

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 32

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

17 October 2018

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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, 16 October 2018.
2. The Committee deliberated on items of committee and delegation business that had been notified, private Members' business items listed on the Notice Paper and notices lodged on Tuesday, 16 October 2018, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 22 October 2018, as follows:

Items for House of Representatives Chamber (10.10 am to 11 am)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

Presentation and statements

1 Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport

Report on the inquiry into the quality of care in aged care facilities in Australia.

The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.20 am.

Speech time limits —

Mr Zimmerman — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MS MCGOWAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to effect by Act of the Parliament the posthumous promotion of Sir John Monash from the rank of General to the rank of Field Marshal. (*Defence (Honour General Sir John Monash) Amendment Bill 2018*)
(Notice given 15 October 2018.)

Presenter may speak to the second reading for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41. Debate must be adjourned pursuant to standing order 142.

- 2 MR WILKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Migration Act 1958*, and for related purposes. (*Migration Amendment (Kids Off Nauru) Bill 2018*)
(Notice given 16 October 2018.)

Presenter may speak to the second reading for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41. Debate must be adjourned pursuant to standing order 142.

- 3 MS SHARKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to require timely publication of emissions, and for related purposes. (*National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Amendment (Timely Publication of Emissions) Bill 2018*)
(Notice given 16 October 2018.)

Presenter may speak to the second reading for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41. Debate must be adjourned pursuant to standing order 142.

- 4 MS MCGOWAN:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009*, and for related purposes. (*National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Small Amount Credit Contract and Consumer Lease Reforms) Bill 2018*)
(Notice given 16 October 2018.)

Presenter may speak to the second reading for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41. Debate must be adjourned pursuant to standing order 142.

Items for Federation Chamber (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MR HILL: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes Australia's proud legacy of working for peace and democracy in Cambodia, led by the work of the former Labor Foreign Minister the Hon. Gareth Evans QC in fostering the Paris Peace Accords in 1991;
- (2) reiterates that as a longstanding friend of Cambodia and the Cambodian people, Australia must continue to urge the Cambodian Government to take steps to allow free and open political debate without violence and intimidation;
- (3) condemns the sham election in Cambodia last month and expresses grave concern that:
 - (a) the illegitimate election may sound the death knell of democracy, reversing more than 25 years of work to establish and strengthen democracy in Cambodia; and
 - (b) Prime Minister Hun Sen's 'victory' is a sham and cannot truly be said to represent the will of the Cambodian people because freedom of expression and association underpin democratic societies, yet in Cambodia the:
 - (i) main opposition party, the Cambodian National Rescue Party, has been banned;
 - (ii) opposition leader Kem Sokha remains in jail on politically motivated charges;
 - (iii) media and civil society have been silenced and harassed, with Hun Sen publicly threatening a civil war if he lost the election;
 - (iv) National Election Committee is not credible nor independent; and
 - (v) official 82 per cent turnout figures are not credible, noting the opposition boycotted the election and international media reported that election day was quiet in many places;
- (4) calls on the Cambodian Government to immediately release Kem Sokha from jail and guarantee his safety;
- (5) considers that Australia must now consider stronger measures and calls on the Australian Government to:
 - (a) review Australia's international development assistance to Cambodia to ensure the program is focused on humanitarian and civil society support rather than broader cooperation with Hun Sen's regime;
 - (b) examine the introduction of targeted sanctions such as visa restrictions and asset freezes for members of Hun Sen's regime and their families, given the reported strong links between the regime's key officials and Australia;
 - (c) lead and support multilateral efforts with other nations, starting with signatories of the 1991 Paris Peace Accords, to develop coordinated measures to increase pressure on Hun Sen's regime to allow free and open political debate without violence and intimidation;

- (d) fully investigate allegations of illicit activities, including money laundering, by members of the Cambodian People’s Party in Australia; and
 - (e) guarantee the rights of Australians of Cambodian heritage to live safely and free from intimidation, and determine whether the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme may apply to expose community groups which may be operating covertly in Australia in support of Hun Sen’s regime;
- (6) calls on the Australian Government to:
- (a) withdraw from the refugee resettlement deal; and
 - (b) promise not to enter into any further such deals with Cambodia; and
- (7) acknowledge the tireless advocacy of the Australian Cambodian community in support of democracy and human rights in Cambodia.

(Notice given 13 August 2018.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Hill — 5 minutes.

Other 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 MR DRUM: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the importance of irrigated agriculture to the Australian economy;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) irrigated agricultural enterprises in 2016-17 contributed \$15.5 billion to the Australian economy and accounts for 25 per cent of total Australian agricultural production; and
 - (b) in 2016-17 there were 22,103 agricultural businesses that farmed 2,244,000 hectares of irrigated land in Australia;
- (3) recognises that of the \$15.5 billion contributed to the economy in 2016-17, the major commodities included:
 - (a) fruit and nuts \$3.5 billion;
 - (b) vegetables \$3.3 billion;
 - (c) dairy \$1.6 billion;
 - (d) cotton \$1.5 billion;
 - (e) grapes \$1.3 billion;
 - (f) nurseries and turf \$1.3 billion;
 - (g) sugar cane \$836 million;
 - (h) beef cattle \$684 million;
 - (i) cereals \$308 million; and
 - (j) rice \$252 million; and

- (4) acknowledges the commitment, hard work and investment of irrigators in every state and territory in Australia and the contribution they make to our economy.
(Notice given 16 October 2018.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Drum — 5 minutes.

