

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

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FILMS AND VIDEO RECORDINGS AMENDMENT BILL

Proposed Amendment

Hon. Dr. MICHAEL BASSETT, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 2A: To omit subclause (2) (all the words in lines 23 to 29 on page 2), and substitute the following subclause:

(2) Notwithstanding anything in **subsection (1)** of this section, every person who, immediately before the commencement of this section, held office under section 5 (1) of the principal Act shall vacate that office in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) Where any such person has, on the commencement of this section, held office under section 5 (1) of the principal Act for not less than 6 years, that person shall, unless that person sooner vacates that office, vacate that office on the expiration of the period of 6 months commencing on the date of the commencement of this section:

(b) In any other case, any such person shall, unless that person sooner vacates that office, vacate that office on—

(i) The expiration of the period of 6 years commencing on the date on which that person was first appointed under section 5 (1) of the principal Act; or

(ii) The expiration of the period of 6 months commencing on the date of the commencement of this section,—
whichever period is the later to expire.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed amendment relates to persons who, on the commencement of *clause 2A* of the Films and Video Recordings Amendment Bill, hold office under section 5 (1) of the Films Act 1983 (which provides for the appointment of a Chief Censor of Films, assistant censors, and certain other persons). Where such a person has already held office for 6 years or more, that person will be required to vacate office no later than 6 months after *clause 2A* comes into force. Other such persons will be required to vacate office no later than 6 months after *clause 2A* comes into force or after they have held office for 6 years, whichever occurs last.