

Supplementary Order Paper.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 16th Day of August, 1934.

BRITISH NATIONALITY AND STATUS OF ALIENS (IN NEW ZEALAND) AMENDMENT BILL.

AMENDMENTS proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General:—

Title: To omit all words after the words "An Act to", and substitute the words "amend the British Nationality and Status of Aliens (in New Zealand) Act, 1928".

Preamble: To add to the Preamble the following words: "And whereas it is desirable that certain special provisions be made in respect of the rights and privileges of married women who by reason of their marriage to aliens have acquired the nationality of their husbands:"

To add the following new clause:—

3. (1) This section shall apply to every woman who at the time of her marriage to an alien, whether before or after the passing of this Act, was a British subject and who, by reason of her marriage, has acquired the nationality of her husband.

Special provisions as to married women who by reason of their marriage to aliens have acquired the nationality of their husbands.

(2) Any woman to whom this section applies (whether her marriage is still continuing or not) may, at any time within twelve months after the passing of this Act (in the case of a woman married to an alien before the passing of this Act), or within twelve months after the date of her marriage (in the case of a woman married to an alien after the passing of this Act), or in either case at such later time as the Minister of Internal Affairs may in special circumstances allow, make a declaration in the prescribed form and manner that she desires to retain the rights of a British subject, and thereupon she shall, for the purposes of the law of New Zealand, be deemed never to have acquired the nationality of her husband but to be, and at all times since her marriage to have been, a British subject, and accordingly shall, within New Zealand, be entitled to all political and other rights, powers, and privileges, and be subject to all obligations, duties, and liabilities, to which a natural-born British subject is entitled or subject.

(3) If the Governor-General is satisfied that the rights conferred by this section are recognized and enforceable in any other part of His Majesty's dominions he may by Order in Council direct that any corresponding rights conferred by the law of that part of His Majesty's dominions shall be recognized and enforced in New Zealand, and every such Order in Council shall have effect according to its tenor.