

# Supplementary Order Paper.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, the 28th Day of September, 1925.

NATIVE LAND AMENDMENT AND NATIVE LAND CLAIMS ADJUSTMENT BILL.

Hon. Mr. COATES, in Committee, to move to insert the following new clause:—

Permitting the Chief Judge to inquire into and report upon the validity of lease of the Whakapoungakau No. 15B Block.

16A. Whereas a certain lease of the Whakapoungakau No. 15B Block granted by certain Natives to Dr. H. Bertram, of Rotorua, was finally confirmed by the Waiariki District Maori Land Board on the 20th December, 1921: And whereas the lands comprised in the said lease were and are Native land which had been subject to the Thermal Springs District Act, 1908, and it is alleged that there was and is situated thereon a mineral spring: And whereas no precedent consent of the Governor-General in Council was granted to such alienation or to such confirmation, as required by section 3 of the Thermal Springs District Act, 1910: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

(1.) No alienation of the leasehold interest purported to be conferred by the said lease shall be valid or effectual to pass any estate or interest therein except as may be permitted by the Governor-General by order in Council.

(2.) The Registrar-General shall cause to be registered a caveat against the said leasehold interest notifying the provisions of this section.

(3.) The Chief Judge of the Native Land Court is hereby authorized and empowered to inquire into the circumstances and validity of the said lease and the confirmation thereof, and to make such recommendations as he may deem fit to the Governor-General.