

AUSTRALIAN SENATE
Canberra
November 10, 1994

Passed by the Senate on November 10, 1994

TIBET — HUMAN RIGHTS

Senator Borne, by leave, moved — That the Senate —

- a) notes that, during the week beginning 6 November 1994, the Chairman of China's National people's Congress, Mr. Qiao Shi, is on an official State visit to Australia;
- b) recognizes that during the 1989 pro-democracy protests, Mr. Qiao Shi served as head of China's security services;
- c) expresses its concern that the human rights situation in Tibet appears to have deteriorated and that the Tibetan people continue to be denied their fundamental human rights and freedom;
- d) endorses the representations made by the Australian Government and by members of this Parliament to the People's Republic of China on human rights abuses in Tibet;
- e) urges the Chinese Government to recognize the fundamental human rights and freedom of the Tibetan people and to enter into genuine dialogue, without preconditions, with His Holiness the Dalai Lama with a view to achieving a long-term solution in Tibet;
- f) calls on all Australian Government Ministers to continue raising issues of human rights and the situation in Tibet in their discussions with representatives of the Chinese Government and to ensure that they understand the depth of the Australian community's feelings about these matters; and
- g) requests from the Chinese Government a commitment that it will not deny visas to exiled Tibetan women from any part of the world who wish to attend the United Nations World Conference on Women which is due to be held in Beijing in 1995.