



THE SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 12 of 2004

1 December 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Jeannie Ferris (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator George Campbell (Opposition Whip)

Senator Lyn Allison (Australian Democrats Whip)

Senator Julian McGauran (The Nationals Whip)

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Senator the Hon C Ellison

Senator Joseph Ludwig

Senator R Webber

Secretary: Rosemary Laing
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1. The committee met on Tuesday, 30 November 2004.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
 - (a) the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Amendment Bill 2004 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 March 2005 (see appendix 1 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the Disability Discrimination Amendment (Education Standards) Bill 2004 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 December 2004 (see appendix 2 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the National Water Commission Bill 2004 be *referred immediately* to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 December 2004 (see appendix 3 for statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 8 February 2005 (see appendix 4 for statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the *provisions* of the Tax Laws Amendment (Superannuation Reporting) Bill 2004 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 December 2004 (see appendix 5 for statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004
 - Aviation Security Amendment Bill 2004
 - Bankruptcy and Family Law Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
 - Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2004
 - Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (2004 Election Commitments) Bill 2004
 - Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Adjustment of Certain FTB Child Rates) Bill 2004
 - Health Insurance Amendment (100% Medicare Rebate and Other Measures) Bill 2004
 - Higher Education Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) 2004
 - Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2004
 - Legislative Instruments (Technical Amendment) Bill 2004
 - New International Tax Arrangements (Managed Funds and Other Measures) Bill 2004

- Schools Assistance (Learning Together—Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Bill 2004
States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- Sex Discrimination Amendment (Teaching Profession) Bill 2004
- Superannuation Legislation Amendment Bill 2004
- Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 6) Bill 2004
- Tax Laws Amendment (Small Business Measures) Bill 2004
- Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Investment Program Amendment (Post-2005 Scheme) Bill 2004
Customs Tariff Amendment (Textile, Clothing and Footwear Post-2005 Arrangements) Bill 2004
- Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 2004.

The committee recommends accordingly.

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

Bills deferred from meeting of 30 November 2004

- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill 2004
- National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) Bill 2004
National Security Information (Criminal Proceedings) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2004
- Postal Industry Ombudsman Bill 2004
- Tax Laws Amendment (Retirement Villages) Bill 2004.

(Jeannie Ferris)

Chair

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL
AMENDMENT BILL 2004

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: 1) CONCERNS
REGARDING THE DOWNGRADING + POTENTIAL LOSS OF
INDEPENDENCE OF THE TRIBUNAL. 2) CONCERNS RELATING
TO THE POTENTIAL DOWNGRADING OF A.A.T. AS AN
ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM. 3) CONCERNS ABOUT THE
IMPACT OF PROCEDURAL CHANGES TO AAT PROCESS

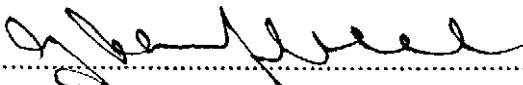
Possible submissions or evidence from: LAW COUNCIL of AUST,
ACOSS, VETERANS GROUPS, WELFARE RIGHTS GROUPS

Committee to which bill is to be referred: LEGAL + CONSTITUTIONAL

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 10 MARCH '05

(signed)


Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

APPENDIX 2

**AUSTRALIAN SENATE**
CANBERRA, A.C.T.**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRATS WHIP

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**Name of Bill:** Disability Discrimination Amendment (Education Standards) Bill 2004**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

To investigate the adequacy of Commonwealth support to States/Territories for transitional costs associated with the Standard's implementation, particularly relating to professional development; to examine the Standard's implementation strategy; and to facilitate the Standard's expeditious tabling.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Federation of Disability (member) Organisations
Ms Jenny Shaw, President, Australian Learning Disability Association
Blind Citizens Australia
State/Territory Departments of Education and Training
Australian Learning Disability Association
Australian Parents Council
Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children
Royal Blind Society
Isolated Children's Parents Association of Australia
Australian Federation of SPELD Associations
National Independent Special Schools Association
Australian Associations of Christian Schools
Australian Association of Special Education
Independent Education Union of Australia
Australian Education Union
Australian Council of State School Organisations
Australian Council of Deans of Education

Committee to which the bill is to be referred: Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Legislation Committee**Possible hearing date(s):****Possible reporting date:** 7 December 2004

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Senator Lyn Allison



AUSTRALIAN SENATE
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

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AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRATS WHIP

Proposal to refer a bill to committee

Name of Bill: National Water Commission Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To assess the appropriateness of establishing a Federal body, namely the National Water Commission, to administer funds through the Australian Water Fund, and to examine further both the appointment and reporting processes associated with the Commission's operations

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- State governments and bodies charged with regional management of water resources, including Western Australia and Tasmania which have yet to sign on to the National Water Initiative
- Bodies representing farmers and private land-holders, such as the National Farmers Federation
- Environment groups and parties with interest in land-care and water-care including the Australian Conservation Foundation and Worldwide Fund for Nature.

Committee to which the bill is to be referred: Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 7 December 2004

Senator Lyn Allison

APPENDIX 4

AUSTRALIAN SENATE
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AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRATS WHIP

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Private Health Insurance Incentives Amendment Bill 2004

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To examine the provisions of the bill relating to increases in the private health insurance rebate to ascertain if the bill will increase the affordability of private health insurance for all older Australians, regardless of whether they currently hold private health insurance or not, and to examine if there are any inequity implications relating to the affordability of private health insurance for other Australians arising from the changes proposed in the bill.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Health Insurance Association (AHIA)
Australian Consumers Association
Private Health Insurance Ombudsman
Australian Private Hospitals Association
Medibank Private
Medical Benefits Fund of Australia Limited
Jeremy Temple, Australian National University
Professor Jane Hall, Director Centre for Health Economics Research and Evaluation,
Sydney
Public Health Association of Australia
Professor Stephen Duckett, Professor of Health Policy, Dean of the Faculty of Health
Sciences
John Deeble

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 8 February 2005

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill TAX LAWS AMDT (SUPER REPORTING) BILL 2004

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

DANGERS TO WORKERS' SUPER PAYMENT.
IF INSUFFICIENT REPORTING TO
ENABLE MONITORING OF PAYMENTS BY
EMPLOYER'S TO FUNDS.

Possible submissions or evidence from: ACTU ASFA
Conference of Major Super Funds FPA

Committee to which bill is to be referred: SENATE ECON CTEE

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 8 & 9 Dec 2004

(signed) [Signature]
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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