

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 34

Private Members' business

14 October 2015

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Report relating to the consideration of private Members' business

1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 13 October 2015.
2. The committee determined the order of precedence and times to be allotted for consideration of private Members' business on Monday, 19 October 2015, as follows:

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Orders of the day

- 1 SOCIAL SECURITY (ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT (CONSUMER LEASE EXCLUSION) BILL 2015** (from Senate): Member to move second reading (*from 10 September 2015*).

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Macklin — 10 minutes.

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

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

Notices

- 1 MR CHRISTENSEN:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fair Work Act 2009*, and for related purposes. (*Fair Work Amendment (Prohibiting Discrimination Based On Location) Bill 2015*).
(*Notice given 13 October 2015.*)

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Christensen — 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.

2 MS PLIBERSEK: To move—

That this House calls on the Minister for Foreign Affairs to support a parliamentary debate during the current sitting on the Australian Government's strategy in response to the crisis in Syria and Iraq.

(Notice given 13 October 2015.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Plibersek — 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.*

3 MS MARINO: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that the jobs of the future will require science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills;
- (2) welcomes the Government's ongoing investment of \$9.7 billion in science, research and innovation; and
- (3) acknowledges that the Government is:
 - (a) delivering on its promised Industry Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda; and
 - (b) putting science at the centre of industry.

(Notice given 16 September 2015.)

Time allotted — 50 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Marino — 10 minutes.

Next Member — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 and 6 x 5 mins]

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

4 MS PARKE: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) there is considerable evidence that payday lending and consumer leases are not properly regulated and that both financial practices are causing serious harm to low income Australians;
- (b) irresponsible and immoral lending is endemic in the payday lending industry, which is growing rapidly and developing new online opportunities to encourage people to borrow with insufficient consideration of their capacity to bear the exorbitant and poorly regulated interest costs that payday lending involves;
- (c) the Australian Securities and Investment Commission review of payday lending found that 24 per cent of loans were taken out by Centrelink customers and 54 per cent were taken out by customers who had two or more payday loans in the previous 90 days, a clear indication that they are caught in a cycle of repeat borrowing;
- (d) consumer leases can involve an effective annualised interest rate of 240 per cent, and generally mean that vulnerable consumers pay three or four times the value of basic household items like refrigerators or washing machines;
- (e) consumer leases operate with lower consumer protection standards under the National Credit Code, though such agreements are not materially different in effect from credit contracts;
- (f) in 2013-14 nearly half of Radio Rentals' \$197 million revenue was received through the Centrepay system which allows payments to be directly debited from a consumer's Centrelink account; and
- (g) Senator Cameron has brought a Private Senators' Bill that seeks to remove consumer leases from access to the Centrepay system; and

(2) calls on the Government to:

- (a) ensure that the recently announced review into the 2013 reforms to payday lending focuses on securing the wellbeing and protection of low income Australians irrespective of the effect this has on the profits of companies that practice this kind of often predatory lending;
- (b) act quickly to stop consumer leases being used to prey on vulnerable and low income Australian households by ensuring that consumer leases are subject to the same standards and controls as credit contracts, and by introducing stricter controls on the currently outrageous and indefensible costs involved in such arrangements, including the requirement to prominently disclose the total cost of all contracts; and
- (c) support Senator Cameron's initiative in removing access to Centrepay for consumer lease companies and amend section 123TC of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999* to include a definition of consumer leases for this purpose.

(Notice given 18 August 2015.)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 12 pm.

Speech time limits —

Ms Parke — 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.

Items for Federation Chamber (11 am to 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MS OWENS: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

(a) National Week of Deaf People runs from 17 to 24 October 2015;

(b) one in six Australians are affected by hearing loss;

(c) there are approximately 30,000 deaf Auslan users with total hearing loss;

(d) projections for 2050 indicate that one in every four Australians will have hearing loss; and

(e) 90 per cent of people born with hearing impairment are born into hearing families;

(2) congratulates the deaf community and celebrates its outstanding contribution to the nation;

(3) acknowledges Auslan as the language of the Australian deaf community;

(4) reaffirms the need for deaf people to be fully included in the Australian community;

(5) recognises that significant challenges still exist for the deaf community when dealing with governments and government departments; and

(6) encourages the Government to improve communication with the deaf community by ensuring that information is translated into Auslan on its websites.

(Notice given 12 October 2015.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Owens — 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 MARRIAGE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (Mr Entsch): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 12 October 2015*).

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.*

Notices – continued

2 MS VAMVAKINOOU: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and that Monday 26 October 2015 is Pink Ribbon Day; and
- (b) breast cancer remains the most common cancer in Australian women and the second most common cancer to cause death in Australian women;

(2) calls on the Government to:

- (a) support Breast Cancer Awareness Month;
- (b) promote early detection; and
- (c) encourage women, especially women aged 50 to 74 years, to have a mammogram every two years; and

(3) acknowledges:

- (a) the invaluable work done by the National Breast Cancer Foundation and the Breast Cancer Institute of Australia, especially in supporting important research into treatment and a cure;
- (b) the fundraising efforts of the broader community and pays tribute to the significant contribution the Australian public makes to the overall fundraising effort; and
- (c) the heroic efforts of the women, men and their families who have experienced the breast cancer journey.

(Notice given 12 October 2015.)

Time allotted — 50 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Vamvakinou — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 10 x 5 mins]

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

3 MRS GRIGGS: To move—That this House:

(1) recognises that:

- (a) the Government is investing in significant new capabilities for the Australian Defence Force (ADF);
 - (b) these capabilities include but are not limited to the acquisition of Boeing P-8A Poseidon aircraft, Northrop Grumman MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft, 58 more Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighters and two new Boeing C-17A Globemaster III transport aircraft; and
 - (c) the former Government's cuts to Defence funding led to 119 projects being delayed, 43 degraded and 8 cancelled; and
- (2) notes the importance of providing our ADF personnel the equipment and capabilities they need to perform their roles.

(Notice given 16 June 2015.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mrs Griggs — 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.*

4 MS MCGOWAN: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) inconsistencies exist between federal and state court procedures in relation to the direct cross examination of a victim by an accused person;
 - (b) specific state laws are in place to prevent an accused person from directly cross examining their victim in sexual offence cases and, in some states, family violence protection order cases—in such cases, an accused person must have legal representation to cross examine the victim;
 - (c) in family law cases nationally, there are no legislative protections to prevent an alleged perpetrator of violence who is unrepresented, from directly cross examining their victim; and
 - (d) intimate partner violence is the top risk factor for death, disability and illness in women aged 15 to 44—the added fear and trauma of cross examination by an alleged or known perpetrator of violence is a continuation of violence; and
- (2) calls on the Government to amend family law legislation to ensure that in situations of family violence, an unrepresented litigant alleged or known to have perpetrated violence is unable to directly cross-examine the victim.

(Notice given 13 October 2015.)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 1.30 pm.

Speech time limits —

Ms McGowan — 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.

THE HON A. D. H. SMITH MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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