HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

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STATUTES AMENDMENT BILL

Proposed Amendment

Hon. J. K. McLay, in Committee, to move the following amendment: New clause 75A: To insert, after clause 75, the following clause:

75A. Deputy Commissioners—(1) Section 3 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection (2) (as substituted by section 2 of the Police Amendment Act 1973), and substituting the following subsection:

"(2) The Governor-General may from time to time appoint one or more fit and proper persons as Deputy Commissioners of Police. Each Deputy Commissioner shall have and may exercise such of the powers, authorities, duties, and functions of the Commissioner as the Commissioner may delegate to him either generally or in any particular case."

(2) Section 3 (4) of the principal Act (as so substituted) is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "Deputy Commissioner", the words "longest in office as such".

(3) Section 3 (5) of the principal Act (as so substituted) is hereby amended by omitting the words "the Deputy Commissioner", and substituting the words "a Deputy Commissioner".

(4) Section 6 of the principal Act (as substituted by section 2 (2) of the Police Amendment Act 1976) is hereby amended by omitting the words "the Deputy Commissioner", and substituting the words "each Deputy Commissioner".

EXPLANATORY NOTE

New clause 75A: The new clause provides for the appointment of more than one Deputy Commissioner of Police.

At present only one Deputy Commissioner may be appointed.