the considerable opportunities for increased employment, industry and regional development which are, and will continue to be, generated by the Australian wind and general clean energy sector; and
- (3) expresses its profound concern that, through the imposition of unreasonable planning restrictions on wind farm developments, State governments risk creating investment uncertainty for the wind energy sector and forfeiting the local jobs and industries that will be created as we move to a clean energy future. (Notice given 28 May 2012)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 9 pm.

Speech time limits —

Ms Smyth — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 mins + 4 x 5 mins]

The Committee determined that consideration of this matter should continue on a future day.

3. The committee recommends that the following item of private Members' business listed on the Notice Paper be voted on:

Orders of the Day—

Australian Citizenship Amendment (Defence Service Requirement) Bill 2012 (Mr Robert)

International aviation and emissions trading (Mr Truss)

Motorcycle safety (Mr Hartsuyker)

Small-scale renewable energy scheme (Mr Coulton)

Gambling reform (Mr Oakeshott)

Peter Slipper MP
Chairman
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