



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 8 of 2004

16 June 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, 15 June 2004.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment (Export Control) Bill 2004 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 June 2004 (see appendix 1 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Income Streams) Bill 2004 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 June 2004 (see appendix 2 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Family Law Amendment Bill 2004 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 July 2004 (see appendix 3 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) Bill 2004 and the National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2004 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 19 August 2004 (see appendix 4 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (e) the Superannuation Budget Measures Bill 2004, Superannuation Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 1) Bill 2004 and the Superannuation Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 2) Bill 2004 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 June 2004 (see appendix 5 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (f) the *provisions* of the Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment (Stored Communications) Bill 2004 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 22 July 2004 (see appendix 6 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (g) the *provisions* of the Workplace Relations Amendment (Protecting Small Business Employment) Bill 2004 be *referred immediately* to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 September 2004 (see appendix 7 for statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (h) the Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 3) Bill 2004 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date (see appendix 8 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (i) the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Aged Care Amendment Bill 2004
 - Australian Institute of Marine Science Amendment Bill 2004
 - Child Support Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
 - Customs Legislation Amendment (Airport, Port and Cargo Security) Bill 2004

- Customs Tariff Amendment (Fuels) Bill 2004
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Fuels) Bill 2004
- Excise and Other Legislation Amendment (Compliance Measures) Bill 2004
- Export Market Development Grants Amendment Bill 2004
- Extension of Charitable Purpose Bill 2004
- Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2004
- Medical Indemnity (Run-off Cover Support Payment) Bill 2004
- Medical Indemnity Legislation Amendment (Run-off Cover Indemnity and Other Measures) Bill 2004
- New International Tax Arrangements (Participation Exemption and Other Measures) Bill 2004
- Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 2) Bill 2004
- Tax Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2004
- Tax Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Reduction) Bill 2004
- Tourism Australia (Repeal and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2004
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) 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.

Bill deferred from meeting of 30 March 2004

- Flags Amendment (Eureka Flag) Bill 2004.

Bills deferred from meeting of 15 June 2004

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2004
- Marriage Legislation Amendment Bill 2004.

(Jeannie Ferris)

Chair

16 June 2004

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APPENDIX 1



THE SENATE
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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Legislation amendment (Export Control) Bill 2004.

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

This bill proposes a number of amendments
to legislation flowing from the inquiry into
the live-stock export trade by Dr Keniry.
An inquiry is needed to ensure these amendments
and associated regulations deliver the outcomes
intended by Dr Keniry.

Possible submissions or evidence from: AGIS - AFFA livecorp
and ~~Animals~~ Animals Australia.

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

Possible hearing date(s): Week starting 15 June

Possible reporting date: Week starting 21 June

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Family & Community Services & Veterans Affairs Legislation
Amendment (Income Streams) Bill 2004

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To examine
the impact of the changes to asset test exemption
on retirement income adequacy and take-up
of income streams products

Possible submissions or evidence from: FACS, Cota/National Seniors,
Association of Independent Retirees (Aust), Investment & Financial
Services Association (IFSA), Financial Planning Association (FPA)
Association of Super Funds Australia (ASFA), Small Invest
ment and Super Funds Association (SISFA), Investment Fund
Committee to which bill is to be referred: Services (IFS)
Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: JUN 24

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill FAMILY LAW AMENDMENT BILL 2004

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To consider provisions in further detail
(19 Parts to the Bill)


Possible submissions or evidence from: Family Law Council
of Australia, National Women's Legal Services
Association, Law Council of Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Legal & Con

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: by 30 July

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



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CANBERRA ACT 2500
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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill National security information (Criminal Proceedings)
Bill 2004 + Consequential Amendment Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- whether the bills strike an appropriate balance between the protection of classified and security sensitive information, and the rights of parties in the criminal justice system.
- the report of the Australian Law Reform Commission on protecting classified and security sensitive information.

Possible submissions or evidence from: legal profession, government, civil liberties groups.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Senate legal and constitutional legislation committee.

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 19 August.

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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APPENDIX 5



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

SUPERANNUATION BUDGET MEASURES
SUPERANNUATION LAWS (NO1) BILL
Name of bill SUPERANNUATION LAWS (NO2) BILL

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- (1) To receive evidence on the number of persons and socio-economic background of those likely to benefit
- (2) increased level of saving that may result.

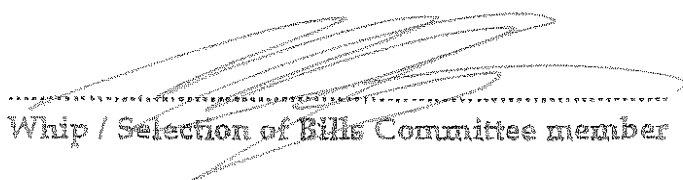
Possible submissions or evidence from: Treasury
Association of Super Funds / IFSA / Financial Planners Assoc.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Economics Legislation

Possible hearing date(s): Friday or 18 June / Monday 21 June

Possible reporting date: Monday or Tues 21/22 June

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Telecommunications (Interception) Amendment
(Stored Communications) Bill 2004.

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Whether previous concerns of the Committee have
been addressed.

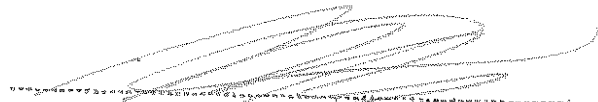
Possible submissions or evidence from: Electronic frontiers
legal professions, civil liberties groups, law
enforcement agencies.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Senate legal and
Constitutional legislation committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 22 July

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill WRA (Small Business Employment) Bill 2004

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To consider the best method of ensuring that small businesses which genuinely cannot afford to pay redundancy pay, can readily obtain exemptions.

To consider whether it is appropriate for legislation to override AIRC decisions.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

ACTU, employer groups, AIRC

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Workplace Relations Legislation

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: September 2004

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Tax Laws Amendment (2004 No. 3) Bill 2004

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Adequate consideration of the proposed changes to the Venture Capital Regime


Possible submissions or evidence from: Treasury, ATO

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Economics

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member