

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 8 of 2011

23 June 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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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 22 June 2011 at 7.26 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the order of the Senate of 12 May 2011 adopting the committee's 5th report of 2011 be varied to provide that the Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2011 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 August 2011; and
 - (b) the Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011 and the Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011 [No. 2] be *referred immediately* to the Rural Affairs and Transport References Committee for inquiry and report by 16 August 2011 (see appendices 1 and 2 for statements of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Carbon Tax Plebiscite Bill 2011
 - Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Tobacco Industry Donations) Bill 2011
 - Competition and Consumer Legislation Amendment Bill 2011
 - Customs Amendment (New Zealand Rules of Origin) Bill 2011.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Fees) Bill 2011
 - Cybercrime Legislation Amendment Bill 2011
 - Government Advertising (Accountability) Bill 2011
 - Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Raising the Bar) Bill 2011
 - Interactive Gambling and Broadcasting Amendment (Online Transactions and Other Measures) Bill 2011
 - Migration Amendment (Declared Countries) Bill 2011
 - Public Service Amendment (Payments in Special Circumstances) Bill 2011
 - Responsible Takeaway Alcohol Hours Bill 2010
 - Schools Assistance Amendment Bill 2011
 - Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 6) Bill 2011.

(Anne McEwen)

Chair

23 June 2011

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2011

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Humane Society International
World Society Protection of Animals
RSPCA
Animals Australia
Voiceless
Australian Meat Industry Council
Meat and Livestock
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
AQUIS
LiveCorp

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Rural Affairs and Transport

Possible hearing date(s):

July/ August 2011

Possible reporting date:

16 August 2011

Senator Siewert

(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:

Live Animal Export Restriction and Prohibition Bill 2011

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

In undertaking the inquiry, the Committee should consider:

1. The animal welfare issues inherent in live animal exports
2. The failure of successive governments and governmental agencies to improve welfare standards for live exports overseas
3. The lack of enforceable standards for animal welfare overseas
4. The economic benefits and impacts of the live export trade
5. The economic benefits and imports of phasing out the live export trade and replacing it with a chilled meat trade, as has occurred in New Zealand

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Meat and Livestock Australia
Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
Animals Australia
RSPCA
Australian Meat Industry Council
Australian Meat Industry Employees Union
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, New Zealand

Committee to which the bill is to be referred:

Senate Standing Committee on Rural Affairs and Transport

Possible hearing date(s):


July/August 2011

Possible reporting date:

14 September 2011

Senator Siewert

(signed)

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee Member