THE SENATE

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Social Services Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2015

In Committee

SPEECH

Wednesday, 4 May 2016

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SENATE
Senator SIEWERT (Western Australia—Australian Greens Whip) (11:33): The Australian Greens oppose schedule 3 in the following terms:

(2) Schedule 3, page 9 (line 1) to page 10 (line 22), to be opposed.

As I articulated in my second reading contribution, the Greens do not support schedule 3, which we think unfairly impacts on students. Again, I indicated during my second reading contribution that the National Union of Students had concerns about this particular amendment. It impacts on students who need to take a different number of subjects and apparently different courses. My colleague Senator Simms very clearly articulated his concerns about the impact that this may have on students. Greens amendment (2) takes out schedule 3, which changes the requirements for study for social security payments.

The CHAIRMAN: The question is that schedule 3 stand as printed.