



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 7 of 2004

12 May 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Jeannie Ferris (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Sue Mackay (Opposition Whip)

Senator Lyn Allison (Australian Democrats Whip)

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Secretary: Richard Pye
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1. The committee met on Tuesday, 11 May 2004.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the **provisions** of the Parliamentary Superannuation Bill 2004 and the Parliamentary Superannuation and Other Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2004 be **referred immediately** to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on 15 June 2004 (see appendix 1 for statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (b) the following bills **not** be referred to committees:
 - Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Access to Electoral Roll and Other Measures) Bill 2004
 - Electoral and Referendum Amendment (Enrolment Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2004
 - Health Legislation Amendment (Podiatric Surgery and Other Matters) Bill 2004
 - Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment (Low Regulatory Concern Chemicals) Bill 2004
 - Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Promoting Safer Workplaces) Bill 2004
 - Veterans' Entitlements (Clarke Review) Bill 2004.

The committee recommends accordingly.

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

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

Bill deferred from meeting of 23 March 2004

- Resale Royalty Bill 2004.

Bills deferred from meeting of 30 March 2004

- Excise and Other Legislation Amendment (Compliance Measures) Bill 2004
- Flags Amendment (Eureka Flag) Bill 2004.

Bills deferred from meeting of 11 May 2004

- Child Support Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuels) Bill 2004
Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuels) Bill 2004
- Family Law Amendment Bill 2004
- New International Tax Arrangements (Participation Exemption and Other Measures) Bill 2004
- Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 2) Bill 2004.

(Jeannie Ferris)

Chair

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APPENDIX 1

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE****Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill: Parliamentary Superannuation Bill 2004
Parliamentary Superannuation and other Entitlements Legislation
Amendment Bill 2004

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To examine the provisions of the bill relating to the superannuation entitlements of new Members of Parliament and ability to attract quality MPs.

To consider the impact of the legislation on existing Parliamentarians and the implications of having three different superannuation arrangements for MPs.

To compare this legislation with similar changes being made to the Commonwealth Public Service and State and Territory Parliaments.

To consider the Labor proposal to cap the additional retiring allowance for Ministers and other office holders.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Corporate Superannuation Association
Investment and Financial Services Association
Association of Superannuation Funds Australia
Commonwealth Public Service Union
ACOSS
Department of Finance and Administration
State Parliaments

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Finance and Public Administration

Possible hearing date(s): 31 May 2004

Possible reporting date: 15 June 2004



Senator Lyn Allison, Australian Democrat Party Whip