

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 31

Committee and delegation business;

private Members' business

and

Consideration of bills

19 September 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, 18 September 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, 18 September 2018, and determined the order of precedence and times on Monday, 15 October 2018, as follows:

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 MR ALBANESE:** To present a Bill for an Act to establish the High Speed Rail Planning Authority, and for related purposes. (*High Speed Rail Planning Authority Bill 2018*)
(Notice given 17 September 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 CLARE:** To present a Bill for an Act to give Australian workers a fair go in trade agreements and to fix the way the Commonwealth negotiates them, and for related purposes. (*A Fair Go for Australians in Trade Bill 2018*)
(Notice given 18 September 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 MR TED O'BRIEN:** To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) the Government is asking the Governor-General to establish a Royal Commission into the Aged Care Sector;
- (b) this Royal Commission will primarily look at the quality of care provided in residential and home aged care to senior Australians, but also include young Australians with disabilities living in residential aged care settings, as well as the challenges associated with the provision of aged care in remote, rural and regional Australia;

- (c) evidence to date shows that the problems are not restricted to any one part of the aged care sector, whether it is for profit or not for profit, large or small facilities, or regional or major metropolitan; and
 - (d) the Royal Commission will look at the sector as a whole, without bias or prejudice, and make findings on the evidence;
- (2) commends the Government for taking action to ensure that older Australians have access to care that supports their dignity and recognises the contribution that they have made to society; and
 - (3) calls on the Government to continue to provide record level funding to the aged care sector.

(Notice given 18 September 2018.)

Time allotted — 60 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Ted O'Brien — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 12 x 5 mins]

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

Orders of the day

1 INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF ANIMAL WELFARE AND LIVE ANIMAL EXPORTS BILL 2018 *(Mr Fitzgibbon):* Second reading—Resumption of debate *(from 18 June 2018).*

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
= 6 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 BRODTMANN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) 15 October marks International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day;
 - (b) on this day, parents, families and friends will memorialise babies they have lost through miscarriage, stillbirth and infant death; and
 - (c) International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day is an opportunity to officially acknowledge the losses experienced by parents and families across Australia;
- (2) acknowledges that in Australia:
 - (a) it is estimated that one in four pregnancies results in miscarriage—that's 103,000 every year;
 - (b) in 2016 2,849 lives were lost due to stillbirth or newborn death;
 - (c) the rate of stillbirth and newborn death is 70 per cent higher in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
 - (d) despite medical advancements, the stillbirth rate has not changed in two decades; and
 - (e) International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day is an opportunity to raise awareness of this difficult reality and start a conversation about miscarriage and infant loss;
- (3) expresses sympathy to all families who have suffered a miscarriage, a stillbirth or infant death; and
- (4) commends each and every person who has supported parents and families through their journey from the loss of a baby.

(Notice given 17 September 2018.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Brodtmann — 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 TRADE: Resumption of debate (*from 10 September 2018*) on the motion of Mr van Manen—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the importance of open trade and investment policies in growing the Australian economy and creating local jobs;

- (2) commends the Government for leading efforts to conclude the Trans-Pacific Partnership 11 nation (TPP-11) agreement;
- (3) welcomes the recent conclusion of this landmark deal which will eliminate more than 98 per cent of tariffs in a trade zone with a combined GDP of AUD \$13.7 trillion;
- (4) notes the significant opportunities offered by new trade agreements with Canada and Mexico and greater market access to Japan, Chile, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam and Brunei;
- (5) recognises the importance of the agreement for Australia's farmers, manufacturers and service providers in increasing their competitiveness in overseas markets;
- (6) notes indicative modelling by the Peterson Institute for International Economics, which found that the TPP-11 agreement would boost Australia's national income by 0.5 per cent and exports by 4 per cent; and
- (7) encourages the Parliament to work co-operatively to ratify the TPP-11 agreement so that Australian exporters can take advantage of the many benefits it delivers

