

# Supplementary Order Paper.

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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Thursday, the 24th Day of September, 1925.

FORESTS AMENDMENT BILL.

HON. SIR FRANCIS BELL, in Committee, to move the following new clauses:—

Errors of description in Proclamations under principal Act may be amended. Cf. 1924, No. 31, sec. 363.

2A. (1.) Where in any Proclamation under the principal Act, whether issued before or after the passing of this Act, there has been made any error of description (whether with respect to the boundaries or area of the land to which the Proclamation relates, or otherwise howsoever) the Governor-General may revoke such Proclamation and issue in lieu thereof a fresh Proclamation with amended particulars and descriptions, or may by a further Proclamation amend the original Proclamation.

(2.) Every fresh Proclamation or amending Proclamation issued under this section shall, according to its tenor, take effect as from the date on which the original Proclamation was intended to take effect or on such other date as may be therein specified in that behalf.

Limiting authority of Wardens to grant timber-cutting rights or other privileges.

6A. (1.) No lease, license, or permission conferring the right to cut or remove trees or timber on or from any lands whereon trees or timber are standing or growing, whether such lands are within a State forest or not, shall be granted by a Warden except (a) for strictly mining purposes to the holder of a miner's right, or (b) for necessary purposes of a coal-mine upon application made by or with the consent in writing of the Minister of Mines:

Provided that in respect of any area heretofore duly reserved by a certificate of a Warden under the Mining Act, 1908, and regulations made thereunder, a Warden may grant renewals of such certificates and may grant a new license in respect of such reserved area to the original licensee or his assigns upon application notice whereof has been served upon the Minister, who shall have a right to appear and be heard by his counsel thereon.

Consequential repeal.

(2.) Section thirty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection one thereof.

Limiting authority of Wardens to grant way-leaves or tramway rights in respect of State forests.

6B. Notwithstanding anything in the Mining Act, 1908, or the Coal-mines Act, 1908, or the Coal-mines Act, 1925, a Warden shall not grant any way-leave or tramway right in, upon, or over lands in a State forest except with the joint consent in writing of the Commissioner of State Forests and of the Minister of Mines.

Limiting authority to grant timber-cutting leases or licenses over coal-bearing lands in State forests.

6C. The Minister of Mines may notify the Commissioner of State Forests that areas of State forest approximately defined in such notice are believed to be coal-bearing, and after such notice no lease or license to cut timber within such area shall be granted without the consent of the Minister of Mines.

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