

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

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ARMED FORCES DISCIPLINE AMENDMENT BILL

Proposed Amendments

Hon. Mr THOMSON, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 20: To omit all the words in lines 15 to 24 on page 8, and substitute the following subclause:

(1) Section 202 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection (1), and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) Any person subject to this Act who is convicted by court-martial or as provided in section 201 of this Act, or is found guilty by an officer exercising summary powers, of desertion or absence without leave shall forfeit one day’s pay and allowances for each day during which he was in desertion or absent without leave:

“Provided that, if the period of absence is less than 24 hours, the court-martial or the officer exercising summary powers may cancel such forfeiture, in whole or in part, as it or he thinks just.”

Clause 24: To omit subclause (3) on page 11.

Proposed clause 25A: To insert on page 11, after clause 25, the following clause:

25A. Expiry—This Part of this Act shall be deemed to be repealed on the date of the commencement of the Armed Forces Discipline Act 1971.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 20: The amendment reinstates the amending words that were inadvertently omitted when the Bill was reported back from the Defence Select Committee.

Clauses 24 and 25A: In compliance with Standing Order 209, the expiry provision is transferred to a distinct clause at the end of this Part, which will be finally enacted as a separate Act.
