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**Shipping Reform (Tax Incentives) Bill
2012, Shipping Registration Amendment
(Australian International Shipping
Register) Bill 2012, Coastal Trading
(Revitalising Australian Shipping) Bill 2012,
Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian
Shipping) (Consequential Amendments and
Transitional Provisions) Bill 2012, Tax Laws
Amendment (Shipping Reform) Bill 2012**

Consideration in Detail

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Questioner
Speaker Katter, Bob, MP

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Mr KATTER (Kennedy) (12:28): I want to add to what the minister has said. The argument is that the cost of intercoastal shipping will increase because of this bill, but just the opposite is true. The ships that are plying now are half empty. If this bill goes through, they will be full and the cost per unit will come down, not up. In any event, ever since Australia has been Australia, it has been a spurious argument that has been applied, and is being applied, to argue against protecting Australian industry.

Question agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.