

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 8 of 2009

17 June 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 Tuesday, 16 June 2009 at 4.28 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009 be *referred immediately* to the Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 August 2009 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2009 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 5 August 2009 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment (Removal of Excessive Super) Bill 2009 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 8 September 2009 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform and Other 2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 June 2009 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Coordinator-General for Remote Indigenous Services Bill 2009
 - Fair Work Amendment (Paid Parental Leave) Bill 2009
 - Fair Work (State Referral and Consequential and Other Amendments) Bill 2009
 - Infrastructure Australia Amendment (National Broadband Network and Other Projects) Bill 2009
 - International Monetary Agreements Amendment (Financial Assistance) Bill 2009
 - Migration Amendment (Protection of Identifying Information) Bill 2009
 - Social Security Legislation Amendment (Improved Support for Carers) (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2009.

The committee recommends accordingly.

(Kerry O'Brien)

Chair

17 June 2009

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APPENDIX 1

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: This Bill outlines a self-funding government coordinated national scheme for recycling 11 billion drinks containers Australians dispose of each year. A Committee inquiry would examine the technical aspects of the legislation, the penalties, labeling, authorisation and transfer deposit stations, and proposed roles for each level of government working together with industry.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

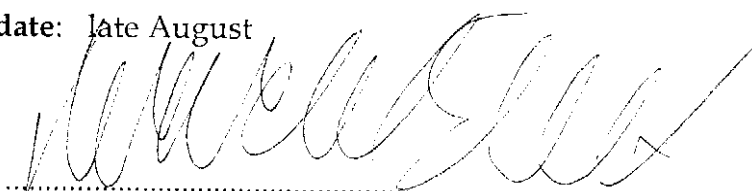
Waste Management Association of Australia, Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, Australian Beverages Council Ltd
Keep Australia Beautiful, Boomerang Alliance
Coca-Cola Amatil, The Packaging Council of Australia
National Association of Retail Grocers of Australia,
Australians for Refunds on Cans and Bottles
Clean Up Australia Day, Waste Management Board Western Australia
Southern Waste Strategy Authority, Zero Waste Australia
Waste Contractors and Recyclers Association of NSW
Forever Glass Group of Companies, Upstream Advice
Scouts Australia, AMCOR Australasia
Bioenergy Australia, Pollution Action Network
Revive Recycling Pty Ltd, Australian Council of Recyclers Inc
Australian Local Government Association

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Environment, Heritage and the Arts

Possible hearing date(s): mid-July - mid August

Possible reporting date: late August

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Health Insurance Amendment (Extended Medicare Safety Net) Bill 2009

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To investigate the changes relating to obstetrics, cataract surgery and IVF amongst other matters.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

AMA & other peak medical associations
Health Department
Health advocacy groups

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs (which is also inquiring into the Fairer Private Health Package of bills)

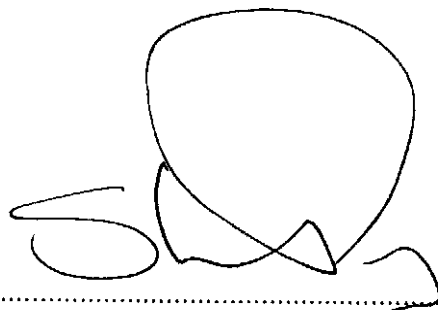
Possible hearing date(s):

It may be convenient for the committee to take evidence from witnesses and hold hearings into the abovementioned bill and the Fairer Private Health package of bills concurrently because of the interrelated *elements of the bills.*

Possible reporting date:

5th August 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:

Parliamentary Superannuation Amendment (Removal of Excessive Super) Bill 2009

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The Government has forecasted a massive budget deficit and is seeking to implement enormous budget cuts which will affect the lives of all Australians. At a time when all Australians are being asked to make sacrifices, the Federal Politicians elected to Parliament prior to 2004 continue to enjoy excessive superannuation entitlements. We need to provide the Australian community with assurances and peace of mind that in times of great financial uncertainty, their elected representatives are not more concerned with their own well being than the financial security of the country.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

The Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal, Superannuation Branch - Department of Finance and Regulation, Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia, Association of Former Members of the Parliament of Australia, Associate Professor Marilyn Clark-Murphy of Edith Cowan University, Institute of Actuaries of Australia.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Finance and Public Administration

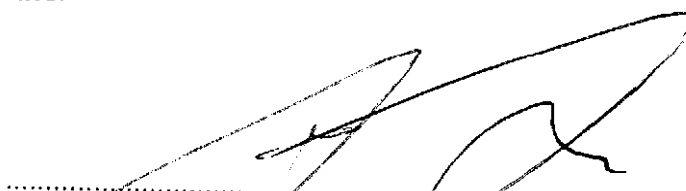
Possible hearing date(s):

13 July 2009

Possible reporting date:

22 July 2009

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Pension Reform and Other 2009 Budget Measures) Bill 2009

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Potential significant impacts on pensioners
& other income support recipients

Possible submissions or evidence from: National Seniors Assoc
Industry Ups

ACOSS
Nat Welfare Rights Network

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Unions
National Council Single Mothers & their Children
Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s): 19/6/09

Possible reporting date: 23/6/09

(signed)



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