REPORT NO. 7 of 2011

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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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 7 OF 2011

- 1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 14 June 2011 at 7.27 pm.
- 2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) upon its introduction in the Senate, Schedule 4 of the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further Election Commitments and Other Measures) Bill 2011 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 22 June 2011 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of Schedule 5 of the Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 5) Bill 2011 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 June 2011 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Veterans' Entitlements Amendment Bill 2011 be *referred immediately* to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 August 2011 (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:
 - Acts Interpretation Amendment Bill 2011
 - Aged Care Amendment Bill 2011
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (Taxation of Alternative Fuels) Bill 2011
 - Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme Amendment Bill 2011
 - Excise Tariff Amendment (Taxation of Alternative Fuels) Bill 2011
 - Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Financial Viability) Bill 2011
 - Financial Framework Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2011
 - Higher Education Support Amendment (Demand Driven Funding System and Other Measures) Bill 2011
 - Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2011
 - Military Justice (Interim Measures) Amendment Bill 2011
 - Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Amendment (Registration of Foreign Proceeds of Crime Orders) Bill 2011
 - Navigation Amendment Bill 2011
 - Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment (Oil Transfers) Bill 2011
 - Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 3) Bill 2011
 - Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 4) Bill 2011
 - Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2011
 - Taxation of Alternative Fuels Legislation Amendment Bill 2011.

The committee recommends accordingly.

- 4. The committee considered the following bills and, noting that they had been referred to committees pursuant to the order of the Senate of 12 May 2011, resolved to make no recommendation:
 - Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011
 - Offshore Petroleum (Royalty) Amendment Bill 2011
 - Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Registration Fees) Amendment Bill 2011
 - Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (National Regulator) Bill 2011
 - Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Regulatory Levies Legislation Amendment (2011 Measures No. 2) Bill 2011
 - Offshore Resources Legislation Amendment (Personal Property Securities) Bill 2011
 - Social Security Amendment (Parenting Payment Transitional Arrangement) Bill 2011.
- 5. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Public Service Amendment (Payments in Special Circumstances) Bill 2011
 - Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010.

(Anne McEwen) **Chair**15 June 2011

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

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Schedule 4 of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further Election Commitments and Other Measures) Bill 2011 (& related Government amendments)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Concerns of the insurance industry regarding the unworkability of the notification provisions and the disadvantage this may potentially cause injury compensation beneficiaries.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Insurance Council of Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Friday 17 June 2011

Possible reporting date:

22/6/11

(signed) Senator Fifield

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 5) Bill 2011

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Schedule 5 – Car fringe benefits tax rule changes

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Council of Small Business of Australia
Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries
The Tax Institute
Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia
PricewaterhouseCoopers / KPMG
Australian Industry Group
Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Motor Trades Assoc
National Farmers Federation

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Economics Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

June / July

Possible reporting date:

Late July

Senator Fifield

(signed)

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Veterans' Entitlements Amendment Bill 2011

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To seek further information about the changes proposed by Schedule 2 of the Bill and enable feedback from the veteran and ex-service community about the changes.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Servicemen and Women Ltd

Australian Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Veterans' Association

Australian Special Air Service Association

Australian Veteran and Defence Services Council

Defence Force Welfare Association

Injured Service Persons' Association

Legacy

Naval Association of Australia

Partners of Veterans' Association

Returned and Services League of Australia

Royal Australian Air Force Association

Royal Australian Regiment Association

Vietnam Veterans' Association of Australia

Vietnam Veterans' Federation of Australia

War Widows' Guild of Australia

Wider veteran and ex-service community (incl. individuals)

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Possible hearing date(s):

During the Winter break

Possible reporting date:

First sitting week in August to enable consideration ahead of the implementation of time-critical provisions of the Bill (particularly Schedule 1 relating to payments for ex-Prisoners of War)

(signed) Senator Fifield

(whip / Selection of Bills Committee member