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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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