

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 42

Private Members' business

4 May 2016

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Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation business and of private Members' business

1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 3 May 2016.
2. The committee determined the order of precedence and times to be allotted for consideration of private Members' business on Monday, 9 May 2016, as follows:

Items for House of Representatives Chamber (10.10 am to 12 noon)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MR ENTSCH:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the law relating to marriage, and for related purposes. (*Marriage Legislation Amendment Bill 2016*)
(Notice given 3 May 2016).

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Entsch — 10 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 1 x 10 mins]

*Presenter may speak to the second reading for a
period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to
standing order 41.*

Orders of the day

- 1 **SOCIAL SECURITY (ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT (CONSUMER
LEASE EXCLUSION) BILL 2015:** Consideration of Senate's message
(from 2 May 2016).

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Macklin — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

2 HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANNING AUTHORITY BILL 2016 (*Mr Albanese*):
Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 May 2016*).

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

3 RENEW AUSTRALIA BILL 2016 (*Mr Bandt*): Second reading—Resumption of
debate (*from 2 May 2016*).

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

**4 GAMBLING HARM REDUCTION (PROTECTING PROBLEM GAMBLERS
AND OTHER MEASURES) BILL 2016** (*Mr Wilkie*): Second reading—Resumption
of debate (*from 2 May 2016*).

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

**5 TAX LAWS AMENDMENT (TOUGHER PENALTIES FOR COUNTRY-BY-
COUNTRY REPORTING) BILL 2016** (*Dr Leigh*): Second reading—Resumption of
debate (*from 2 May 2016*).

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

6 MARRIAGE AMENDMENT (MARRIAGE EQUALITY) BILL 2016

(*Ms Plibersek*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 2 May 2016*).

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

7 ASSYRIAN PEOPLE: Resumption of debate (*from 2 May 2016*) on the motion of Mr Bowen—That this House:

- (1) recognises that the Assyrian people, who are Christian by religion, are an original and Indigenous people of Iraq and Syria;
- (2) is concerned by the ethnic, religious and cultural cleansing of the Assyrian people by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), the systematic killings of Assyrian people and destruction of ancient Assyrian cities, churches and artefacts;
- (3) acknowledges the targeted killings and kidnappings of Assyrian clergy and ISIL's destruction of a recorded 45 Assyrian churches between June and July 2014;
- (4) acknowledges the forced displacement of hundreds of thousands of Assyrians since the invasion by ISIL in Iraq and Syria, notably in Mosul and the Nineveh Plains in Iraq and the Khabour region in Syria (Hassaka province);
- (5) declares that ISIL's treatment of the Assyrian people is a gross violation of human rights under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- (6) notes that on 24 March 2015, the Iraqi Council of Ministers, under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister, Haider Al-Abadi, issued a unanimous declaration condemning the crimes committed by ISIL (Daash) against civilians, Kurds, Christians, Yazidis and Shabak as crimes of genocide;
- (7) further notes that the United States State Department and the European Parliament has recently recognised ISIL atrocities as genocide;
- (8) associates with the recent remarks of United States Secretary of State John Kerry, describing ISIL as 'genocidal by self-proclamation, by ideology, and by actions';
- (9) urges the United Nations Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide to make recommendations through the Secretary-General to the Security Council to recognise, prevent and halt crimes committed by ISIL;
- (10) recognises and condemns the:
 - (a) ongoing genocidal conduct of ISIL against Indigenous minorities in Iraq, including the Assyrian peoples on religious, cultural and ethnic grounds;
 - (b) forced displacement of hundreds of thousands of Assyrians and other minority communities following the ISIL takeover of north-western Iraq;
 - (c) systematic killing, taking of hostages and human trafficking of minorities; and
 - (d) destruction of ancient Assyrian cities and holy places;

- (11) reaffirms the rights of Christian and other minorities of Iraq to live in peace and freedom and calls for all steps to be taken to ensure that members of the affected communities can live in freedom in Iraq;
- (12) notes the aspirations of the Assyrian people for the establishment of an autonomous region in the Nineveh Plains and welcomes the in principle agreement of the Iraqi Government to this; and
- (13) calls for the rights of Assyrian Christians to be respected in the post ISIL makeup of Iraq and Syria.

*Time allotted — remaining private Members’
business time prior to 12 noon*

Speech time limits —

All Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 8 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

Items for Federation Chamber (11 am to 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Orders of the day

1 EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS: Resumption of debate (from 2 May 2016) on the motion of Ms L. M. Chesters—That this House:

- (1) notes the Government’s multiple attacks on the pay, rights and conditions of workers, including but not limited to:
 - (a) advocating for a reduction in penalty rates;
 - (b) issuing temporary licences, which resulted in Australian seafarers being sacked;
 - (c) abolishing the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal;
 - (d) pursuing legislation that would ensure workers on construction sites have less rights than ‘ice’ dealers;
 - (e) the attempted reintroduction of unfair individual contracts;
 - (f) the failure to address widespread and system exploitation of workers; and
 - (g) the unfair, ideological bargaining policy which forces agencies to strip rights and conditions from enterprise agreements and offer cuts to pay in real terms;
- (2) condemns the Government for its employment and workplace relations agenda; and
- (3) calls on the Government to abandon its attacks on the pay, rights and conditions of workers in Australia.

