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1. The committee met on Monday, 6 December 2004.
2. The committee resolved to recommend that the Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill 2004 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 December 2004 (see appendix 1 for statement of reasons for referral).

(Jeannie Ferris)

Chair

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill Copyright Legislation Amendment Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:
To respond to concern that the Bill will enable persons other than copyright owners or their licencees to force Internet Service Providers to take down allegedly infringing copyright material. Is this consistent with Australia's obligations under the USFTA. Is it a requirement that applies to ISP in the US - if not why is Australia introducing such laws.

Possible submissions or evidence from: Internet Service Providers, Copyright owners, Copyright users, Def Attorney General, Foreign Affairs & Trade.

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

Possible hearing date(s): 6/12

Possible reporting date: 7/12

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