

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, the 6th Day of December 1977

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (NO. 3) BILL

*Proposed Amendments*

Hon. Mr HIGHET, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

*Clause 2 (new section 19):* To omit from subsection (4) (a) the words "the proposal has a reasonable measure of support in the proposed region" in lines 8 and 9 on page 12, and substitute the words "the proposal is not contrary to the general public opinion in the region as a whole".

*Clause 2 (new section 27):* To omit subsection (2), and substitute the following subsection:

(2) The Commission shall, as a first step, appoint not more than 2 persons (whether members of the Commission or not) to be a conciliator or conciliators to make such inquiries, conduct such negotiations, and obtain such information (hereinafter referred to as conciliation proceedings) as he or they think necessary or desirable, or as the Commission directs, for the purpose of inducing the local authorities concerned to come to a fair and reasonable agreement in respect of the proposal.

To insert in subsection (3), after the word "conciliator" in lines 28 and 29, the words "or conciliators".

To omit from subsection (4) the words "conciliator has" in line 34, and substitute the words "conciliator or conciliators have".

To omit from subsection (4) the words "he shall" in line 35, and substitute the words "he or they shall".

To insert, after the word "conciliator" in line 39 and also in line 41 and in both places where it occurs in line 42, the words "or conciliators".

To insert in subsection (6), after the word "conciliator" in line 1 on page 18, the words "or conciliators".

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*Clause 2 (section 19):* The effect of this amendment is that after holding any public meeting or meetings under the proposed section 19, the Commission is to prepare a provisional regional scheme if it is satisfied that the proposal is not contrary to the general public opinion in the proposed region as a whole. That is, the Commission is to have regard to public opinion throughout the proposed region as a whole instead of to the question whether or not there is a reasonable measure of public support in the proposed region, which could be interpreted as not necessarily relating to the proposed region as a whole.

*Clause 2 (section 27):* The effect of these amendments is to empower the Commission to appoint either 1 or 2 persons to be a conciliator or conciliators to endeavour to negotiate an agreement on a proposed reorganisation scheme. Under the present proposed section only 1 person is to be appointed as a conciliator.