

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION
AND THE ARTS**

**REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (ELECTORAL)
AMENDMENT BILL 1991**

MAY 1991

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BILL 1991*****Referral of the Bill***

The Bill was referred by the Senate after second reading on 11 April 1991; a reporting date of 28 May 1991 was set. (A recommendation against referral had been made in the Selection of Bills Committee Report No. 4 of 14 March 1991.)

Preliminary Matters

The Committee met in private session on 10 May 1991 to receive a briefing from Senator the Hon. R.F. McMullan representing the Minister for the Arts, Tourism and Territories. He was accompanied by officers of the Department. Officers of the Australian Electoral Commission also attended.

Public Hearing

On 17 May 1991 the Committee conducted a Public Hearing to consider the Bill. Senator McMullan (representing the Minister) tabled eighteen amendments to be moved by the Government. Senator Reid advised the Committee of a further amendment suggested by the Opposition.

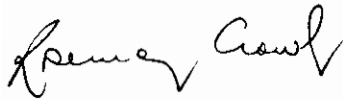
The Committee received documents relevant to this matter and resolved to publish the correspondence in Appendix 3.

At the invitation of the Chair, persons listed in Appendix 2 were invited to speak to documents that they had submitted to the Committee.

The Committee having considered the Bill and the amendments voted on a resolution by Senator Loosley that the amendments, including the Opposition amendment, be taken as a whole; the Committee so resolved. The Committee further resolved, on a motion by Senator Loosley, that the Bill as amended be agreed to.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends the Australian Capital Territory (Electoral) Amendment Bill 1991 as amended in accordance with Appendix 1 to the Senate.

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Rosemary Crowley
Chair