



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 1 of 2006

8 February 2006

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Jeannie Ferris (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator George Campbell (Opposition Whip)

Senator Andrew Bartlett (Australian Democrats Whip)

Senator Nigel Scullion (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (The Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Alan Eggleston

Senator the Hon Chris Ellison

Senator Joe Ludwig

Senator Ruth Webber

Secretary: Richard Pye
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1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 7 February 2006 at 4.19 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Aged Care (Bond Security) Bill 2005, the Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Bill 2005 and the Aged Care Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 27 March 2006 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Electoral Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2005 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 27 March 2006 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 27 March 2006 (see appendices 3 and 4 for statements of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Bankruptcy Legislation Amendment (Anti-avoidance) Bill 2005
 - Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2005
 - Fisheries Legislation Amendment (Cooperative Fisheries Arrangements and Other Matters) Bill 2005 [2006]
 - Jurisdiction of Courts (Family Law) Bill 2005 [2006]
 - Jurisdiction of the Federal Magistrates Court Legislation Amendment Bill 2005 [2006]
 - Ministers of State Amendment Bill 2005
 - Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 6) Bill 2005.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee *deferred* consideration of the following bill to the next meeting:

Bill deferred from meeting of 7 December 2005

- OHS and SRC Legislation Amendment Bill 2005.

(Jeannie Ferris)

Chair

8 February 2006



APPENDIX 1

THE SENATE

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

~~THE~~ AGED CARE (BOND SECURITY) BILL 2005
AGED CARE (BOND SECURITY) LEVY BILL 2005
Name of bill AGED CARE AMENDMENT (2005 MEASURES NO.1) BILL

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

THE INDUSTRY IS UNSURE OF THE POTENTIAL
LIABILITY THAT THEY ARE SIGNING OFF TO.
THE THIRD BILL IS COMPLEX AND REQUIRES
INQUIRY

Possible submissions or evidence from:

ACSA, ANTECA, CHA, ANF, HSU, LHMU
~~THE~~ PROFESSOR WARREN HOGAN

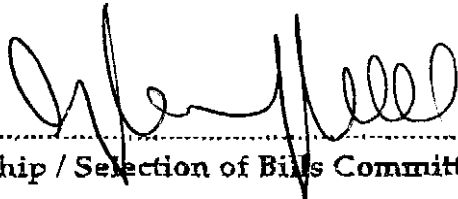
Committee to which bill is to be referred:

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Possible hearing date(s): 3 MARCH 06

Possible reporting date: 30 MARCH 06

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



APPENDIX 2

THE SENATE

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Electoral Integrity and other Measures) Bill 2005.

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The Bill contains substantial changes to existing electoral practice and as a result should be considered in detail.

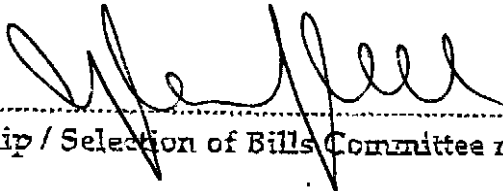
Possible submissions or evidence from: Australian Electoral Commission

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Finance and Public Administration Legislative Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

APPENDIX 3

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: *Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Further analysis required as to why the existing control of division of parenting by courts is not considered adequate; concerns that this bill will see parents' interests take precedence over the best interests of children; the effect of introducing shared parenting as a starting point for custody arrangements, particularly on victims of violence; the risk that this bill will jeopardise the safety of some children and their family members; and, how the new system would provide the right support for Indigenous communities, among other issues.

Possible submissions or evidence from: the Law Society of Australian and State and Territory Law Councils; National Legal Aid; the Federation of Community Legal Services; the Sole Parents Union; the Domestic Violence and Incest Resource Centre; the National Council of Single Mothers and their Children; Women's Legal Services Australia; the National Abuse Free Contact Campaign; Women's Safety After Separation; SPARK Resource Centre; and, the National Network of Indigenous Women's Legal Services, among other groups.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

(signed)



Party Whip/Selection of Bills Committee member



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill *Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Bill 2005*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: *significant changes with potential implications for families, women, children + men.*

Principal issues include:

- are changes in the best interest of children?*
- will changes ensure safety of children + their family members?*
- will changes meet the needs of indigenous + culturally diverse communities?*
- will changes meet the needs of rural + remote communities?*

Possible submissions or evidence from: *Community Legal Centres, Womens Group, Mens Group, Children Support Groups, Legal Practitioners*

Committee to which bill is to be referred: *Legal and Constitutional*

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: *8 August 2006*

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member