

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 57

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

20 June 2012

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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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, 19 June 2012.
2. The committee determined the order of precedence and times to be allotted for consideration of committee and delegation business and private Members' business on Monday, 25 June 2012, as follows:

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

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

Presentation and statements

1 Standing Committee on Education and Employment

Advisory Report on the Fair Work Amendment (Better Work/Life Balance) Bill 2012

The Committee determined that statements on the report may be made — all statements to conclude by 10:20 a.m.

Speech time limits —

Ms Rishworth — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MS PARKE: To move — That this House:

- (1) calls on Australian parliamentarians to endorse the Global Parliamentarian Declaration on the Arms Trade Treaty;
- (2) recognises:
 - (a) that the poor regulation of arms:
 - (i) results in tens-of-thousands of lives needlessly lost every year;
 - (ii) undermines peace and peace building processes, human security, poverty reduction initiatives, and prospects for sustainable socioeconomic development; and
 - (iii) facilitates gender-based violence against women who disproportionately endure the indirect, longer-term consequences of armed conflict; and

- (b) the immediate need for a legally binding international agreement on the regulation of the global trade in arms;
- (3) congratulates successive Australian governments for their demonstrated commitment to an internationally binding arms trade treaty; and
- (4) calls on the Australian Government to continue strong advocacy for an international arms trade treaty at the upcoming United Nations negotiations on the matter in July 2012. (Notice given 28 May 2012)

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Parke — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 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.*

2 MR HARTSUYKER: To move — That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) 2012 is the International Year of Co-operatives;
 - (b) there are two million more co-operative members in Australia than retail share investors;
 - (c) co-operatives create diversity in the Australian economy;
 - (d) co-operatives play an important role in delivering services to regional and rural communities; and
 - (e) some Australian Government industry assistance is not available to enterprises with a co-operative structure; and
- (2) calls on the Government to:
 - (a) support the role of co-operatives in Australian communities; and
 - (b) continue working with the States and Territories to implement nationally consistent laws governing the operation of co-operatives. (Notice given 14 March 2012)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Hartsuyker — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 + 4 x 5 mins]

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

3 MS OWENS: To move — That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) after almost 12 long years of inaction by the former Australian Coalition Government, the current Australian Labor Government has delivered historic pension reforms that have provided increases of \$154 per fortnight for max-rate single pensioners and \$156 per fortnight for max-rate pensioner couples;
 - (b) the NSW Government increased public housing rents for pensioners in 2011, taking away some of the Australian Government's 2009 pension increase;
 - (c) the Australian Government is delivering extra assistance to millions of Australian pensioners through the Household Assistance Package;
 - (d) this new assistance is being delivered as a stand-alone pension supplement, separate from the base pension rate, so that pensioners living in public housing could receive the full benefit of this assistance without it affecting their social housing rents; and
 - (e) the NSW Government has announced that it will include this assistance when calculating social housing rents from March 2013, meaning pensioners living in public housing will not receive the full benefit of the Australian Government's assistance.
- (2) condemns the NSW Government for increasing rents for about 84,000 NSW pensioners and taking away part of their pension increase; and
- (3) calls on the Opposition to guarantee it would not take away the pension increases as part of the Household Assistance Package if in government.

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

Speech time limits —

Ms Owens — 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.

Items for House of Representatives Chamber (8 to 9.30 pm)

4 MR ALEXANDER: To move — That this House:

- (1) strong history of Chinese migration to Australia over the past 200 years;
- (2) significant contribution that Chinese-Australians have made over this period to our nation;
- (3) vibrant festivities and events hosted by the Bennelong Chinese community and enjoyed by people of many cultures; and
- (4) unique opportunity for the local Chinese, Korean and broader communities to come together at the Bennelong Cup Table Tennis Test Match for an international table tennis competition against Australia. (Notice given 10 May 2012)

Time allotted — 40 minutes

Speech time limits —

Mr Alexander — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 + 4 x 5 mins]

