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AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND LIVE-Stock LEGISLATION (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1985

Date Introduced: 20 March 1985
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John Kerin, M.P., Minister for Primary Industry

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose


Background

This Bill is complementary to the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Bill 1985. Information about the proposed new arrangements for meat and live-stock research and development is contained in Bills Digest No. 85/137.

Main Provisions.

A detailed explanation of the provisions of the Bill is contained in the Explanatory Memorandum.


The Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation (AMLRDC) is to be given access to the registers maintained by the Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation (AMLC) (proposed section 30LA of the Principal Act, inserted by clause 17). The AMLC is required to notify the AMLRDC of expenditure incurred during the financial year in maintaining the registers (proposed section 30L of the Principal Act, inserted by clause 17). Under the provisions of clause 44 of the AMLRDC Bill 1985,
the AMLRDC will be required to pay half the maintenance costs of the registers.

Recommendations by the AMLC for changes in live-stock slaughter levies and export charges will be confined to its own funding purposes (section 7 of the Principal Act as amended by clause 5).


The Chairperson of the AMLRDC is to become a member of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry in lieu of the Chairman of the Australian Meat Research Committee (section 9 of the Principal Act as amended by clause 21).


The Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Selection Committee is to select persons for appointment to the AMLRDC as well as to the AMLC (clause 23).

The Committee will be responsible for nominating 8 of the 11 members with relevant qualifications and experience for appointment to the AMLRDC. The Minister may reject a nomination if he is not satisfied with the person's suitability and may require the Committee to submit new nominations (new section 10D of the Principal Act, inserted by clause 28).


Recommendations made by the Australian Meat Research Committee (AMRC) concerning live-stock slaughter levies, export charges and expenditure of funds in the Meat Research Trust Account are to be presented to the Minister rather than to the AMLC (section 8 of the Principal Act, as amended by clause 32).


Clause 34 provides for the transfer of money from the AMRC to the AMLRDC on the commencement date of the AMLRDC Act. Furthermore, money due from the Commonwealth in respect of the live-stock slaughter levy and export charge is to be paid to the AMLRDC on that date or as soon as practicable (clause 35).
Certain Cattle and Beef Research Acts and Meat Research Acts as listed in Schedule 2 of the Bill are to be repealed (clause 39).

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