

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 1 of 2008

14 February 2008

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Kerry O'Brien (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Stephen Parry (Opposition Whip)

Senator Andrew Bartlett (Australian Democrats Whip)

Senator Fiona Nash (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (The Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Steve Fielding (Family First Whip)

Senator Judith Adams (Opposition Deputy Whip)

Senator the Hon. Chris Ellison (Manager of Opposition Business)

Secretary: Richard Pye
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 13 February 2008 at 7.15 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That the Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 18 June 2008 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral).

The committee recommends accordingly.

3. The committee considered a proposal to refer the *provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Transition to Forward with Fairness) Bill 2008 to a committee (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral), but **was unable to agree on the referral of the bill.**

(Kerry O'Brien)

Chair

14 February 2008



APPENDIX 1

13 February 2008

Senator Kerry O'Brien
Government Whip
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator O'Brien

I write to seek the agreement of the Selection of Bills Committee to refer the *Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007* to the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs for inquiry.

The Bill was introduced to the Senate in September last year.

Alcohol is a major problem - it kills three times more Australians than all illicit drugs combined. Family First wants to address our alcohol toll to help change our binge drinking culture to a healthy drinking culture.

Family First's *Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007* will:

- Require health information labels on all alcohol products;
- Require all alcohol ads to be pre-approved by a government body rather than a body run by the alcohol industry;
- Restrict TV and radio alcohol advertising to after 9pm and before 5am to stop alcohol being marketed to young people;
- Ban alcohol ads which are aimed at children or which link drinking to personal, business, social, sporting, sexual or other success.

The inquiry could seek submissions and expert testimony from:

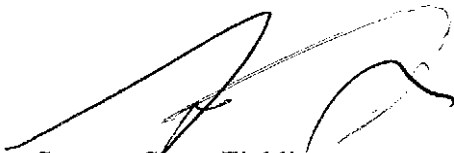
- Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation
- Australian Drug Foundation
- arbias Ltd - Acquired Brain Injury Assessment and Consulting
- Dr Alex Wodak, St Vincent's Hospital
- Professor Sandra Jones, University of Wollongong
- Australian Medical Association

- National Health and Medical Research Council
- Distilled Spirits Industry Council of Australia
- Australian Hotels Association

Hearings could be held in the week of 3 March and the Committee could report back to the Senate by Thursday, 20 March.

I would appreciate the Committee's support to refer the *Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007* for an inquiry so that the Senate can examine how best to address the serious problem of binge drinking in Australia.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Fielding', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

Senator Steve Fielding
Family First Leader
Family First Senator for Victoria



SENATOR THE HON. JOE LUDWIG

Minister for Human Services
Manager of Government Business in the Senate
Senator for Queensland

Senator O'Brien
Government Whip

cc Richard Pye – Senate Table Office
Senate PLO

SELECTION OF BILLS AGENDA

I write to seek your cooperation to have the following bill considered at the Selection of Bills Committee meeting on Wednesday 13 February 2008.

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Transition to Forward with Fairness) Bill 2008.

This bill is to be introduced into the House of Representatives on Wednesday 13 February 2008.

Yours sincerely



JOE LUDWIG
Minister for Human Services

12 February 2008

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (TRANSITION
TO FORWARD WITH FAIRNESS) BILL 2008

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

INQUIRE AND REPORT BY 3 MARCH 2008 WITH PARTICULAR
REFERENCE TO THE IMPACT OF AUSTRALIAN WORKPLACE
AGREEMENTS ON THE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES,
EMPLOYERS AND THEIR BUSINESS,

Possible submissions or evidence from:

EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE ORGANISATIONS,
NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS
ACADEMIC EXPERTS

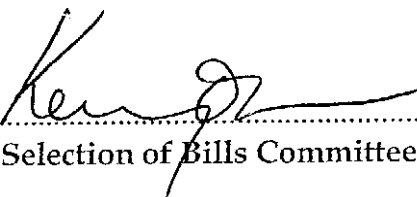
Committee to which bill is to be referred:

EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION

Possible hearing date(s): 25-27 FEB 2008

Possible reporting date: 3/3/08

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member