

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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Thursday, the 6th Day of September, 1894.

NATIVE LAND COURT BILL.

Mr. STEVENS, in Committee, to move the following amendment and new clauses:—

To strike out clause 68, and to substitute the following new clause in lieu thereof:—

68A. After the coming into operation of this Act it shall not be lawful for any one other than a person acting for or on behalf of the Crown, and under the written authority of a Minister of the Crown, to acquire any estate or interest in any land owned or held by a Native (except such land as has been acquired by a Native or Natives from the Crown or from Europeans, or held under Land Transfer certificate) without the consent of the Governor in Council first obtained thereto as hereinafter provided. The provision of this section shall apply to land situated within the distance of half a mile from ngawha, waiariki, or any hot or mineral spring or pool, and to any agency or authority to deal therewith or in relation thereto.

To insert the following new clauses:—

71A. Nothing in this Act shall prevent the completion of any agreement for the alienation of any block of customary land not exceeding five thousand acres in case of sale, or ten thousand acres in case of lease for twenty-one years, or extension of lease making in all with original lease forty-two years, which at the time of coming into operation of this Act had been signed by a majority of the owners thereof: Provided that within twelve months of the coming into operation of this Act application is made by the party interested in such alienation to the Court, or to a Magistrate with the power of a Recorder of the Court, who, on being satisfied that such agreement had been entered into in good faith, shall indorse such agreement with a certificate to that effect.

73A. Nothing in section five or seven of "The Native Lands Frauds Prevention Act 1881 Amendment Act, 1888," shall be deemed to have rendered invalid any lease of land not exceeding ten thousand acres, whether the instrument of title under which such land is held by the Native owners has been issued before or after the passing of the said Act.