



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 11 of 2003

17 September 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: Richard Pye
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1. The committee met on Tuesday, 16 September 2003.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2003 and the Energy Grants (Cleaner Fuels) Scheme Bill 2003 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on 16 October 2003 (see appendix 1 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill 2003 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on 3 November 2003 (see appendix 2 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions Splitting) Bill 2003 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on 3 November 2003 (see appendix 3 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the order of the Senate of 20 August 2002 adopting the committee's 6th report of 2002 be varied to provide that the Workplace Relations Amendment (Improved Remedies for Unprotected Action) Bill 2002 be *referred immediately* to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Legislation Committee for inquiry and report on 13 October 2003 (see appendices 4 and 5 for statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Crimes (Overseas) Amendment Bill 2003
 - Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Extension of Time Limits) Bill 2003
 - Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 8) 2003.

The committee recommends accordingly.

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

Bill deferred from meeting of 12 August 2003

- Civil Aviation Legislation Amendment (Mutual Recognition with New Zealand and Other Matters) Bill 2003.

Bill deferred from meeting of 19 August 2003

- National Animal Welfare Bill 2003.

(Jeannie Ferris)
Chair

17 September 2003



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill ENERGY GRANTS (CLEANER FUELS)BILL 2003 and related bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- HASTY SUBMISSION OF BILL
- QUESTIONS AS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS APPLYING TO BIO FUELS & ETHANOL
- REGULATORY PROVISIONS THAT GIVE DEFINITION TO A "CLEANER FUEL"
- CONTINUAL SUBSIDISATION TO ALTERNATIVE FUEL INDUSTRY DESPITE POOR PERFORMANCE

Possible submissions or evidence from: FEDERAL TREASURY
BIO FUELS ASSOCIATIONCommittee to which bill is to be referred: ECONOMICSPossible hearing date(s): 9/10Possible reporting date: 16/10

(signed)

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill INTERNATIONAL TAX AGREEMENTS AMENDMENT
BILL 2003

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

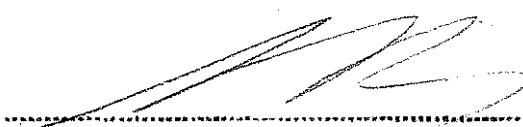
The costs and benefits of the UK double tax agreement
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Possible submissions or evidence from: Treasury, Australian
Taxation Office, Corporate Tax Association, Australian
Barbers Association

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

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 3 November 2003

(signed) 
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of Bill: Taxation Laws Amendment (Superannuation Contributions Splitting)
Bill 2003

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To examine the provisions of the bill particularly in relation to the costs to funds and questions of equity.

Possible submission or evidence from:

Superannuation industry groups such as ASFA, IFSA, AIST, Institute of Actuaries,
CPA, ICCA, FPA
Australian Consumer Association
ACTU
ACOSS
Women's groups

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

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: early December


Whip Selection of Bills Committee member



APPENDIX 4

Sue Mackay

**Labor Senator for Tasmania
Opposition Senate Whip**

16 September 2003

Senator Jeannie Ferris
Government Whip

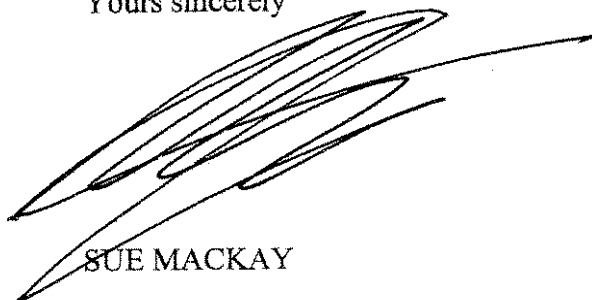
SELECTION OF BILLS AGENDA

I write to seek your cooperation to add the *Workplace Relations Amendment (Improved Remedies for Unprotected Action) Bill 2002* to the agenda of the Selection of Bills Committee meeting on Tuesday 16 September 2003.

This Bill was previously considered at a meeting of the Committee and has been received by the Senate but not yet debated.

I am available to discuss this matter with you if required.

Yours sincerely



SUE MACKAY



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Please refer
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consideration

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Workplace Relations (Improved Remedies for Unprotected Action) Bill 2002
Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

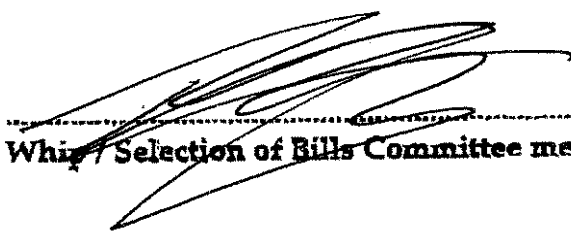
- that the Bill would place unnecessary restrictions on the Commission's capacity to settle + prevent disputes
- that the Bill would encourage the Commission to consider employer interests above employee interests
- that the Bill is unnecessary as

~~Possible submissions or evidence from:~~
indefinite orders can already be made under the Act, and s. 127 applications need to be considered

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Employment Legislation

Possible hearing date(s): 17/10/03

Possible reporting date: 29/10/03

(signed) 
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

as soon as practicable already.