



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 2 of 2004

3 March 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, 2 March 2004.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the Taxation Laws (Clearing and Settlement Facility Support) Bill 2003 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on 29 March 2004 (see appendix 1 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment Bill 2004 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);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Award Simplification) Bill 2002 and the Workplace Relations Amendment (Better Bargaining) Bill 2003, the Workplace Relations Amendment (Choice in Award Coverage) Bill 2004 and the Workplace Relations Amendment (Simplifying Agreement-making) Bill 2004 be *referred immediately* to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on 17 June 2004 (see appendices 3 - 6 for statements of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment Bill 2004 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on 30 March 2004 (see appendix 7 for statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - A New Tax System (Commonwealth-State Financial Arrangements) Amendment Bill 2003
 - Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Amendment Bill 2004
 - Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment (Rotterdam Convention) Bill 2004
 - Australian Crime Commission Amendment Bill 2003 [2004]
 - Australian Sports Drug Agency Amendment Bill 2004
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (Paraquat Dichloride) Bill 2004
 - Fisheries Legislation Amendment (High Seas Fishing Activities and Other Matters) Bill 2004
 - Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2004
 - House of Representatives (Northern Territory Representation) Bill 2004
 - International Transfer of Prisoners Amendment Bill 2004
 - Medical Indemnity Amendment Bill 2004
 - Medical Indemnity (IBNR Indemnity) Contribution Amendment Bill 2004
 - Migration Amendment (Duration of Detention) Bill 2004
 - Norfolk Island Amendment Bill 2003 [2004]
 - Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 9) 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.

Bills deferred from meeting of 10 February 2004

- 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
- Racial and Religious Hatred Bill 2003 [No. 2].

Bills deferred from meeting of 2 March 2004

- Extension of Sunset of Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title Bill 2004
- Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 1) Bill 2004
- Trade Practices Amendment (Personal Injuries and Death) Bill (No. 2) 2004.

(Jeannie Ferris)

Chair

3 March 2004



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Taxation Laws (clearing + settlement) Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

→ consideration of bill and related matters

Possible submissions or evidence from:

ASX, Treasury, and others to be advised

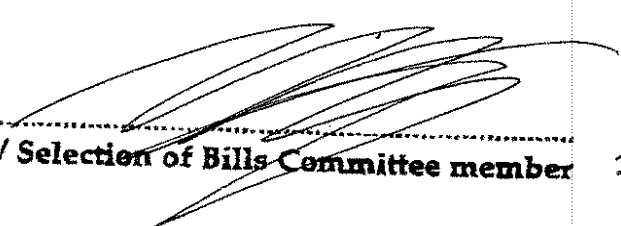
Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): ~~anytime~~ Anytime in the week beginning 22 March

Possible reporting date: Anytime in the week beginning 29 March

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member 2/3/04

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APPENDIX 2



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program
Amendment Bill 2004

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To investigate the impact of the proposed changes to the TCF Strategic Investment Program on the TCF industry, specifically leather and technical textiles, and the adequacy of support measures.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Textile, Clothing and Footwear Union of Australia
Council of Textile and Fashion Industries of Australia
Australian Association of Leather Industries
Australian Industry Group

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

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: As soon as practicable.

Senator Lyn Allison, Australian Democrats Whip



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (AWARD
SIMPLIFICATION) BILL

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Effect of reducing award safety net,
- Importance of award safety net,
- Process involved in further award simplification,
including resources required
- Effect of removing federal award provisions and
reverting to relying on state laws.

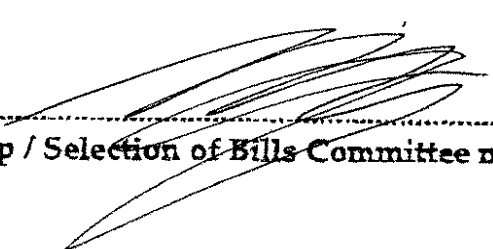
Possible submissions or evidence from: ACCI, ACTU, AIG,
STATE LABOUR COUNCILS

Committee to which bill is to be referred: EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE
RELATIONS + EDUCATION LEG. C'TTEE

