

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 56

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

31 May 2012

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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 Thursday, 31 May 2012.
2. The committee decided to amend its determinations in respect of private Members' business for the Federation Chamber on Monday, 18 June 2012, from 6.30pm to 9pm as reported to the House on Wednesday, 30 May 2012, as follows:

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 — 30 minutes

Speech time limits —

All 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.*

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 — 30 minutes

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 + 2 x 5 mins]

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

Orders of the day — continued

2 MARRIAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2012 (*Mr S. P. Jones*): Second reading —
Resumption of debate (*from 28 February 2012*)

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

Speech time limits —

All 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.*

Peter Slipper MP
Chairman
31 May 2012