



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 8 of 2003

13 August 2003

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: Rosemary Laing
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1. The committee met on Tuesday, 12 August 2003.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the ACIS Administration Amendment Bill 2003 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (ACIS) Bill 2003 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on 15 September 2003 (see appendix 1 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Age Discrimination Bill 2003 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on 18 September 2003 (see appendix 2 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 7) 2003 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on 8 September 2003 (see appendix 3 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2003 be *referred immediately* to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on 30 October 2003 (see appendix 4 for statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment Bill 2003
 - Freedom of Information Amendment (Open Government) Bill 2003
 - Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2003
 - Legislative Instruments Bill 2003
 - Legislative Instruments (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003
 - Migration Amendment (Duration of Detention) Bill 2003
 - States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Amendment Bill 2003
 - Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 2003.

The committee recommends accordingly.

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

Bills deferred from meeting of 12 August 2003

- Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand and Other Matters) Bill 2003
- Communications Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2003

- Family and Community Services (Closure of Student Financial Supplement Scheme) Bill 2003
Student Assistance Amendment Bill 2003
- Fuel Quality Standards Amendment Bill 2003
- Migration Legislation Amendment (Identification and Authentication) Bill 2003
- Non-Proliferation Legislation Amendment Bill 2003
- Social Security Amendment (Supporting Young Carers) Bill 2003
- Statistics Legislation Amendment Bill 2003
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Codifying Contempt Offences) Bill 2003.

(Jeannie Ferris)
Chair

13 August 2003



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of Bill: ACIS Administration Amendment Bill 2003
Customs Tariff Amendment (ACIS) Bill 2003

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To investigate the impact of the provisions of the bill on the automotive industry in Australia, and to ensure that the proposed changes to the ACIS assistance package will appropriately and effectively manage the industry's transition to a state of reduced tariff protection.

Possible submission or evidence from:

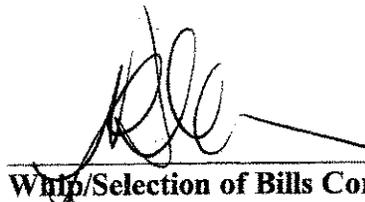
Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries
Federation of Automotive Products manufacturers
Australian Industry Group

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

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: As soon as practicable

(signed)



Whip/Selection of Bills Committee member

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: The Age Discrimination Bill 2003.

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow the Committee to consider whether the bill will:

- Prohibit age discrimination in the areas of work, education, access to premises, the provision of goods, services and facilities, accommodation, the disposal of land, the administration of Commonwealth laws and programs and requests for information;
- Include a range of exemptions that make allowances for legitimate distinctions based age; and
- Confer functions on the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission concerning age discrimination including inquiring into possible infringements, policy development, education and awareness-raising.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

A range of community and human rights groups representing younger or older people, employer groups and professional associations.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Upon introduction of the bill into the House of Representatives, the provisions of the bill be referred to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee.

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the Committee.

Possible reporting date:

18 September 2003

(signed)


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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Termination laws Amendment Bill (No 7) 2003

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

revenue rules associated with transitional rules to allow certain entities with foreign losses to be excluded from a consolidated group

Life offices may wish to comment on the adequacy of imputation rules, accounting and corporate tax advisers may wish to comment on the proposed tax treatment of investments in foreign hybrids.

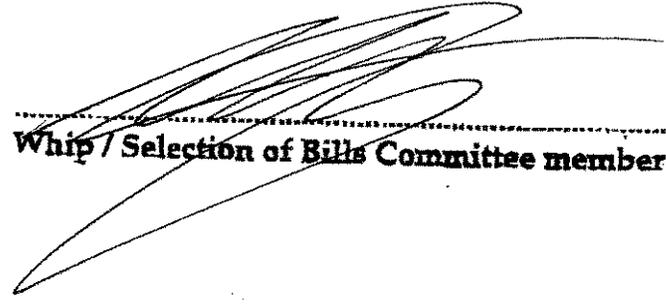
Possible submissions or evidence from: Treasury, Australian Taxation Office, life offices, peak accounting bodies, finance industry, corporate tax association and income council

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

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 8 September (Monday) 2003

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Telstra (Transition to Full Private Ownership) Bill 2003

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

This is a significant issue

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Telstra, other telecommunications companies, consumer groups, representatives from bodies representing regional & rural consumers

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

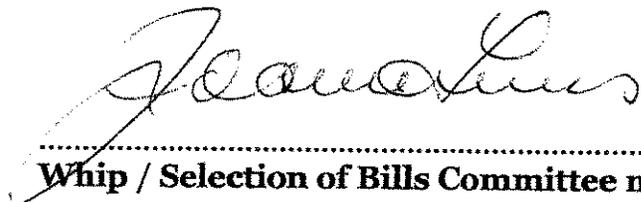
Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the Committee.

Possible reporting date:

By mid-September - end-September at latest.

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member