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 8 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

2 STEEL INDUSTRY: Resumption of debate (*from 2 May 2016*) on the motion of Mr Champion—That this House:

- (1) notes with concern that one of Australia’s major steel manufacturers, Arrium, has recently been placed into administration, highlighting the risk to Whyalla’s economy and our national steelmaking capabilities;
- (2) recognises the multiple pressures currently being experienced by the Australian steel industry, including the impact of a global over supply of steel;
- (3) further notes the worrying evidence presented to the Senate Economics References Committee’s inquiry into the future of Australia’s steel industry, on the widespread importation and use of structural steel that does not meet Australian standards and presents a threat to public safety;
- (4) notes the plan announced by Labor to support Australia’s strategically significant metals manufacturing industries, particularly the steel industry, by:
 - (a) ensuring Australian standards are upheld in Government funded projects and supporting local steel producers in meeting certification standards;
 - (b) seeking to maximise the use of locally produced steel in Australian Government funded projects and put in place regular reporting of usage levels;
 - (c) halving the thresholds for projects required to have an Australian Industry Participation Plan from \$500 million down to \$250 million for private projects, and from \$20 million to \$10 million for public projects;
 - (d) doubling funding for the Australian Industry Participation (AIP) Authority and appointing an AIP Board;
 - (e) ensuring Australia’s anti-dumping system has the right powers and penalties in place;
 - (f) creating a national Steel Supplier Advocate; and
 - (g) establishing a tripartite Metals Manufacturing Investment Council to work closely with the Government to deliver these measures;
- (5) condemns the Government’s failure to take a comprehensive approach to securing the future of Australia’s steel industry; and
- (6) calls on the Government to take serious action to support Australia’s strategically significant metals manufacturing industries, particularly the steel industry.

Time allotted — 30 minutes

Speech time limits —

All Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

3 SCHOOL FUNDING: Resumption of debate (*from 2 May 2016*) on the motion of Ms Ryan—That this House:

(1) notes that:

(a) the Government has:

(i) implemented the biggest ever cut to Australian schools, ripping \$30 billion out of our classrooms over the next decade; and

(ii) failed to fund the vital fifth and sixth years of the Gonski reforms, locking Australian students into inequality and an uncertain future; and

(b) Labor's *Your Child. Our Future* plan:

(i) for Australian schools will ensure that every student in every school has the resources they need to achieve their best; and

(ii) will reverse the Government's cuts and fund the needs based Gonski reforms on time and in full—a \$4.5 billion commitment in 2018 and 2019 alone;

(2) acknowledges the hard work and dedication of educators and teaching staff around the country, and the need to support them to meet their students' needs; and

(3) calls on the Government to use the budget to reverse their school cuts, fund the Gonski reforms on time and in full, and adopt Labor's *Your Child. Our Future* plan, so that every student can reach their potential.

Time allotted — 30 minutes

Speech time limits —

All Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

4 UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE: Resumption of debate (*from 2 May 2016*) on the motion of Ms Claydon—This House condemns the Government for its repeated attempts to undermine universal healthcare and drive up costs for patients, as evidenced by:

- (1) its repeated attempts to introduce an upfront payment for visits to a general practitioner, including:
 - (a) a \$7 co-payment;
 - (b) a \$5 co-payment;
 - (c) a \$20 co-payment; and
 - (d) the four year freeze on Medicare rebates;
- (2) tearing up of the long term hospital funding deal agreed by all states and territories and endorsed by the Coalition in the 2013 election;
- (3) the \$650 million in cuts to Medicare rebates for pathology and diagnostic imaging which will force up the cost of scans and tests for patients;
- (4) the \$800 million in cuts to the health flexible funds which will force the closure of health organisations, including those providing support for drug and alcohol addiction, mental health and cancer support;
- (5) abandoning the National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health and abolishing the Australian National Preventive Health Agency;
- (6) abolishing the Health and Hospitals Fund, cutting \$1 billion reserved for essential health infrastructure;
- (7) cutting more than \$500 million in public dental programs and moving to scrap the Child Dental Benefits Scheme used by one million Australian children; and
- (8) the Government’s continuing plans to:
 - (a) raise the price of prescriptions by \$5 for general patients and 80 cents for health care card holders; and
 - (b) cut the Medicare Safety Net.

Time allotted — 30 minutes

Speech time limits —

All Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

5 AUSTRALIA AND OUR REGION: Resumption of debate (*from 2 May 2016*) on the motion of Ms Plibersek—That this House recognises:

- (1) the importance of effective political and diplomatic relationships and economic exchange between Australia and our region; and
- (2) a responsible and internationally engaged Australian Government is required to meet the challenges and seize the opportunities of a changing world.

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 1:30 pm

Speech time limits —

All Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking = 4 x 5 mins]

The Committee determined that consideration of this matter should continue on a future day.

THE HON A. D. H. SMITH MP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

4 May 2016