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.*

Notices – continued

2 MS SHARKIE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) discarded plastic, glass, cardboard and aluminium beverage containers are detrimental to the environment and represent a valuable economic resource;
 - (b) Australians use more than an estimated 13.1 billion beverage containers a year, which represents over 35.9 million beverage containers used every day;
 - (c) South Australia's container deposit legislation, the *Beverage Container Act 1975*, later incorporated into the *Environment Protection Act 1993*, became operational in 1977 and has now operated to great environmental and social effect for 41 years;
 - (d) South Australia leads the nation in the recovery, recycling and litter reduction of beverage containers with an overall return rate of 79.9 per cent;
 - (e) a major survey in 2012 demonstrated a 98 per cent level of support from South Australians for a national container deposit scheme;
 - (f) in 2016-17, South Australian collection depots recovered almost 587 million beverage containers (43,298 tonnes) for recycling and over \$58 million was refunded to South Australians, especially to community groups, charities, and sporting clubs;
 - (g) beverage containers have been estimated to make up only 2.9 per cent of litter in South Australia, compared to 43 per cent in NSW prior to the introduction of their container deposit scheme; and

- (h) according to the 2016-17 National Litter Index, the Northern Territory has seen a 50 per cent decrease in beverage containers as litter since the introduction of their container deposit scheme;
- (2) congratulates South Australia, the Northern Territory, and now the ACT and NSW, on their successful container deposit schemes, and welcomes the upcoming introduction of schemes in Queensland and Western Australia;
- (3) calls on the Tasmanian and Victorian governments to enact a container deposit scheme and to do so with speed and urgency; and
- (4) calls on the Australian Government to work with the state and territory governments to begin implementation of a National Container Deposit Scheme before the next federal election.

(Notice given 21 August 2018.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Sharkie — 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.*

Orders of the day – continued

2 SMALL BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENT DEFENCE CONTRACTS:

Resumption of debate (*from 10 September 2018*) on the motion of Mr Wallace—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the Government’s record \$200 billion investment in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) capabilities represents a unique opportunity for Australian businesses;
 - (b) many Australian businesses who first supplied defence materials to the Australian Government go on to export these products overseas; and
 - (c) Australia ranks thirteenth in the world for defence expenditure, but is only the twentieth largest exporter;
- (2) congratulates the Government on its activities to date to encourage local small businesses to bid for Government defence contracts, including the 2016 Defence White Paper, the Integrated Investment Program, the Defence Industry Policy Statement and the Centre for Defence Industry Capability (CDIC);
- (3) welcomes the Government’s efforts to develop a Defence Export Strategy to plan, guide and measure defence export outcomes that will support our foreign and trade policies, defence industry, defence capability and national security objectives; and
- (4) encourages small and medium enterprises all over Australia to explore the opportunity to supply products and services for the ADF, and to contact the CDIC to learn more.

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 FAIR WORK AMENDMENT (RESTORING PENALTY RATES) BILL 2018

(Mr Shorten): Second reading—Resumption of debate (from 10 September 2018).

*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.*

Items for Federation Chamber (4.45 pm to 7.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BUSINESS

Notices – continued

3 MS COLLINS: To move—That this House:

(1) notes that:

- (a) 20 October is World Osteoporosis Day and aims to increase awareness of the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis;
- (b) osteoporosis is a fragile bone disease that causes painful and debilitating fractures, particularly of the hip and spine;
- (c) every year in Australia around 165,000 fractures occur, many of which could have been prevented with earlier diagnosis and treatment; and
- (d) 4.7 million Australians over 50 have poor bone health;

(2) acknowledges that the cost of fractures associated with osteoporosis nationally amounted to \$2.1 billion in 2017; and

(3) recognises that:

- (a) early action can be taken through regular exercise, a bone-healthy diet and consultation with a doctor about osteoporosis risk factors;
- (b) diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis can halve the risk of fracture; and
- (c) effective preventative treatments include regular exercise, a bone healthy diet and consultation with doctors about risk factors.

(Notice given 10 September 2018.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Collins — 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 – continued

4 MOBILE BLACK SPOT PROGRAM: Resumption of debate
(from 17 September 2018) on the motion of Mrs Marino—That this House:

- (1) recognises the vital importance of mobile phone coverage to people living, working and travelling in regional and remote parts of the country;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) the Government has committed \$220 million to the Mobile Black Spot Program to invest in telecommunications infrastructure that improves mobile coverage across Australia;
 - (b) over 600 base stations have already been activated under the program; and
 - (c) base stations constructed under the program have already connected approximately 10,800 Triple Zero emergency calls; and
- (3) calls on the Government to maintain its commitment to regional communications.

