



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 1 of 2004

11 February 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Jeannie Ferris (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Sue Mackay (Opposition Whip)

Senator Lyn Allison (Australian Democrats Whip)

Senator Julian McGauran (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Geoffrey Buckland

Senator the Hon. Ian Campbell

Senator Alan Eggleston

Senator Joseph Ludwig

Secretary: Richard Pye
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1. The committee met on Tuesday, 10 February 2004.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the Australian Federal Police and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2003 [2004] be ***referred immediately*** to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on 23 March 2004 (see appendix 1 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the ***provisions*** of the Treasury Legislation Amendment (Professional Standards) Bill 2003 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on a date to be determined after consulting the committee (see appendix 2 for statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (c) the following bills ***not*** be referred to committees:
 - Broadcasting Services (Safeguarding Local Content and Local Audience Needs) Amendment Bill 2003
 - Customs Legislation Amendment (Application of International Trade Modernisation and Other Measures) Bill 2003
 - Dairy Produce Amendment Bill 2003
 - Fisheries Legislation Amendment (Compliance and Deterrence Measures and Other Matters) Bill 2003 [2004]
 - Health Legislation Amendment (Medicare) Bill 2003
 - Import Processing Charges (Amendment and Repeal) Amendment Bill 2003
 - Industry Research and Development Amendment Bill 2003
 - National Measurement Amendment Bill 2003
 - Privacy Amendment Bill 2003

The committee recommends accordingly.

3. The committee ***deferred*** consideration of the following bills to the next meeting:

Bill deferred from meeting of 12 August 2003

- Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand and Other Matters) Bill 2003.

Bill deferred from meeting of 28 October 2003

- Intelligence Services Amendment Bill 2003.

Bill deferred from meeting of 25 November 2003

- Workplace Relations Amendment (Better Bargaining) Bill 2003.

Bill deferred from meeting of 2 December 2003

- Fisheries Legislation Amendment (High Seas Fishing Activities and Other Matters) Bill 2003.

Bills deferred from meeting of 10 February 2004

- A New Tax System (Commonwealth-State Financial Arrangements) Amendment Bill 2003
- Australian Crime Commission Amendment Bill 2003
- Corporate Law Economic Reform Program (Audit Reform and Corporate Disclosure) Bill 2003
- Corporations (Fees) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003
- New International Tax Arrangements Bill 2003
- Norfolk Island Amendment Bill 2003 [2004]
- Racial and Religious Hatred Bill 2003 [No. 2]
- Taxation Laws (Clearing and Settlement Facility Support) Bill 2003
- Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 9) 2003.

(Jeannie Ferris)

Chair

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Australian Federal Police & other Legislation Amendment Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To examine the impact of the Bill on the operational capacity of the AFP and the APS

Possible submissions or evidence from: AFPA APS AG CPSU etc - usuals

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Leg & Con Leg Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 23/3/04

(signed)

[Signature]
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

APPENDIX 2



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Treasury Legislation Amendment (Professional Standards) Bill 2003

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To examine the provisions of the bill and the impact that it is likely to have on professionals and consumers, especially the introduction of a cap on liability and damages. Since the legislation is designed to address the availability and cost of public liability insurance, examine the likely impact on premium pricing and professional conduct.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Consumers Association
Australian Consumer Competition Commission
Australian Plaintiff Lawyers Association
Insurance Council of Australia
Institute of Chartered Accountants
Association of Consulting Engineers Australia
Australian Medical Association
State Governments
Professional Standards Council

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: As soon as practicable.

(signed)

Party Whip/Selection of Bills Committee member