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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EXPLANATORY NOTES RELATING TO AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO THE
AUSTRALIAN HORTICULTURAL CORPORATION BILL 1987
BY THE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND ENERGY
THE HON JOHN KERIN MP

(1) Deputies of members

Clause 25 of the Bill would provide for the appointment of deputy members to the Australian Horticultural Corporation. During any period when a member of the Corporation is unable for any reason to attend meetings of the Corporation, the deputy of the member would act as a member of the Corporation.

It is now considered that since the selection for nomination of members for appointment to the Corporation board and product group committees is based on expertise and not on representation of an industry sector, it follows that such members should not be given the option of nominating their own deputies. More recent application of primary industry statutory marketing authority policy is not to provide for deputies. Accordingly this amendment will omit clause 25.

(2) Accounts and records

Sub-clause 50(2) of the Bill would provide that the regulations may require the Corporation to keep separate accounts in relation to specified classes of horticultural products.

This amendment will add a new sub-clause (3) to clause 50 which will enable specification by regulation of the method of disbursement of the uncommitted industry contributions of an industry body which withdraws from the Corporation.

(3) Deputies of members

Clause 72 would provide for the appointment of deputy members to a Product Group Committee. Deputy members would act as members whenever members are unavailable.

This amendment will omit clause 72 for the same reasons as those relating to the omission of clause 25.

(4) Deputies of members

Clause 97 of the Bill would provide for the appointment of deputy members to the Corporation Selection Committee.

The decisions of the selection committee ought to be taken based on the involvement of the industry's preferred choice of committee member and accordingly this amendment will omit clause 97.

(5) Deputies of members

Clause 117 of the Bill would provide for the appointment of deputy members to selection committees for product group committees.

The decisions of the selection committees ought to be taken based on the involvement of the industry's preferred choice of committee member and accordingly this amendment will omit clause 117.