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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Resources and Energy, the Hon Barry O. Jones, MP)



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Purpose

To give effect to changes in the adjustment levy rate in accordance with variations in the special freight allowance component of the import parity price for Bass Strait crude oil. The amendments increase the amount of adjustment levy on Bass Strait crude oil from 1 January and 1 March 1985 and thereafter express the amount of levy as a fixed 65 per cent of the special freight allowance component.

The amount of revenue raised through the adjustment levy is disbursed to producers and refiners in accordance with provisions of the Bass Strait Freight Adjustment Trust Fund Act 1984.

NOTES ON THE CLAUSES OF THE BILLClause 1Short title

This clause provides for the short title of the legislation and refers to the Bass Strait Freight Adjustment Levy Act 1984 as being the Principal Act.

Clause 2Commencement

This clause indicates that the provisions of the legislation will come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Clauses 3 and 4

Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended from 1 January 1985 by omitting "\$1.26" and substituting "\$1.39" and as from 1 March 1985 it is amended again by omitting "\$1.39" and substituting "\$1.96".

Clause 5

Repeals section 6 of the Act and inserts a new section to allow future variations in the rate of adjustment levy. The new section defines the per kilolitre adjustment levy as being an amount equal to 65% of the special freight allowance component of the import parity price of Bass Strait crude oil as determined from time to time by the Minister.