Supplementary Order Paper

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, the 18th Day of July 1968

AUGKLAND REGIONAL AUTHORITY AMENDMENT (No. 2) BILL

Proposed Amendment

Mr Douglas, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Glause 1A: To omit from the new clause 1A the word "drainage" wherever it appears in lines 12, 15, 18, 19, 20, and 22 on page 2.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Paragraph (b) of the new definition of the term "metropolitan area" in the new clause IA contains incorrect references to certain areas constituted under section 3 of the North Shore Drainage Act 1963. This amendment will correct those references by omitting the word "drainage" in a number of places.

Defence—Co-operation with Australia

25. Mr HARRISON (Hawke's Bay) asked the Prime Minister, Is the Government taking all steps to promote effective defence co-operation between Australia and New Zealand?

Right Hon. KEITH HOLYOAKE (Prime Minister)—We are taking all the appropriate steps. The ANZAC partnership has a very long and honoured history, from Gallipoli in 1915 and through many episodes until Vietnam today. We cooperate very closely within ANZAM and SEATO as well as bilaterally to ensure that our planning, equipment, and training enable us to work together in peace

as well as, if the necessity arises, in war. Consultations have been particularly close since the British decision in January to withdraw from east of Suez by the end of 1971. Members will recall that there have been many exchanges at ministerial level. I remind members of some of them. During the last 4 months the Prime Minister of Australia visited New Zealand in March; the Australian Minister of External Affairs made two visits here in February and April of this year; and my colleague, the Minister of Defence, has visited Canberra twice-in February and then in June. At the official level there is almost daily contact between Canberra and Wellington.

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