

BRITISH NATIONALITY AND STATUS OF ALIENS (IN NEW ZEALAND) AMENDMENT BILL.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM.

By section 14 of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens (in New Zealand) Act, 1923, provision is made for the naturalization as British subjects of residents of Western Samoa. Many Samoans wish to take advantage of this provision, and it is very desirable that they should be enabled to do so. The Act, however, requires that applicants for naturalization must have an adequate knowledge of the English language. It is not thought necessary that this condition should apply to Samoans, and clause 2 of the Bill so provides.

Clause 3: This clause amends section 9 of the principal Act by substituting a reference to the "commencement" of that Act for the present reference to the "passing" of the Act. The amendment is merely verbal.

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Hon. Sir Francis Bell.

BRITISH NATIONALITY AND STATUS OF ALIENS (IN
NEW ZEALAND) AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

<p>Title. 1. Short Title.</p>	<p>2. Natives of Western Samoa may be naturalized notwithstanding that they may not have knowledge of English language. 3. Section 9 of principal Act amended.</p>
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Title.
(in New Zealand) Act, 1923.

5 BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand
in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as
follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the British Nationality and Status Short Title.
of Aliens (in New Zealand) Amendment Act, 1924, and shall be read
together with and deemed part of the British Nationality and Status
10 of Aliens (in New Zealand) Act, 1923 (hereinafter referred to as the
principal Act).

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in paragraph (b) Natives of
Western Samoa
may be naturalized
notwithstanding
that they may not
have knowledge of
English language.
of section five of the principal Act, in its application to Western
Samoa, as provided in section fourteen of that Act, it shall not be a
15 condition of the naturalization of any Samoan, as defined in the
Samoa Act, 1921, that he has an adequate knowledge of the English
language.

3. Section nine of the principal Act is hereby amended by Section 9
of principal Act
amended.
omitting the word "passing," and substituting the word "commence-
20 ment."

By Authority: W. A. G. SKINNER, Government Printer, Wellington.—1924.

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