



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 7 of 2005

10 August 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 Rachel Siewert (The Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Alan Eggleston

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Senator Joseph Ludwig

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Secretary: Rosemary Laing
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1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 9 August 2005 at 6.48 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand) Bill 2005 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2005 (see appendix 1 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Safety-nets) Bill 2005 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2005 (see appendix 2 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005 be *referred immediately* to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 October 2005 (see appendix 3 for statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (d) the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Maritime Security Guards and Other Measures) Bill 2005 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 5 September 2005 (see appendix 4 for statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Acts Interpretation Amendment (Legislative Instruments) Bill 2005
 - Arts Legislation Amendment (Maritime Museum and Film, Television and Radio School) Bill 2005
 - Broadcasting Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2005
 - Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005
 - Health Insurance Amendment (Medical Specialists) Bill 2005
 - Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Budget Measures) Bill 2005
 - Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 3) Bill 2005
 - Human Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2005
 - Maritime Legislation Amendment Bill 2005
 - National Residue Survey (Customs) Levy Amendment Bill 2005
 - National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Amendment Bill 2005
 - Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment Bill 2005
 - Offshore Petroleum Bill 2005
 - Offshore Petroleum (Annual Fees) Bill 2005
 - Offshore Petroleum (Registration Fees) Bill 2005
 - Offshore Petroleum (Repeals and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2005
 - Offshore Petroleum (Royalty) Bill 2005
 - Offshore Petroleum (Safety Levies) Amendment Bill 2005

- Taxation Laws Amendment (Scholarships) Bill 2005
- Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 4) Bill 2005
- Telecommunications and Other Legislation Amendment (Protection of Submarine Cables and Other Measures) Bill 2005
- Transparent Advertising and Notification of Pregnancy Counselling Services Bill 2005.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. 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.

Bills deferred from meeting of 9 August 2005

- Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005.
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment (Superannuation Safety and Other Measures) Bill 2005.

(Jeannie Ferris)

Chair

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill CIVIL AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MUTUAL RECOGNITION WITH NEW ZEALAND) BILL 2005

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

KEY CONCERNS OF THE COMMITTEE RAISED DURING ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE CIVIL AVIATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MUTUAL RECOGNITION WITH NEW ZEALAND AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2003 HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED, INCLUDING WHETHER ~~PROPOSED~~ PROPOSED MUTUAL RECOGNITION WILL DEGRADE PASSENGER SAFETY BY REDUCING CROW/PASSENGER RATIOS AND PRECLUDING AIR SECURITY OFFICERS FROM TRAVELLING ON AUSTRALIAN SERVICES OPERATING UNDER A NEW ZEALAND AIR OPERATOR'S ~~CERTIFICATE~~ CERTIFICATE

Possible submissions or evidence from: DOTARS, FLIGHT ATTENDANT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (INTERNATIONAL DIVISION), FLIGHT ATTENDANT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (DOMESTIC/REGIONAL DIVISION), QANTAS, VIRGIN BLUE, CAANZ, AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF AIR PILOTS, AUSTRALIAN AND INTERNATIONAL PILOTS ASSOCIATION

Committee to which bill is to be referred: RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Possible hearing date(s): 8 SEPTEMBER 2005

Possible reporting date: 15 SEPTEMBER 2005

(signed)

[Signature] 9/8/05

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



AUSTRALIAN SENATE
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRATS WHIP

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare safety-nets) Bill 2005

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To examine the provisions of the bill relating to increases in the Medicare safety net thresholds to ascertain how many Australian individuals and families will face higher out of pocket medical expenses as a result of the increased thresholds, the extent of the higher out of pocket expenses experienced by these individuals and families and the implications for access and equity in healthcare for all Australians.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Consumers Association
 Doctors Reform Society
 Australian Divisions of General Practice
 Health Issues Centre
 Catholic Health Australia
 Anglicare
 Australian Council of Social Services
 Australian Medical Association
 Public Health Association of Australia
 Professor Stephen Duckett, Professor of Health Policy, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences
 Professor John Deeble
 Professor Stephen Leeder

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 5 September 2005

Senator Andrew Bartlett



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Name of bill: Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Bill 2005

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The Bill raises profound issues regarding the IR treatment of higher education staff - treatment beyond that which applies to the workforce generally. The provisions of the Bill appear inconsistent with some of our obligations under ILO Conventions. The competitiveness of Australia's education sector is also at risk if this Bill becomes law. (proposed terms of reference attached)

Possible submissions or evidence from: Major peak organisations in both the higher education & VET sectors; international education organisations; State Governments & others

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

Possible hearing date(s): late August 2005 - mid October 2005

Possible reporting date: by late 2005

(signed) *[Signature]* 9/8/05
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill MARITIME TRANSPORT AND OFFSHORE FACILITIES SECURITY AMENDMENT (MARITIME SECURITY GUARDS AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2005
Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

1. Whether maritime security guards should need higher training qualifications as a result of the increased powers they receive in the Bill.
2. The regulations should clearly specify the reasons why a person with a MISC could be denied access to a maritime security zone.
3. If a maritime security guard is working on an offshore facility in Commonwealth waters, there may be a question concerning which state or territory licence the guard must hold.
4. The details of the removal, storage and disposal of vehicles and vessels
5. Clarification should be sought about the classes of persons to be exempted from providing reasons for being in a maritime security zone.

Possible submissions or evidence from: MARITIME UNION OF AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE POWER ENGINEERS, DEPT. OF TRANSPORT, P & O, PATRICKS, LHMU.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: SENATE RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Possible hearing date(s): 8/9/05

Possible reporting date: 15/9/05

(signed) [Signature] 9/8/05
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