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

5 MS SMYTH: To move — That this House:

- (1) considers that the extreme funding cuts to Victorian TAFEs announced by the Victorian Liberal Government will:
 - (a) damage the opportunities of hundreds of thousands of Victorian students for a decent education and for skilled employment;
 - (b) damage industry in Victoria which relies on TAFEs to provide skills and training to a local workforce; and
 - (c) result in job cuts and cuts to course offerings, including cuts of up to \$300 million across Victorian TAFEs and up to 2000 Victorian jobs; and
- (2) calls on the Victorian Liberal Government to abandon its irresponsible cuts to TAFE funding immediately, and reinstate proper funding to the sector. (Notice given 31 May 2012)

Time allotted — 30 minutes

Speech time limits —

Ms Smyth — 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.*

6 DR LEIGH: To move — That this House:

- (1) notes:
 - (a) that the 2012 London Olympics will take place from 27 July to 12 August and the Paralympics will take place from 29 August to 9 September, with London becoming the first city to host the modern Olympics on three occasions; and
 - (b) the diversity of the Australian team, comprising athletes from all parts of Australia;
- (2) recognises the dedication and hard work of the extraordinary athletes that make up the Australian Olympic and Paralympic teams, and their coaches, friends and family;
- (3) acknowledges the unique role played by the Australian Institute of Sport in preparing athletes for the Olympics and Paralympics; and

(4) wishes our athletes well in London.

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 9.30 pm.

Speech time limits —

Dr Leigh — 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 (approx 11 am to 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MR OAKESHOTT: To move — That this House instructs the Attorney-General to, as soon as practicable, draft and introduce legislation to curb the facility for creditor litigation in Australia against those countries who have been deemed by the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, eligible for debt relief under the enhanced Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative, with similar effect to the United Kingdom's *Debt Relief (Developing Countries) Act 2010* which received tripartite support in the United Kingdom Parliament. (Notice given 8 May 2012)

Time allotted — 20 minutes

Speech time limits —

Mr Oakeshott — 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.

2 MR TEHAN: To move — That this House:

- (1) recognises the decision handed down by the Federal Court of Australia upholding Fair Work Australia's decision to allow students covered by the retail award to have a minimum engagement period of 1.5 hours, which will allow students to work after school to gain independence, important workforce skills and the experience of work while still at school; and
- (2) commends young aspirational Australians who will be able to start in the workforce as a result of this decision. (Notice given 22 May 2012)

Time allotted — 50 minutes

Speech time limits —

Mr Tehan — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

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

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

3 MR CHAMPION: To move — That this House:

- (1) notes the South Australian Labor Government's proposal to extend trading hours in Adelaide with the exception of certain public holidays;
- (2) acknowledges that Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve are important occasions for families and communities to spend together; and
- (3) supports the South Australian Labor Government's policy to declare part day public holidays after 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. (Notice given 14 March 2012)

Time allotted — 30 minutes

Speech time limits —

Mr Champion — 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.*

Order of the day

1 MARRIAGE AMENDMENT BILL 2012 (*Mr S. P. Jones*): Second reading —
Resumption of debate (*from 18 June 2012*)

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 MR FLETCHER: To move — That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) tragically, at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games, 11 members of the Israeli team were murdered in a terrorist attack;
 - (b) the impact of this event has been seared on world consciousness; and
 - (c) for 40 years, the families of those murdered have asked the International Olympic Committee to observe a minute of silence, in their memory, at each Olympic Games, and this request is being made with respect to the 2012 Olympic Games to be held in London; and
- (2) calls on the International Olympic Committee to observe one minute's silence at the 2012 Olympic Games in honour of the 11 Israeli athletes murdered by terrorists at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

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

Speech time limits —

Mr Fletcher — 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 at a later hour.

