



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

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DISCLOSURE OF POLITICAL DONATIONS AND GIFTS BILL

Proposed Amendments

Hon. WINSTON PETERS, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 3: To omit new section 214B (1), and substitute the following subsection:

“(1) Every political party secretary, or treasurer, or the senior office holder shall, on the 31st day of March of each year, file an annual schedule as described in subsection (4) of this section with the Chief Electoral Officer.”

To omit new section 214B (4), and substitute the following subsection:

“(4) A schedule is to set out all donations, gifts, payments, or provision of goods or services or benefits of any kind whatsoever from one source, excluding voluntary labour, of value totalling \$5,000 or more, together with the name and address of the person or persons, who have made such gifts or provisions and with the value involved in each case, that have been received by that secretary, or treasurer, or senior office holder’s political party, or one of its candidates or, in the case of a candidate, that candidate, for the 12 months to the 31st day of December of that previous year.”

To add to new section 214B the following subsection:

“(5) It shall be an offence for a political party secretary, or treasurer, or the senior office holder, or candidate to omit to file an annual schedule as required by this section.”

To omit new section 214H, and substitute the following section:

“214H. **Penalties for offences against sections 214B, 214C, 214D, 214E and 214F**—(1) Every person or party who commits an offence against sections 214B, 214C, 214D, 214E, and 214F of this Act is liable on conviction on indictment,—

“(a) In the case of an individual, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding \$20,000; and if that individual is a member of Parliament, he or she shall resign:

“(b) In the case of a registered party, the party secretary and treasurer are to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding \$50,000:

“(c) In the case of a political party not registered under this Act or that does not have a party secretary or treasurer, any person identified as an officer of that party or any of its candidates shall be imprisoned for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding \$50,000.

“(2) Prosecution of such an offence must be within 3 years after the commission of an offence.”