



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 8 of 2002

18 September 2002

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Jeannie Ferris (Acting 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 September 2002.

2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—

(a) the following bill be *referred immediately* to a committee as follows:

Bill title	Legislation Committee	Reporting date
New Business Tax System (Consolidation, Value Shifting, Demergers and Other Measures) Bill 2002 (see appendix 1 for statement of reasons for referral)	Economics	22 October 2002

(b) the *provisions* of the following bills be *referred immediately* to committees as follows:

Bill title	Legislation Committee	Reporting date
Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002 (see appendix 2 for statement of reasons for referral)	Economics	15 October 2002
Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002 (see appendix 2 for statement of reasons for referral)		
Egg Industry Service Provision Bill 2002 (see appendix 3 for statement of reasons for referral)	Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport	22 October 2002
Egg Industry Service Provision (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2002 (see appendix 3 for statement of reasons for referral)		

(c) the order of the Senate of 19 June 2002 adopting the Committee's 4th report of 2002 be varied to provide that the *provisions* of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 24 October 2002 (see appendix 4 for statement of reasons for referral).

(d) the following bills *not* be referred to committees:

- Australian Capital Territory Legislation Amendment Bill 2002
- Dairy Industry Legislation Amendment Bill 2002
- Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill 2002
- Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002
Australian Heritage Council Bill 2002
Australian Heritage Council (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2002
- Health Care (Appropriation) Amendment Bill 2002
- Health Insurance Amendment (Professional Services Review and Other Matters) Bill 2002
- Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002.

The committee recommends accordingly.

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

Bill deferred from meeting of 19 March 2002

- Aviation Legislation Amendment Bill 2002.

Bill deferred from meeting of 14 May 2002

- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Boundary Extension) Amendment Bill 2002.

Bill deferred from meeting of 18 June 2002

- Australian Broadcasting Corporation (Scrutiny of Board Appointments) Amendment Bill 2002.

Bills deferred from meeting of 20 August 2002

- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
- Medical Indemnity Agreement (Financial Assistance—Binding Commonwealth Obligations) Bill 2002
- Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Employee Involvement and Compliance) Bill 2002
- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002
- Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment Bill 2002.

Bill deferred from meeting of 27 August 2002

- Trade Practices Amendment (Liability for Recreational Services) Bill 2002.

(Jeannie Ferris)

Chair

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill NEW BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM (CONSOLIDATION, VALUE SHIFTING, DEMERGERS AND OTHER MEASURES)
BILL 2002

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To explore the detail of the operation, revenue costs
& compliance costs of the major measures in the
Bill.

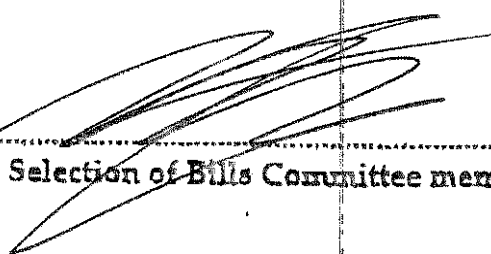
Possible submissions or evidence from: Treasury, ATO,
COSBOA, ACCI, CPA, ICA, National Institute of Accountants,
BCA, Tax Institute of Australia, Corporate Taxpayers Association

Committee to which bill is to be referred: ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Possible hearing date(s): In the week of 14-17 Oct

Possible reporting date: In the week of 21-25 Oct

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of Bill: Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No.1) 2002
Customs Tariff Amendment Bill (No.2) 2002

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

These bills implement lower excise (and customs) duty rates for low alcohol beer, as agreed between the Commonwealth and State Governments. The lower rates effectively replace the State's low alcohol beer subsidies, which will be abolished. Health policy favours the continued price subsidisation of low alcohol beer and other low alcohol products and the health issues and taxation anomalies surrounding low alcohol wine, low alcohol beer and competing low alcohol RTDs needs to be reviewed.

Possible submission or evidence from:

Beer industry groups
Spirits industry groups
Wine industry groups
Other alcohol-type industry groups
Health bodies and specialists in alcohol health matters
Treasury
Federal and State departments of Health

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Economics Legislation Committee for both bills, or as determined by the Selection of Bills Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: As soon as practicable

(signed)

Whip/Selection of Bills Committee member



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of Bill: Egg Industry Service Provision Bill 2002
Egg Industry Service Provision (Transitional and Consequential Provisions)
Bill 2002

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The potential impacts on the improvement and enforcement of animal welfare; the impacts on public accountability and transparency of the activities of the egg industry as a result of the planned move to establish the Australian Egg Corporation Ltd; whether opportunities for Parliamentary and public scrutiny of the administration and use of industry levies will be enhanced by the proposed changes.

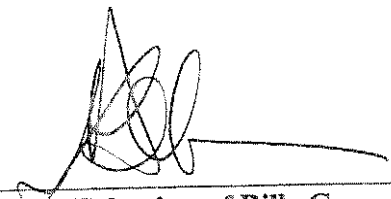
Possible submission or evidence from:

RSPCA
Egg Industry Association of Australia
Animals Australia
Free Range Egg & Poultry Association

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Rural and Regional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 22 October 2002


Whip/Selection of Bills Committee member

(signed)



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Legislation Amendment Bill (No 1) 2002

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

The operation of border control
arrangements with expanded contact
and arrangements proposed in the Bill.

The effectiveness of changed
arrangements for labelling and handling
imported food proposed in the Bill.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

ADPS, AFFA, Unions
representing employees employed to
provide quarantine services and food
importers.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Rural + Regional
Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

TBA

Possible reporting date:

24 October 2002

(signed)

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member