



THE SENATE  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

*SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE*

*REPORT NO. 6 of 2003*

*18 June 2003*

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Senator Jeannie Ferris (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Sue Mackay (Opposition Whip)

Senator Lyn Allison (Australian Democrats Whip)

Senator Julian McGauran (National Party of Australia Whip)

Senator Geoffrey Buckland

Senator the Hon. Ian Campbell

Senator Alan Eggleston

Senator Joseph Ludwig

Secretary: Rosemary Laing  
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1. The committee met on Tuesday, 17 June 2003.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 5) 2003 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on 11 August 2003 (see appendix 1 for statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the *provisions* of the Trade Practices Amendment (Personal Injuries and Death) Bill 2003 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on 20 August 2003 (see appendix 2 for statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) the *provisions* of the Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2003 be *referred immediately* to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on 24 June 2003 (see appendix 3 for statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (d) the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
    - Acts Interpretation Amendment (Court Procedures) Bill 2003
    - Australian Film Commission Amendment Bill 2003
    - Australian Prudential Regulation Authority Amendment Bill 2003
    - Criminal Code Amendment (Terrorist Organisations) Bill 2003
    - Defence Amendment (Parliamentary approval for Australian involvement in overseas conflicts) Bill 2003
    - Defence Legislation Amendment Bill 2003
    - Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003
    - Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003
    - Health and Ageing Legislation Amendment Bill 2003
    - Health Care (Appropriation) Amendment Bill 2003
    - Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003
    - Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 2003
    - National Handgun Buyback Bill 2003
    - National Health Amendment (Private Health Insurance Levies) Bill 2003
    - Private Health Insurance (ACAC Review Levy) Bill 2003
    - Private Health Insurance (Collapsed Organization Levy) Bill 2003
    - Private Health Insurance (Council Administration Levy) Bill 2003
    - Private Health Insurance (Reinsurance Trust Fund Levy) Bill 2003
    - Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Employee Involvement and Compliance) Bill 2002
    - Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Legislation Amendment Bill 2003
    - Ozone Protection (Licence Fees—Imports) Amendment Bill 2003
    - Ozone Protection (Licence Fees—Manufacture) Amendment Bill 2003
    - Product Stewardship (Oil) Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003
    - Sexuality Anti-Vilification Bill 2003

- Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) Bill 2003  
Superannuation (Government Co-contribution for Low Income Earners) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003
- Superannuation (Surcharge Rate Reduction) Amendment Bill 2003
- Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 6) 2003
- Taxation Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2003
- Trade Practices Legislation Amendment Bill 2003
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Award Simplification) Bill 2002
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Choice in Award Coverage) Bill 2002
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Compliance with Court and Tribunal Orders) Bill 2003.

*The committee recommends accordingly.*

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

*Bills deferred from meeting of 17 June 2003*

- Customs Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003  
Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2003
- Customs Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003
- Health Legislation Amendment (Medicare and Private Health Insurance) Bill 2003
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Sponsorship Measures) Bill 2003
- National Transport Commission Bill 2003  
National Transport Commission (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2003
- New Business Tax System (Taxation of Financial Arrangements) Bill (No. 1) 2003.

(Jeannie Ferris)

**Chair**

18 June 2003



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill TAXATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (No 5) 2003

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: .....

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- *appropriateness of the test being the interests of an internationally recognised rating agency*
- *reevaluation of assets*
- *accounting standards*
- *\$2 million threshold for requirement to maintain records about an Australian permanent establishment.*

Possible submissions or evidence from: *Treasury, ATO, interested financial institutions, professional accounting bodies*

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

Possible hearing date(s): .....

Possible reporting date: *11/8/03*

(signed)

*[Signature]*  
 Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member  
 17/6/03



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill TRADE PRACTICES AMENDMENT (PERSONAL INJURIES AND DEATH) BILL

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

• Need to examine the implications of the proposal for consumers, especially the interaction of the Bill with the other reforms in response to the insurance crisis.

• Explore the case for amendments which limit rather than remove the right to sue for personal injury damages under Part V Div 1 of the TPA.

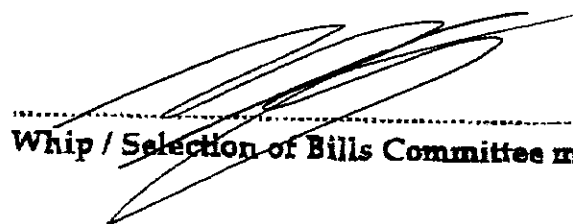
Possible submissions or evidence from: ACCC, Australian Consumers Association, Consumer Law Centre Victoria, Australian Plaintiff Lawyers' Association, Insurance Council of Australia, Treasury

Committee to which bill is to be referred: ECONOMICS LEGISLATION

Possible hearing date(s): 13 August

Possible reporting date: 20 August

(signed)

  
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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill EXPORT MARKS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AMENDMENT BILL 2003

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- impact of ~~the~~ proposed changes on exporters
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Possible submissions or evidence from: AUSTRALIA EXPORT CONSULTANTS ASSOCIATION

Committee to which bill is to be referred: SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE & TRADE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 24 JUNE 2003

(signed)

  
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member 17/6/03