Date Introduced: 29 February 1984
House: Senate
Presented by: Senator the Hon. D.L. Chipp

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To prohibit the exportation of yellow-cake and uranium hexafluoride.

Background

A similarly worded Bill, but including a clause prohibiting importation of nuclear hardware into Australia, was defeated in the Senate on 10 November 1983.

Main Provisions

Clause 4 defines 'nuclear materials' as yellowcake (U₃O₈ concentrate) and hex (uranium hexafluoride, UF₆), that is, the raw materials for nuclear fuel.

Clause 5 binds the Crown in right of the Commonwealth, the States and the Northern Territory.

Clause 6 - The exportation of nuclear materials from Australia is prohibited.

If nuclear materials are already loaded onto a vessel before the day of Royal Assent, then Clause 6 does not apply (Clause 7).

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