

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

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CASINO CONTROL (POLL DEMAND) AMENDMENT BILL

Proposed Amendments

GRAHAM KELLY, in Committee, to move as follows:

Clauses 4, 5, and 6: To omit these clauses, and to substitute the following heading and clause:

Amendment to Resource Management Act 1991

4. Contents of district plans—Section 75(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991 is amended by inserting after paragraph (i), the following paragraph:

“(ia) Whether it has, after consultation with the relevant regional council, made a rule under section 76 specifying casinos as a prohibited activity; or”.

Schedule: To omit the Schedule.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The first section of this bill, clause 2, limits applications for a casino premises licence to one application in any one year by the same applicant in respect of the same year.

Clause 3 would still require an applicant to supply a social impact report, but would also require the Casino Control Authority to undertake an independent social impact report on an application for a casino premises licence or on an application for a renewal of a licence.

Labour has no problems with the first section of this bill.

Clauses 4 and 5 require the Casino Control Authority to give at least 90 days public notice of a decision to grant or renew a casino premises licence. The public notice would give the reasons for its decision and give detail on how the electors can demand an electors' poll on the decision. At least 10% of the electors of the area affected by the casino premises area would be able to demand an electors' poll. The results of the poll would be binding on the Authority.

Labour will seek to omit these provisions and replace them with the following:

An amendment to require local authorities to have in their district plans a provision that states whether or not they will allow casinos.

Local authorities need to get agreement with the regional council. This is because the decision to have or not have a casino will impact on the neighbouring districts and cities.