Possible hearing date(s): 3-4 MAY 2004

Possible reporting date: 17 JUNE 2004

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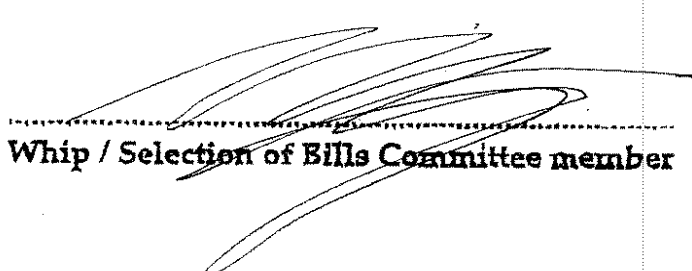
Name of bill WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (BETTER BARGAINING)
BILL 2003

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Effect on bargaining capacity of employees and unions
- Effect on capacity of AIRC to assist parties to settle disputes
- Particular effect on caring professions named in Minister's second reading speech.
- Effect on capacity of negotiating parties to decide the appropriate parameters of their bargaining.

Possible submissions or evidence from: ACCI, ACTU, AIG,
STATE LABORER COUNCILSCommittee to which bill is to be referred: EMPLOYMENT WORKPLACE
RELATIONS & EDUCATION LEG. C'TTEEPossible hearing date(s): 3-4 MAY 2004Possible reporting date: 17 JUNE 2004

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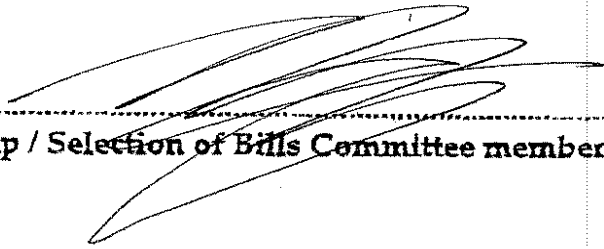
Name of bill WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (CHOICE IN AWARD COVERAGE) BILL

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Importance of award safety net
- Effect of restricting award safety net
- Inconsistency of this Bill with Government's approach in the WRA (Improved conditions for Victorian workers) Bill

Possible submissions or evidence from: ACCI, ACTU, AIS,
STATE LABOUR COUNCILSCommittee to which bill is to be referred: EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE
RELATIONS & EDUCATION LEG. CTTEEPossible hearing date(s): 3-4 MAY 2004Possible reporting date: 17 JUNE 2004

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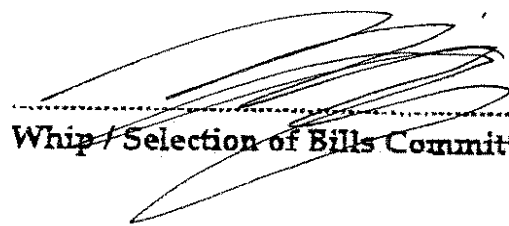
Name of bill WORKPLACE RELATIONS AMENDMENT (SIMPLIFYING
AGREEMENT MAKING) BILL 2002

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Why a party to an agreement should not be involved in its variation?
- Practical implications of AWA operating from the time of signing, particularly if the AWA is not approved.
- Current processes for agreement approval and evidence of problems with these processes.

Possible submissions or evidence from: ACCI, ACTU, AIG,
STATE LABOUR COUNCILSCommittee to which bill is to be referred: EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE
RELATIONS & EDUCATION LEG. C'TTEEPossible hearing date(s): 3-4 MAY 2004.Possible reporting date: 17 JUNE 2004

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Name of bill TELECOMMUNICATIONS (INTERCEPTION) AMENDMENT
BILL 2004.

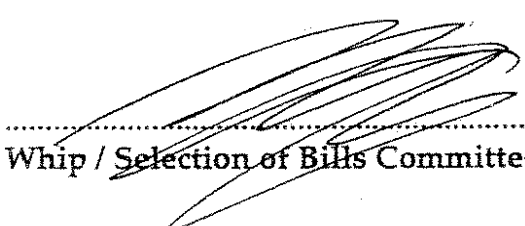
Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE CHANGES TO THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERCEPTION REGIME PROPOSED IN
THE BILL, AND WHETHER PREVIOUS CONCERNS OF THE
SENATE LEGAL & CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED.Possible submissions or evidence from: AFP, ASIO, AFPA,
ATTORNEY-GENERALS DEPT.Committee to which bill is to be referred: LEGAL & CONSTITUTIONAL
AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 30 MARCH 2004.

(signed)


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