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MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Anne McEwen (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Stephen Parry (Opposition Whip)

Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Steve Fielding (Family First Party Whip)

Senator Judith Adams

Senator Carol Brown

Senator Mitch Fifield

Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig

Secretary: Maureen Weeks

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- 1. The committee met in private session on Thursday, 25 November 2010 at 6.37 pm.
- 2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Genetically Modified Material) Bill 2010 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 June 2011 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (b) the Patent Amendment (Human Genes and Biological Materials) Bill 2010 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 June 2011 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral).
- 3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Assisting Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill 2010
 - Banking Amendment (Controls on Variable Interest Rate Changes) Bill 2010
 - Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2010
 - Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Amendment (Fair Indexation) Bill 2010
 - Family Law Amendment (Validation of Certain Parenting Orders and Other Measures) Bill 2010
 - Health Insurance Amendment (Compliance) Bill 2010
 - Plastic Bag Levy (Assessment and Collection) Bill 2010
 - Screen Australia (Transfer of Assets) Bill 2010
 - Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Amendment Bill 2010.

The committee recommends accordingly.

- 4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Enrolment and Prisoner Voting) Bill 2010
 - Foreign Acquisitions Amendment (Agricultural Land) Bill 2010
 - Human Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2010
 - Migration Amendment (Detention of Minors) Bill 2010
 - Migration Amendment (Detention Reform and Procedural Fairness) Bill 2010
 - National Broadband Network Companies Bill 2010
 - National Broadband Network Financial Transparency Bill 2010 (No. 2)
 - Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010

- Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 2) 2010
- Tax Laws Amendment (2010 Measures No. 5) Bill 2010
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures—Access Arrangements) Bill 2010.

(Anne McEwen) **Chair**26 November 2010

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of Bill:

Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling – Genetically Modified Material) Bill 2010

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Greenpeace

Gene Ethics

CHOICE

MADGE - Mothers Are Demystifying GE

Food manufacturers

Australian Food and Grocery Council

Food Standards Australia New Zealand

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Community Affairs Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

February/March 2011

Possible reporting date:

March/April 2011

(signed)

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Patent Amendment (Human Genes and Biological Materials) Bill 2010

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Cancer Council Australia Dr Luigi Palombi (ANU)

Breast Cancer Action Group

Breast Cancer Network of Australia

National Breast Cancer Foundation

Australian Gene Ethics Network

Dr Leslie Cannold ACCC

Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute Walter and Eliza Hall Institute

Cancer Voices Maurice Blackburn

Professor Ian Frazer Australian Law Reform Commission

Genetic Technologies Ltd Intellectual property lawyers

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Civil liberties groups

April/May 2011

Possible reporting date:

June 2011

(signed)

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member