Items for Federation Chamber (6.30 to 9 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices — continued

4 MR FLETCHER: To move — That this House:

- (1) notes that:
 - (a) tragically, at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games, 11 members of the Israeli team were murdered in a terrorist attack;
 - (b) the impact of this event has been seared on world consciousness; and
 - (c) for 40 years, the families of those murdered have asked the International Olympic Committee to observe a minute of silence, in their memory, at each Olympic Games, and this request is being made with respect to the 2012 Olympic Games to be held in London; and
- (2) calls on the International Olympic Committee to observe one minute's silence at the 2012 Olympic Games in honour of the 11 Israeli athletes murdered by terrorists at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

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 MS RISHWORTH: To move — That this House:

- (1) notes that two thirds of Australian women who have experienced domestic violence with their current partner are in paid employment;
- (2) recognises the:
 - (a) significant impact that domestic violence can have on the employment of women who are subjected to it, including:
 - (i) lost productivity as a result of anxiety and distraction in the workplace;
 - (ii) absenteeism due to sustaining physical and psychological injuries;
 - (iii) disrupted work histories as victims often frequently change jobs;
 - (iv) lower personal incomes and reduced hours of work; and
 - (v) risks to personal safety in the workplace as well as to co-workers; and
 - (b) positive impact of the inclusion of domestic violence clauses in contracts of employment to ensure protections for victims, including:
 - (i) additional paid leave to enable employees subjected to domestic violence to, for example, attend court hearings and medical appointments without exhausting other forms of personal leave;
 - (ii) access to flexible working arrangements where possible; and
 - (iii) assurance that employee details will be treated confidentially and disclosure will not lead to discriminatory treatment;
- (4) acknowledges the introduction of domestic violence clauses for public sector employees in both Queensland and NSW, and congratulates organisations in the private sector that have also moved to incorporate these clauses in contracts of employment; and
- (5) urges all private companies and public sectors to include domestic violence clauses in their enterprise agreements to provide victims with important protections such as access to leave in addition to existing entitlements.

Time allotted — 50 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Rishworth — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

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

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

6 MR ENTSCHE: To move — That this House:

- (1) notes the profound financial impact on graziers and associated businesses by the Government's decision to ban live cattle exports to Indonesia on 7 June 2011;
- (2) acknowledges that due to Government maladministration:
 - (a) the criteria outline in the Business Assistance Payments program offered to affected graziers and businesses contained ambiguous wording and was confusing for applicants;
 - (b) Centrelink staff who advised on applications for the Business Assistance Payments program offered inaccurate advice to eligible applicants; and
 - (c) applicants who met the criteria missed the deadline for the program because they were misinformed about their eligibility; and
- (3) condemns the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry for:
 - (a) refusing to extend the Business Assistance Payments program to assist affected farmers and businesses who experienced financial losses as a direct result of the live export ban; and
 - (b) his poor handling of the issue, which has led to financial losses in the cattle industry. (Notice given 29 May 2012)

Time allotted — 50 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Entsch — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

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

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

7 MR GRIFFIN: To move — That this House:

- (1) acknowledges the excellent work undertaken by Australian naval forces in the Middle East Gulf Region, in particular the important tasks of:
 - (a) opposition to the smuggling of arms, drugs and other contraband;
 - (b) counter piracy operations; and
 - (c) maritime protection; and
- (2) applauds the contribution made by the Royal Australian Navy as part of the international coalition in the Middle East. (Notice given 18 June 2012)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Griffin — 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.*

8 DR LEIGH: To move — That this House:

- (1) recognises that:
 - (a) 23 June is the United Nations Public Service Day;
 - (b) democracy and successful governance are built on the foundation of a competent, career-based public service; and
 - (c) the day recognises the key values of teamwork, innovation and responsiveness to the public; and
- (2) commends the Australian Public Service on continuing to be an international model of best-practice public service and providing outstanding services to the Australian community. (Notice given 22 March 2012)

Time allotted — remaining private Members' business time prior to 9 pm.

Speech time limits —

Dr Leigh — 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.

3. The committee recommends that the following item of private Members' business listed on the Notice Paper be voted on:

Orders of the Day—

Army Reserve Bands (Mr Ruddock)

Accountability and transparency of unions (Mr Buchholz)

Flooding of communities in the Torres Strait (Mr Entsch)

Strong Australian economy (Dr Leigh)

Australian standard for olive oil (Ms Rishworth)

Autism Spectrum Disorder (Ms Rishworth)

Peter Slipper MP

Chairman

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