

Supplementary Order Paper

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, the 23rd Day of August 1967

NAVY AMENDMENT BILL

Proposed Amendment

Hon. Mr THOMSON, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

New Clauses

To add the following new clauses:

4. Period of service of officers of Royal New Zealand Navy—Section 21 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the proviso to subsection (1), and substituting the following proviso:

“Provided that in time of war or other like emergency the Governor-General may, by Proclamation, order that officers who would otherwise be entitled to be released shall be liable to continue to serve, and thereupon those officers shall be liable to continue to serve for such period as the Defence Council, or the Naval Board acting pursuant to a delegation by the Council, may require during the continuance of a state of war or other like emergency.”

5. Engagement of ratings—Section 22 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the proviso, and substituting the following proviso:

“Provided that in time of war or other like emergency the Governor-General may, by Proclamation, order that ratings who would otherwise be entitled to be released shall be liable to continue to serve, and thereupon those ratings shall be liable to continue to serve for such period as the Defence Council, or the Naval Board acting pursuant to a delegation by the Council, may require during the continuance of a state of war or other like emergency.”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

By section 21 (1) of the principal Act, an officer of the Royal New Zealand Navy is liable to serve until he reaches the compulsory retiring age or his period of appointment expires, but if the date of his release occurs in time of war or other like emergency he will continue to be liable to serve for such period during the continuance of a state of war or other emergency as the Naval Board requires. A similar provision appears in section 22 relating to ratings of the Royal New Zealand Navy.

The effect of this amendment is that such an officer or rating will continue to be liable to serve if the Governor-General, by Proclamation, so orders, instead of the decision being made by the Naval Board.