

THE SENATE

ANZAC DAY BILL 1983

(Senator Lewis)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The substantive provisions of this Bill are as follows:

- (1) a declaration by the Parliament that Anzac Day should be marked as a national day of remembrance for the purpose of commemorating members of the services who suffered death, injury or loss in war (clause 4);
- (2) the President of the Returned Services League is required to arrange observances of Anzac Day in the A.C.T., in accordance with Parliament's intention, and to designate areas for observances (clauses 5, 6 and 7);
- (3) persons or bodies who wish to participate in Anzac Day observances may make application to the President (clause 8);
- (4) the President is to grant permission to participate in the observances as he thinks fit, and is to consider and make a determination in relation to any application for permission to participate (clauses 10-12);
- (5) the Federal Court is to review, on application by an aggrieved person, decisions by the President refusing permission to participate in an observance or designating an area to be used for an observance, and in reviewing such decisions the Court is to abide by Parliament's intention (clause 12);

- (6) there is immunity for persons participating in observances from the law of the Territory relating to traffic and obstruction (clause 13); and
- (7) provision is made for a fine not exceeding \$200 to be imposed on any person convicted of interfering with an observance, attempting to participate in an observance without permission, or entering without permission an area designated for an observance while an observance is in progress (clause 14).

Appropriate time limits are provided for the various procedures under the Bill.