

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 15 of 2008

13 November 2008

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Anne McEwen (Acting Government Whip, Acting Chair)

Senator Stephen Parry (Opposition Whip)

Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (The Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Steve Fielding (The Family First Party Whip)

Senator Judith Adams

Senator the Hon. Helen Coonan

Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig

Secretary: Maureen Weeks
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1. The committee met in private session on Thursday, 13 November 2008 at 1.33 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Corporations Amendment (Short Selling) Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Committee for inquiry and report by 27 November 2008; and
 - (b) the Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Committee for inquiry and report by 10 March 2009 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Bill 2008
 - Renewable Energy Amendment (Feed-in-Tariff for Electricity) Bill 2008
 - Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Economic Security Strategy) Bill 2008.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the Tax Agent Services Bill 2008 to its next meeting.

(Anne McEwen)

Acting Chair

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APPENDIX 1

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Plebiscite for an Australian Republic Bill 2008

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The issue of Australia becoming a republic is an extremely important one for the Australian Parliament and public. It is important that the process by which this issue is progressed now has appropriate public input and is properly scrutinised and debated.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Republic Movement
Australians for a Constitutional Monarchy
Republic Australia
Peak Indigenous bodies
Professor John Williams
Professor George Williams
Australian Monarchist League
Professor Gregory Craven

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

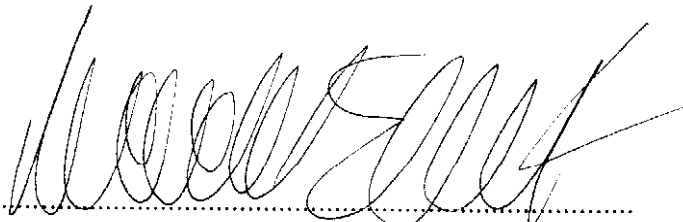
Possible hearing date(s):

16 - 19 February 2009

Possible reporting date:

10 March 2009

(signed)



Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member