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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ADMIRALTY BILL 1988

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Amendments to be moved by the Government)

(Circulated by authority of the Attorney-General,

the Hon. L. Bowen, MP)

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OUTLINE

The purpose of the amendments is to

- (a) make a technical amendment to the definition of Civil Liability Convention in cl. 3 to take account of the Protection of the Sea Legislation Amendment Act 1986, and
- (b) clarify that the establishment of a Rules Committee provided for in cl.42 to advise on the Admiralty Rules is not a matter of discretion.

Financial Impact - There will be no additional financial impact caused by the amendments.

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Explanatory Memorandum

Clause 3(1)

Amendment to definition of Civil Liability Convention

This amendment is necessary to take account of provisions in the Protection of the Sea Legislation Amendment Act 1986 which will give effect to the 1984 Protocol to the Civil Liability Convention. The definition will define the Convention as including the amendments made by the 1984 Protocol when the amendments made by the 1986 Act enter into force. Australia is in the process of accepting the 1984 Protocol which has not yet entered into force internationally.

Clause 42

This amendment, by substituting 'shall' for 'may' will make it clear that a Rules Committee is to be established to advise on the Admiralty Rules and that establishment of the Committee is not a matter of discretion.