

Supplementary Order Paper

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, the 19th Day of October 1971

ARMS AMENDMENT BILL

Proposed Amendment

Hon. Mr THOMSON, in Committee, to move the following amendment:
To insert, after clause 3, the following clause:

3A. Definition of "firearm" extended for certain purposes—

(1) Section 16 of the principal Act (as amended by section 6 (1) of the Arms Amendment Act 1964) is hereby amended by adding to subsection (2A) the following sentence "For the purposes of this subsection the term 'firearm' means any gun, rifle, or pistol, whether acting by force of explosives or not".

(2) Section 16A of the principal Act (as inserted by section 4 of the Arms Amendment Act 1966) is hereby amended by adding to subsection (1) the following sentence "For the purposes of this subsection, the term 'firearm' means any gun, rifle, or pistol, whether acting by force of explosives or not".

EXPLANATORY NOTE

UNDER subsection (2A) of section 16 of the Arms Act 1958 it is an offence for any person, without reasonable cause, to discharge or otherwise deal with a firearm in a manner likely to injure or endanger the safety of any person or property or with reckless disregard for the safety of others.

Under subsection (1) of section 16A of the Arms Act 1958 every person who causes bodily injury to or the death of any person by carelessly using a firearm commits an offence.

It is now proposed to insert an extended definition of the term "firearm" into each of these two provisions so that they will apply in respect of weapons such as air guns.