

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 7 of 2007

10 May 2007

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Stephen Parry (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator George Campbell (Opposition Whip)

Senator Andrew Bartlett (Australian Democrats Whip)

Senator Fiona Nash (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (The Australian Greens Whip)

Senator the Hon. Eric Abetz

Senator Joe Ludwig

Senator Ruth Webber

Secretary: Richard Pye
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 9 May 2007 at 3.05 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2007 be *referred immediately* to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee for inquiry and report by 12 June 2007 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services Bill 2007 and the Forestry Marketing and Research and Development Services (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2007 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee for inquiry and report by 12 June 2007 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee considered a proposal relating to a Bill for an Act to Amend the Workplace Relations Act 1996, and for related purposes (Stronger Safety Net). The committee resolved to recommend that, upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the bill be referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee for inquiry and report, but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral).
4. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007
 - Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (OHS) Bill 2007
 - Governance Review Implementation (Science Research Agencies) Bill 2007
 - Health Insurance Amendment (Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation) Bill 2007
 - Health Insurance Amendment (Inappropriate and Prohibited Practices and Other Measures) Bill 2007
 - International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2007.

The committee recommends accordingly.

5. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Workplace Relations (Restoring Family Work Balance) Amendment Bill 2007
 - Repatriation of Citizens Bill 2007.

(Stephen Parry)

Chair

10 May 2007

APPENDIX 1

AUSTRALIAN SENATE

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

Name of bill: Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2007

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To look at impacts of the changes on the operation of the Authority and the management of the Marine Park, with special reference to the removal of the requirement for indigenous representation, and the details of new procedural requirements for zoning plans and changes.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Queensland Govt
- Recreational Fishers
- Commercial Fishers
- Queensland Tourism Industry Council
- World Wildlife Fund
- North Queensland Conservation Council
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
- Aboriginal Rainforest Council
- Girringun Aboriginal Corporation

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 12 June 2007

Australian Democrats Party Whip

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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 Forestry Marketing and Research and
Development Services Bill 2007

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

As this Bill establishes a new entity with
new responsibilities it is appropriate that this be reviewed
to ensure it is properly established and transition arrangements
are appropriate.

A review will include comparing the new entity
against the Uhrig template, considering the terms of the
statutory funding agreement between the new entity
and the Commonwealth and other matters associated
with the administration of the new entity.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

The Forestry industry, Dept of Agriculture, Forestry and
Fisheries, and the ~~officer~~ Forest and Wood Products
Research and Development Corporation and the CFMEU
Committee to which bill is to be referred: Rural and Regional
Affairs and Transport

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 16 August 2007

(signed)

[Signature] 9/5/07.
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: A Bill For An Act To Amend The Workplace Relations Act 1996 And
Related Purposes - (Stronger Safety Net)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Examination of the bill
upon its introduction in the House of Representatives.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Employment, Workplace Relations and Education

Possible hearing date (s):

Possible reporting date: 14 June 2007

(signed)

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Whip/Selection of Bills Committee member

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 7 OF 2007—
AMENDMENT TO REPORT**

(after adoption of committee report is moved)

MINISTER:

I move the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add:

- (a) and, in respect of paragraph 3, the committee report on the bill by 14 June 2007; and
- (b) the Workplace Relations (Restoring Family Work Balance) Amendment Bill 2007 also be referred to the committee for inquiry and report by 14 June 2007.

speaking time: 5 minutes per speaker