FISHERIES AGREEMENTS (PAYMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1985

Date introduced: 22 August 1985
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John Kerin, M.P., Minister for Primary Industry

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To extend the Minister's power to refuse licences to foreign boats due to non-payment of agreed fees, to cover fisheries agreements between Australia and one or more parties who are not foreign governments.

Background

The Fisheries Agreements (Payments) Act 1981 authorises the refusal of licences for foreign boats, unless amounts specified in agreements between Australia and a foreign government with respect to the operations of those boats in the Australian fishing zone (AFZ) have been paid to Australia.

Outline

The Bill amends the Fisheries Agreements (Payments) Act 1981 in parallel with the amendments proposed by clauses 5 and 6 of the Foreign Fishing Boats Levy Amendment Bill (which provide proper statutory authority for collecting the full amount of fees payable by a foreign interest, other than a foreign government, for access to the AFZ - see Bills Digest 85/153).

The amendment proposed by clause 4 of the Bill will extend the Commonwealth power to refuse licences, in cases when the full amount of fees has not been paid, to fisheries agreements between Australia and a foreign interest which is not a foreign government.
The Bill has no direct financial implications.

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