

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

Wednesday, 26 March 1986

HOMOSEXUAL LAW REFORM BILL

Proposed Amendment

HELEN CLARK, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Proposed clause 7A: To insert in Part I on page 5, after clause 7, the following clause:

7A. Armed Forces Discipline Act 1971 amended—Section 73 (1) of the Armed Forces Discipline Act 1971 is hereby amended by repealing paragraphs (a) and (b), and substituting the following paragraphs:

- “(a) Does or omits any act, or engages in sexual conduct, that is likely to prejudice service discipline; or
- “(b) Does or omits any act, or engages in sexual conduct, that is likely to bring discredit on the service of the Armed Forces to which that person belongs or, if the person is attached to any such service, either to that service or to the service to which the person belongs.”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 73 (1) of the Armed Forces Discipline Act 1971 makes it an offence, punishable by imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years, to do anything that is likely to prejudice service discipline or to bring discredit on the service. The amendment makes it clear that this provision applies to sexual conduct (whether heterosexual or homosexual). The amendment is put forward as an alternative to the proposed *clause 7A* in Supplementary Order Paper No. 1 (Hon. F. D. O'Flynn) and to the proposed *clause 7B* in Supplementary Order Paper No. 71 (Mr Braybrooke).