Other 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.*

3 MS VAMVAKINO: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
- (a) 7 to 13 October 2018 is Bleeding Disorders Awareness Week;
 - (b) haemophilia, the most common bleeding disorder, affects more than 2,700 Australians, almost all of them boys and men;
 - (c) haemophilia is a genetic disease where a lack of a protein in the blood needed for clotting leads to excessive bleeding, often into joints and muscles;
 - (d) haemophilia impacts every aspect of day-to-day life—activities we all take for granted—as a result of hospitalisations, pain, accumulated disability and psychological impacts;
 - (e) treatment for bleeding disorders is delivered through specialised haemophilia treatment centres across the country and is jointly funded by the Commonwealth, state and territory governments through the National Blood Agreement; and
 - (f) the Haemophilia Foundation of Australia delivers vital support to Australians with bleeding disorders through advocacy, education and promotion of research;
- (2) recognises that:
- (a) while haemophilia treatment has improved significantly in recent years, there is still a significant need for improved treatments to deliver a better quality of life;
 - (b) reforms to the Therapeutic Goods Administration process to evaluate new medicines now allows for expedited priority review of new treatments for serious conditions such as haemophilia; and
 - (c) however, the road to fund new bleeding disorder treatments remains complex; and
- (3) calls on the Government to continue working constructively with state and territory governments to ensure all Australians with bleeding disorders receive timely access to the treatments they need.

(Notice given 19 September 2018.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Vamvakinou — 5 minutes.

Other 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.*

Orders of the day

1 STRONGER ECONOMY: Resumption of debate (*from 25 June 2018—Ms Banks*)
on the motion of Ms Banks—That this House:

- (1) recognises the positive effect of the Government's measures for a stronger economy mean that essential services are guaranteed including the Government's:
 - (a) support for education and childcare; and
 - (b) measures to support more choices for Australians to live longer, healthier lives; and
- (2) notes with deep concern that the Opposition has no plan for a stronger economy that will deliver essential services to Australians.

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.*

Notices – continued

4 MS BRODTMANN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the Bahá'í community in Iran is subject to a widespread and systematic campaign of persecution;
 - (b) in 2012 and 2015, the House condemned the persecution and treatment of Bahá'ís in Iran;
 - (c) the discriminatory and unjust persecution continues, despite Iranian President Hassan Rouhani promising justice and equal opportunity for all Iranians;
 - (d) Australia was a co-sponsor of the December 2017 resolution by the General Assembly of the United Nations which expressed 'serious concern about ongoing severe limitations and restrictions on the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief in Iran'; and
 - (e) persecution of Bahá'ís has recently spread to Yemen where a death sentence was passed against Mr Hamed bin Haydara in January 2018 due to his religion; and

- (2) calls for:
- (a) the immediate release of all Bahá'ís currently imprisoned in Iran for their religion, including the remaining Bahá'í leaders imprisoned since 2008;
 - (b) the Iranian Government to repeal all discriminatory legislation and practices, including the 1991 Bahá'í Question memorandum of the Supreme Revolutionary Cultural Council;
 - (c) respect for the right of freedom of religion and belief for all and an end to the persecution of the Bahá'ís in Iran; and
 - (d) the repeal of the death sentence against Mr bin Haydara and the immediate release of all Bahá'ís currently imprisoned in Yemen for their religion.

(Notice given 25 June 2018.)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 7.30 pm

Speech time limits —

Ms Brodtmann — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

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

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

3. Pursuant to the resolution of the House of 20 September 2018, the committee determined the order of precedence and times to be allotted for consideration of committee and delegation business and private Members' business in the Federation Chamber, on Tuesday, 23 October 2018, as follows:

Items for Federation Chamber (4.30 pm to 5.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MR HAYES: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes:
- (a) that 10 October 2018 was World Day Against the Death Penalty;
 - (b) the bi-partisan position of Australian governments over many years in their continued opposition to the death penalty in all circumstances for all people and their commitment to pursuing the universal abolition of the death penalty through all avenues available; and
 - (c) that the theme of the 2018 World Day Against the Death Penalty is to raise awareness of the inhumane living conditions of people sentenced to death;
- (2) acknowledges the Australian Government's Strategy for Abolition of the Death Penalty, which details Australia's reasons for opposing the death penalty because:
- (a) it is irrevocable, miscarriages of justice cannot be rectified, and no legal system is safe from error;
 - (b) it denies any possibility of rehabilitation to the convicted individual;

- (c) there is no convincing evidence that it is a more effective deterrent than long term or life imprisonment; and
 - (d) it is unfair—it is used disproportionately against the poor, people with intellectual or mental disabilities and minority groups; and
- (3) notes that on World Day Against the Death Penalty, the Australian film *Guilty*, which documents the final 72 hours in the life of Myuran Sukumaran, the Bali Nine convicted criminal who, along with Andrew Chan was executed by a firing squad in Indonesia on 29 April 2015, was screened in every state and territory in Australia.

(Notice given 19 September 2018.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Hayes — 5 minutes.

Other 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.*

Orders of the day

1 ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT: Resumption of debate (*from 17 September 2018*) on the motion of Mr van Manen—That this House:

- (1) notes that over the year, the economy grew 3.4 per cent, which is the fastest rate of growth since the 2012 September quarter during the height of the mining investment boom, and the 27th year of consecutive economic growth;
- (2) recognises that strong employment outcomes have been accompanied by an elevated rate of labour force participation, particularly for women, and that wages can be expected to rise if economic growth remains strong; and
- (3) calls on the Government to remain resolute in its effective economic management to ensure funding for the essential services we need.

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.*

THE HON A. D. H. SMITH MP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

17 October 2018