

Supplementary Order Paper

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, the 24th Day of October 1968

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT BILL

Proposed Amendments

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

Clause 2, subclause (1): To omit the word "November" in line 12, and substitute the word "December".

Third Schedule: To omit all words following the heading to this Schedule, and substitute the following words:

SECTIONS 2 (2), 26, 26A, 28, 28A, 28B, 29, 34, 43, 49, 50 (5), 51A, 51B, 51E to 51H, 63, 68A, 70, 71A, 75, 77, 113, 115, 116, 133, 136, 142 to 153, 155, 162, 166, 167, 169 to 174, 177 to 183, 185A, 188A, 191A, 197, 199, clause 7 of Part I of the First Schedule, and clause 3 of the Second Schedule.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 2 (1): This amendment alters the date of commencement from 1 November 1968 to 1 December 1968.

Third Schedule: This Schedule specifies the sections of the Transport Act 1962 in which references to the Commissioner of Transport are to be read as references to the Secretary for Transport. This amendment replaces the list of sections in that Schedule by omitting references to sections that are being amended by the Transport Amendment Bill where references are now made to the Secretary and not to the Commissioner, adding a reference to section 75, where the term "Commissioner" also appears, and correcting two incorrect references.

The member will be aware that there has been a considerable staff turnover in secondary schools for a number of years. With the rapid increase in rolls and the establishment of a large number of new secondary schools, teachers have found many avenues of promotion within the service. The movement has been accentuated by the growth of teachers' colleges and other forms of tertiary education. It is not unusual for secondary schools to have many staff changes from year to year. Reducing the size of classes and generally improving conditions will have some effect on turnover but will not necessarily correct the position completely. Nevertheless, the Government appreciates the merits of a better staffing ratio, and I expect to make an announcement on this point later this week.

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Maori Land—Loan Finance

40. Mr BLANCHFIELD (Westland) asked the Minister in Charge of the Government Life Insurance Office, How can he reconcile his refusal to amend a clause

to allow his office to lend money on Maori land leased in perpetuity with the statement of the Acting Prime Minister that "the Government hopes that its confidence in lending on this land on the Coast will be emulated by other lending institutions", and will he endeavour to get the Government Life Insurance Office to set the example to these other lending institutions?

Hon. J. RAE (Minister in Charge of the Government Life Insurance Office)—I can reconcile the statement made by the Acting Prime Minister when he announced a building loan to a Christchurch based company which will be instrumental in retaining the employment of some 90 workers on the West Coast who might otherwise have been displaced, and with the possibility of a substantial increase in future years. In expressing the hope that the Government's action would be emulated by other lending institutions the Acting Prime Minister was appealing to lenders outside the Government, who are not precluded from lending on leases, to follow the Government's example.

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