

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 5 of 2005

15 June 2005

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Jeannie Ferris (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator George Campbell (Opposition Whip)

Senator Andrew Bartlett (Australian Democrats Whip)

Senator Julian McGauran (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Alan Eggleston

Senator the Hon C Ellison

Senator Joseph Ludwig

Senator R Webber

Secretary: Rosemary Laing
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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 14 June 2005 at 4.18 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Bill 2005 to be *referred immediately* to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 August 2005 (see appendix 1 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Serious Drug Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2005 to be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 August 2005 (see appendix 2 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005 and the Skilling Australia's Workforce (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005 to be *referred immediately* to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 August 2005 (see appendix 3 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the Superannuation Bill 2005, Superannuation (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005 and the Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Choice of Superannuation Funds) Bill 2005 to be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 June 2005 (see appendix 4 for statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the *provisions* of the Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005 to be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2005 (see appendix 5 for statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee considered a proposal to refer the Maritime Transport Security Amendment Bill 2005 to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report, but the proposal was withdrawn and the committee resolved **not** to refer the bill.
4. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Aged Care Amendment (Extra Service) Bill 2005
 - Crimes Amendment Bill 2005
 - Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Family Assistance and Related Measures) Bill 2005
 - Film Licensed Investment Company Bill 2005
Film Licensed Investment Company (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2005
 - Health Legislation Amendment (Australian Community Pharmacy Authority) Bill 2005

- Higher Education Support Amendment (Melbourne University Private) Bill 2005
- Import Processing Charges Amendment Bill 2005
Customs Legislation Amendment (Import Processing Charges) Bill 2005
- Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005
- Maritime Transport Security Amendment Bill 2005
- New International Tax Arrangements (Foreign-owned Branches and Other Measures) Bill 2005
- Spyware Bill 2005
- Superannuation Laws Amendment (Abolition of Surcharge) Bill 2005
- Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 3) Bill 2005
- Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2005
- Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2005
- Veterans' Entitlements Amendment (2005 Budget Measure) Bill 2005.

The committee recommends accordingly.

5. The committee *deferred* consideration of the following bills to the next meeting:

Bill deferred from meeting of 8 February 2005

- Trade Practices Amendment (Personal Injuries and Death) Bill 2004.

Bill deferred from meeting of 10 May 2005

- Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 2) Bill 2005.

Bills deferred from meeting of 14 June 2005

- Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities) Bill 2005
Asbestos-related Claims (Management of Commonwealth Liabilities) (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2005
- Corporations Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005
- Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games (Indicia and Images) Protection Bill 2005.

(Jeannie Ferris)

Chair

15 June 2005



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of Bill: Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skill Needs) Bill 2005

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To explore the impact of the Bill on vocational education and training provided to year 11 and 12 students; To explore the impact of the bill on national and regional (for the designated areas) skills shortages; To explore the cost effectiveness and timeliness of the delivery of vocational education and training in schools through the Technical College model; To explore the accessibility of the new Technical Colleges by disadvantaged students, with particular reference to the socio-economic status of families in the areas of the Technical Colleges and fee structures; To explore the impact of the Bill on employment conditions for teachers Australia-wide.

Possible witnesses: ACSSO, ISCA, NCEC, AEU, IEU, NCVER, Dusseldorp Skills Forum, BCA, ACCI, State Education Departments.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 9 August 2005

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Australian Democrats Whip

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DEPARTMENT OF SENATE

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APPENDIX 2



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill LAW & JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (SERIOUS DRUG OFFENCES & OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:
o To what extent the Bill conforms with the Model Criminal Code
o Suitability of new penalties in the Bill.
o To what extent state & Federal offences that are complementary are defined and punished similarly.
o Whether state jurisdictions have been adequately consulted
o Various other matters

Possible submissions or evidence from: State + Territory Police Agencies, Civil Libertarians, ALRC, HREOC, Anti-Drugs Campaigners,

Committee to which bill is to be referred: SENATE LEGAL & CON.

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 9 August 2005

(signed) [Signature] 14.6.05
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



THE SENATE

CANBERRA ACT 2600

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill SKILLINGS AUSTRALIA'S WORKFORCE BILL 2005
SKILLINGS AUSTRALIA'S WORKPLACE (REPEAL & TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2005

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:
In order to enable student organisations, universities and other interest groups can express their views on the Bill.

Possible submissions or evidence from:
Universities, AVCC, individual V-Cs, student organisations, NUS, CAPA

Committee to which bill is to be referred:
Employment, Workplace Relations & Education

Possible hearing date(s):
During Winter break

Possible reporting date:
18th August 2005

(signed)

[Signature] 14.6.05
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION (CHOICE OF FUNDS) Bill 20

Name of bill SUPERANNUATION BILL 2005
..... SUPERANNUATION (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 20

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Provisions are unclear as to their impact.
Determine level of preparation
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Possible submissions or evidence from: Treasury ; regulators APRA & ASIC,
employer organizations ; ACTV, ASFA & IFSA. Conference
of Major Super Funds ; Institute of Trustees.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Economics

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 21/6/05 -

(signed) Osborne 14.6.05.
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



THE SENATE
CANNBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Trade Practices Amendment (National Access Regime) Bill 2005

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

1. ~~delaying the introduction of this bill for almost 3 years since the PC report was released;~~
2. ~~failing to amend part IIIA of the TPA to include the pricing principles in the Bill;~~
3. ~~failing to properly indicate the relationship of this bill to report of the Infrastructure Task Force;~~
4. ~~failing to produce a single, clear and pro-competitive legislative framework for infrastructure regulation.~~

Possible submissions or evidence from:

State Government, Ausid

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Economics

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 5-9-05

(signed)

 14.6.05
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

**Amendment to the motion for the adoption of the
Selection of Bills Committee report**

(to be moved by Senator Allison)

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005

At the end of the motion, add:

“and, in respect of the Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005, the bill be referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on or before 18 August 2005”.