

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 11 of 2006

11 October 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 the Hon Chris Ellison

Senator Joe Ludwig

Senator Stephen Parry

Senator Ruth Webber

Secretary: Richard Pye
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1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 10 October 2006 at 4.18 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget Measures) Bill 2006 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 22 November 2006 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Bill 2006 and the Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 be *referred immediately* to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee for inquiry and report by 7 November 2006 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (c) *upon its introduction* in the House of Representatives the provisions of the Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006 be referred to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 17 November 2006 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills not be referred to committees:
 - Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Trans-Tasman Banking Supervision) Bill 2006
 - Judiciary Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
 - Law and Justice Legislation Amendment (Marking of Plastic Explosives) Bill 2006
 - Medical Indemnity Legislation Amendment Bill 2006
 - Social Security (Helping Pensioners Hit by the Skills Shortage) Bill 2006.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bill to its next meeting:
 - Migration Amendment (Border Integrity) Bill 2006.

(Jeannie Ferris)
Chair
11 October 2006



Appendix 1

THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2006 Budget Measures) Bill 200
Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Schedule 2 of the Bill proposes the introduction of significant new search and seizure powers for Centrelink.

These powers, and the circumstances under which they will be used, should be examined by the Legal & Constitutional Affairs committee.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Law and justice groups (eg law council), welfare rights organisations, civil liberties groups

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Legal & Constitutional Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 29 November 2006

(signed)

[Signature] 10/10/06
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

Appendix 2**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE****Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill: Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) Bill 2006;
Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests (Treatment) (Consequential
Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To examine the provisions of the bill.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Friends of the Earth
Alan Parkinson – nuclear engineer
Medical Association for the Prevention of War
Australian Nuclear Veterans Association
Australian Medical Association
Department of Veterans Affairs

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

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 7 November 2006



Senator Andrew Bartlett, Australian Democrats Whip



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600
SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee
upon its introduction in the House of Representatives

Name of bill *Environment + Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No.1)*
2006

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:
Examination of the bill as necessary.
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Possible submissions or evidence from:
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Committee to which bill is to be referred:
Environment, Communications, IT and the Arts

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: *17 November 2006*

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