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Wednesday, the 5th Day of October 1977

AGRICULTURAL WORKERS BILL

Proposed Amendments

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

Clause 12: To insert in line 21, before the word "Schedule", the word "First".

Clause 14A: To insert, after the words "the Tribunal,", the words "the President,".

Clause 28: To insert in line 37, after the word "chairman", the expression "(who shall not be a member of the committee and, subject to paragraph (b) of this section, who shall have neither a deliberative nor a casting vote on any matter before the committee)."

Clause 29: To omit lines 28 and 29, and substitute the following lines:

"29. Conciliation—(1) Where a dispute that does not relate to the interpretation of an award has not been settled voluntarily, any party".

Clause 32: To omit from line 32 the word "association", and substitute the word "organisation".

To insert in line 34, after the word "operation", the words "in respect of any specified workers or employers".

To omit from line 38 the words "the applicant", and substitute the words "those workers or employers".

Clause 38 (1) (f): To omit the expression "the grievance committee", and substitute the expression "a grievance committee".

New clause 48A: To insert, before clause 49, the following clause:

48A. Application of Part VI—For the purposes of Part VI of this Act, "employer", in relation to any worker, means the person employing that worker, whether or not he has the control or superintendence of the farm or other place where that worker is employed; and "employ" and "employed" have corresponding meanings.

Clause 49: To omit subclause (7).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

With 2 exceptions the amendments are purely of a drafting nature. One substantive amendment is to clause 32. This clause at present would allow for an employers' organisation or a workers' organisation to apply for total exemption from an award. This would have the effect of nullifying the award. The amendment provides that application for exemption can be made only in respect of particular workers or employers.

The second substantive amendment relates to Part VI. Clause 49 (7), which was added by the Select Committee, extended the application of that clause to all agricultural workers, whether or not employed by the owner or manager of a farm. The amendment has the effect of extending the applica-

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