

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 5 of 2009

14 May 2009

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Kerry O'Brien (Government Whip, 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 David Bushby

Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig

Senator Anne McEwen

Secretary: Maureen Weeks
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1. The committee met in private session on Thursday, 14 May 2009 at 11.34 am.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the order of the Senate of 18 March 2009 adopting the committee's 3rd report of 2009 be varied to provide that the AusCheck Amendment Bill 2009 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 June 2009 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Health Workforce Australia Bill 2009 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 15 June 2009 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Nation Building Program (National Land Transport) Amendment Bill 2009 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 15 June 2009 (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:
 - Car Dealership Financing Guarantee Appropriation Bill 2009
 - Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment (Child Care and Other Measures) Bill 2009
 - Food Safety (Trans Fats) Bill 2009
 - Financial Assistance Legislation Amendment Bill 2009
 - International Monetary Agreements Amendment Bill 2009
 - Nation-building Funds Amendment Bill 2009
 - National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical and Other Benefits—Cost Recovery) Bill 2008 [No. 2]
 - Rural Adjustment Amendment Bill 2009
 - Safe Work Australia Bill 2008 [No. 2]
 - Social Security and Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009
 - Social Security Legislation Amendment (Digital Television Switch-over) Bill 2009
 - Tax Laws Amendment (2009 Measures No. 3) Bill 2009.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee considered the Australian Climate Change Regulatory Authority Bill 2009 and nine related bills and noted that the Senate had agreed to refer the provisions of the bills to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report.
5. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009
 - Fair Work Amendment (Paid Parental Leave) Bill 2009
 - Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment (Removal of Excessive Super) Bill 2009.

(Kerry O'Brien)

Chair

14 May 2009

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: AusCheck Amendment Bill 2009

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Concern about privacy issues.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Privacy groups

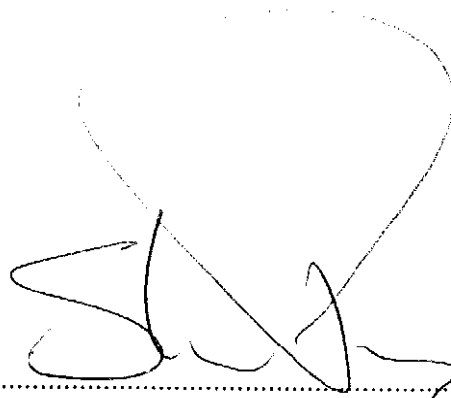
Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Possible hearing date(s): to be determined by committee

Possible reporting date: 16 June 2009

(signed)



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Health Workforce Australia Bill 2009

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

For more in-depth examination of the bill and its impact.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Health Employees Representative groups
Health Service providers

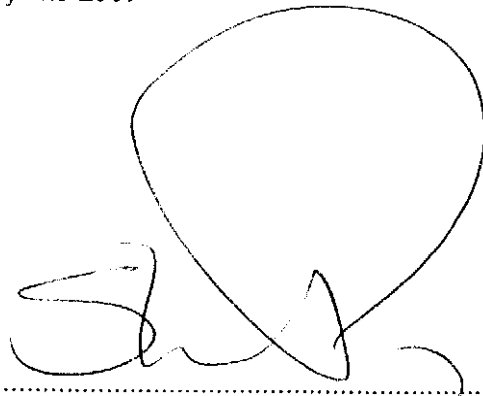
Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s): to be determined by committee

Possible reporting date: 15 June 2009

(signed)

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Nation Building Program (National Land Transport) Amendment Bill 2009

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Possible shift in road funding from Regional to Urban Australia.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

NRMA
Motorist Groups
Local Government

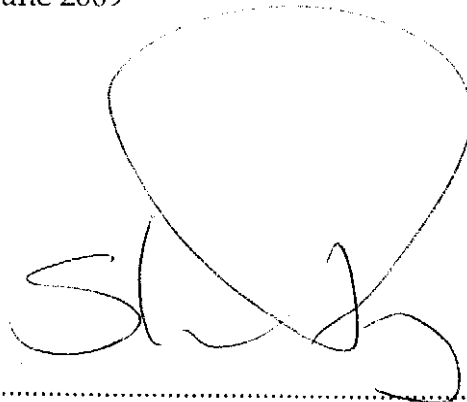
Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Possible hearing date(s): to be determined by committee

Possible reporting date: 15 June 2009

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