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.*

Notices – continued

4 MS O'TOOLE: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) the immeasurable commitment and sacrifices that our Australian Defence Force (ADF) members make to serve our nation;
 - (b) the Australian Defence Force families play a pivotal role in supporting our current serving ADF men, women, ex-serving personnel and veterans; and
 - (c) Australia has a proud military history, and as such we have an obligation to all of those who have served in the name of our nation for our freedom;
- (2) acknowledges Labor's commitments to veterans, ex-serving personnel and their families, which includes:

- (a) Australia’s first Military Covenant that will establish a formal agreement to ensure the nation’s ADF personnel are fully supported during and after their service, and will legislate regular reporting to the parliament on how Australia is supporting military personnel;
 - (b) a \$121 million investment for a comprehensive Veterans’ Employment Policy to provide greater support to our defence personnel as they transition to civilian life;
 - (c) the development of a Family Engagement and Support Strategy for Defence Personnel and Veterans to provide greater support for military families; and
 - (d) supporting ex-service organisations calls for the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation to be included in the terms of reference for the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry; and
- (3) calls on the Government to support veterans, ex-service personnel and their families by matching Labor’s commitments.

(Notice given 18 September 2108.)

Time allotted — 50 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms O’Toole — 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.*

Orders of the day – continued

5 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT: Resumption of debate (*from 26 June 2018*) on the motion of Mr T. R. Wilson—That this House:

- (1) recognises the positive effect of the Government’s measures to ensure that it lives within its means, in particular by:
 - (a) legislating tough measures against multinational tax avoidance;
 - (b) delivering disciplined financial management, including through a tax-to-GDP cap of 23.9 per cent and the lowest rate of spending growth of any government in more than 50 years; and
 - (c) maintaining the integrity of the welfare system so that support goes to those who need it most; and
- (2) notes with deep concern that the Opposition:
 - (a) opposed our multinational anti-avoidance legislation in Parliament;
 - (b) refuses to commit to spending restraint or a tax cap so that the economy is not burdened with higher taxes; and
 - (c) has no plan to support Australians to get off welfare and into work.

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.*

6 NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME: Resumption of debate
(from 25 June 2018) on the motion of Ms Husar—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS):
 - (a) supports a better life for hundreds of thousands of Australians with a significant and permanent disability, and their families and carers; and
 - (b) will provide about 460,000 Australians under the age of 65 with a permanent and significant disability with the reasonable and necessary supports they need to live an ordinary life;
- (2) notes that:
 - (a) the NDIS began in a number of trial sites around Australia from July 2013;
 - (b) the NDIS is now operational across Australia;
 - (c) as at 31 December 2017, there were 132,743 participants with an approved plan with the NDIS and 9,523 children receiving support through the Early Childhood Early Intervention approach; and
 - (d) the NDIS roll-out in Western Australia will commence 1 July 2018;
- (3) calls on the Government to urgently address delays and inadequacies in the NDIS operations and roll-out, including:
 - (a) funding adequacy and access to the scheme;
 - (b) NDIS plan approvals and plan renewals;
 - (c) access to adequate health services, care and supports, housing and other essential services; and
 - (d) ensuring that the pricing structure of the NDIS enables service providers to deliver high quality support to participants in the scheme including for group activities that are being threatened by the current model;
- (4) reaffirms its commitment to:
 - (a) ensuring Australians with a disability continue to get the support they need;
 - (b) the scheme roll-out continuing to ensure a smooth transition for people with disability and support providers; and
 - (c) an adequately funded and resourced NDIS; and
- (5) encourages all Members of Parliament to support the NDIS roll-out and the access to support it provides to people with disability.

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

Speech time limits —

All 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. The committee determined that the following referral of a bill to a committee be made—

Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs

- *Social Security Commission Bill 2018*

THE HON A. D. H. SMITH MP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

19 September 2018