

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 13 of 2011

22 September 2011

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Anne McEwen (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Helen Kroger (Opposition Whip)

Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens 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, 21 September 2011 at 6.58 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That the *provisions* of the Consumer Credit and Corporations Legislation Amendment (Enhancements) Bill 2011 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 23 November 2011 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Banking Amendment (Covered Bonds) Bill 2011
 - Landholders' Right to Refuse (Coal Seam Gas) Bill 2011
 - Migration Amendment (Declared Countries) Bill (No. 2) 2011
 - Migration Legislation Amendment (Offshore Processing and Other Measures) Bill 2011.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee considered proposals to refer the provisions of the following bills to each of the Senate legislation committees, but **was unable to reach agreement on whether the bills should be referred** (see appendices 2 to 9 for statements of reasons for referral to each committee):
 - Clean Energy Bill 2011
 - Clean Energy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011
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5. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Auditor-General Amendment Bill 2011
 - Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Legislation Amendment Bill 2011
 - Higher Education Support Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2011
 - Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Significant Incident Directions) Bill 2011
 - Social Security Amendment (Student Income Support Reforms) Bill 2011
 - Social Security Legislation Amendment (Family Participation Measures) Bill 2011
 - Tax Laws Amendment (2011 Measures No. 7) Bill 2011
 - Telecommunications Amendment (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill 2011.

(Anne McEwen)

Chair

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Consumer Credit and Corporations Legislation Amendment (Enhancements) Bill 2011

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To determine whether the proposed protections for consumers who enter into small amount credit contracts (including a cap on the maximum amount credit providers can charge under these contracts) are adequate.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Consumer Action Law Centre
CHOICE
Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS)
The Centre for Credit and Consumer Law - Queensland
Consumers Health Forum
Consumer Utilities Advocacy Centre Ltd
Financial and Consumer Rights Council Inc
Not Good Enough
Public Interest Advocacy Centre Ltd

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

December 2011 / January 2012

Possible reporting date:

3rd sitting day of 2012

Senator Siewert

(signed)

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

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Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Impacts of the legislative package on families and other households, carers, not-for-profit volunteer organisations and the charitable sector, including but not limited to the adequacy or otherwise of compensation measures

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Australian Council of Social Service, Australian Federation of Disability Organisations, Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association, Australian Taxation Office, Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia, National Disability Services, Uniting Justice Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

October, November, December 2011 & January 2012


Possible reporting date:

Second sitting day of 2012

Senator Fifield

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Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Impacts of the legislative package on the Australian economy, including but not limited to its impacts on Australia's competitiveness with reference to emissions activities and emissions reduction measures being taken by Australia's trade competitors, as well as energy security and costs and transport and other infrastructure costs

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of the Treasury, Association of Mining and Exploration Companies, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Australian Industry Group, Energy Supply Association of Australia, National Generators Forum

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

Possible hearing date(s):

October, November, December 2011 & January 2012

Possible reporting date:

Second sitting day of 2012

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Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Impacts of the legislative package on employment and jobs, including but not limited to impacts related to energy security and costs, transport and other infrastructure costs and also Australia's competitiveness with trade competitors

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Australian Council of Trade Unions, Business Council of Australia, Minerals Council of Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Possible hearing date(s):

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Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The effectiveness or otherwise of the legislative package in achieving claimed environmental outcomes, including its contribution towards meeting Australia's stated emissions reduction targets.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, Australian Conservation Foundation, Australian Industry Greenhouse Network, Clean Energy Council, Climate Institute, Sustainable Business Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Possible hearing date(s):

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Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Impacts of the legislative package on Australian trade and international relations, including but not limited to implications arising from the treatment of emissions activities and emissions reduction measures in other major economies and Australia's trading competitors, as well as the status of international agreements and the operation of the international carbon market

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australian Financial Markets Association, Carbon Farming and Trading Association, Centre for Independent Studies, Institute of Public Affairs, Minerals Council of Australia, National Farmers' Federation

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

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Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Budgetary implications, both short- and long-term, of measures within the legislative package

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of the Treasury, Department of Finance and Deregulation, Australian National Audit Office, state governments

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

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Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Impacts of the legislative package on property rights, customs duties and related matters

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Attorney-General's Department, Australian Trade Commission, state governments, Law Council of Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

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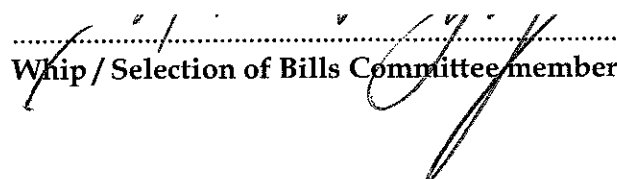
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Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Impacts of the legislative package on the transport sector, including but not limited to impacts on fuel costs, and on rural and regional Australia, including but not limited to impacts on the tourism sector

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of Infrastructure and Transport, Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, Australian Automobile Association, Australian Livestock and Rural Transport Association, Australian Road Transport Industrial Organisation, National Farmers' Federation, Shipping Australia, Tourism and Transport Forum, Tourism Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Standing Committee on Rural Affairs and Transport

Possible hearing date(s):

October, November, December 2011 & January 2012

Possible reporting date:

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