

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 1 of 2012

9 February 2012

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 the Hon. Mark Arbib

Senator Carol Brown

Senator Mitch Fifield

Secretary: Maureen Weeks
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1. The committee met in private session on Thursday, 9 February 2012 at 11.23 am.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 27 February 2012 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the Migration Amendment (Removal of Mandatory Minimum Penalties) Bill 2012 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 22 March 2012 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support and Other Measures) Bill 2012 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 19 March 2012 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (d) the Telecommunications Amendment (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill 2011 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 May 2012 (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:
 - Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (International Broadcasting Services) Bill 2011
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Monitoring of Whaling) Bill 2012
 - National Health Amendment (Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement Initiatives) Bill 2011
 - Public Accounts and Audit Committee Amendment (Ombudsman) Bill 2011.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bill to its next meeting:
 - Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting and Telecommunications Amendment) Bill 2011.

(Anne McEwen)

Chair

9 February 2012

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Members of Parliament (Life Gold Pass) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To enable appropriate consideration of the Bill.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

27 February 2012

Senator McEwen

(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: Migration Amendment (Removal of Mandatory Minimum Penalties) Bill 2012

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To investigate the merits of reforming this area of law, particularly in terms of analysing the practical policy outcomes of the current sentencing regime, human rights and natural justice concerns and impact on the wider court system across Australia.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Human Rights Legal Centre
Legal Aid Commissions across states and territories
Mark Plunkett
CDPP
Law Council of Australia
Rule of Law Institute of Australia
Australia Lawyers Alliance
Attorney-Generals Dept
Centre for Policy Development
DIAC
Judicial Conference of Australia
National Judicial College of Australia
Judicial Colleges of states and territories
Indonesian Consulate in Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): 16 March 2012

Possible reporting date: 22 March 2012

Senator Siewert

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(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 (Income Support and Other Measures) Bill 2012

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Consideration of changes to income support payments.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Community Affairs Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

As determined by committee

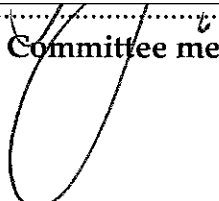
Possible reporting date:

As determined by committee

(signed)

Senator Fifield

~~Whip~~ / Selection of Bills Committee member



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Telecommunications Amendment (Mobile Phone Towers) Bill 2011

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow opportunity for detailed consideration of the Bill and to allow the Committee to hear from stakeholders and consider the practical implications of the Bill.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

The parties interested in this Bill will be similar to those providing submissions to the "Inquiry into the *Telecommunications Amendment (Enhancing Community Consultation) Bill 2011*, a Bill introduced into the House of Representatives by Mr Andrew Wilkie. A list of submitters can be found at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ic/Telecommunications/subs.htm>

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Not specified

Possible reporting date:

March / May 2012

(signed)

..... Senator McEwen
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member