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**Date Introduced:** 5 March 2003

**House:** Representatives

**Portfolio:** Industry, Tourism and Resources

**Commencement:** On the date of the signing of the Timor Sea Treaty between Australia and East Timor (20 May 2002).

## Purpose

This Bill is part of a package of Bills to give effect to the Timor Sea Treaty between Australia and East Timor and to make consequential amendments.

## Background

[This Bill was the subject of urgent passage and passed both Houses on 6 March 2003. This Bills Digest has been prepared after the debate.]

Background details can be found in Bills Digest No. 6, 2003–04 for the Petroleum (Timor Sea Treaty) Bill 2003.

## Main Provisions

Although retrospective in effect, the only purpose of this Bill is to change references in the *Passenger Movement Charges Act 1978* from the Zone of Cooperation (the now lapsed Timor Gap Treaty with Indonesia) to the new Joint Petroleum Development Area (Timor Sea Treaty with East Timor).

A separate Bill is required for this purpose because the *Passenger Movement Charge Act 1978* imposes a tax.

## Concluding Comments

Concluding comments can be found in Bills Digest No. 6, 2003–04 for the Petroleum (Timor Sea Treaty) Bill 2003.

### **Warning:**

*This Digest was prepared for debate. It reflects the legislation as introduced and does not canvass subsequent amendments.*

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