Date Introduced: 10 May 1984
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. J.C. Kerin, M.P., Minister for Primary Industry

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

The Bill provides for the establishment of an Industry Selection Committee to provide the Minister with nominations for the eight (8) other members of the newly structured Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation.

Background

See Background in Bills Digest for the Australian Meat and Live-Stock Corporation Amendment Bill 1984.

Main Provisions

Part I of the Bill provides for the short-title, commencement and interpretation of the legislation.

Part II: Clause 4 establishes the Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Selection Committee.

Clause 5 defines the functions of the committee as selecting the eight "other" members of the Corporation and to nominate those selected to the Minister.

Clause 6 grants the power to the Committee to carry out this task (Clause 22 provides for the Committee to exercise this power).

Part III: Clause 8 limits the fields from which the Committee may select its nominations, to areas relevant to the function of the Corporation.

Clause 8(3) provides that a member of the Committee cannot be nominated for the Corporation for a period of 3 years following the cessation of that person's membership of the Committee.
Clause 9 specifies the timing of nominations; the fact that only one nomination can be made for each vacancy; the details to accompany the nominations concerning both the individual nominated and how the nomination or nominations will ensure that the Corporation will collectively possess qualifications and experience in all of the required areas.

Clause 10 allows the Minister to reject a nomination and request a new nomination.

Part IV covers the Constitution and Meetings of the Committee.

Clause 11 determines the membership of 7 to be made up as follows:

Chairman
2 representatives of cattle producers
1 representative of sheep producers
3 representatives of processors and exporters

All members will hold Office for 3 years, in a part-time capacity and will be appointed by the Minister. The respective industry organisations will nominate the members other than Chairman.

Clause 15 specifies that the Chairman shall be remunerated in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal determinations and that allowances and expenses can be met.

Clause 19 specifies that a member shall disclose any potential conflict of interest regarding any matters being considered. Further the disclosure will be recorded in the minutes and the member shall not take part in the deliberation of, or the deciding of that matter.

Clause 20 gives the power to the Chairman to convene meetings as necessary. A quorum is 5 members with at least two each of the producers and processor/exporter representatives.

Clause 22 empowers the Committee to engage consultants and staff.

Clause 23 provides for the Committee to submit an Annual Report to the Minister.

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