



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Supplementary Order Paper

Wednesday, 26 November 1997

### PRODUCER BOARD ACTS REFORM BILL

#### *Proposed Amendments*

HON JIM SUTTON, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

*Clause 10:* To omit subclauses (1) and (2) (lines 14 to 26 on page 18), and substitute the following subclauses:

(1) The affairs of the Board are to be managed by, or under the supervision or direction of, the board of directors.

(2) The board of directors comprises—

(a) Six directors elected, in accordance with regulations made under this Act, by livestock farmers; and

(b) Four directors elected, in accordance with regulations made under this Act, by persons who are processors or exporters of meat products; and

(c) One director appointed as a producer representative by the Minister on the recommendation of the New Zealand Dairy Board (made on behalf of the dairy farmers of New Zealand); and

(d) One director appointed as a producer representative by the Minister on the recommendation of the Federation of Maori Authorities; and

(e) One director appointed by the Minister on the recommendation of the New Zealand Combined Trade Unions (made on behalf of the meat processing industry workforce).

To omit subclause (4) (lines 31 to 38 on page 18 and lines 2 to 5 on page 19).

*Clause 10A:* To omit this clause (lines 24 to 41 on page 19 and lines 2 to 5 on page 20), and substitute the following clause:

**10A. Basis of election of directors by livestock farmers—**(1) No livestock farmer is eligible to vote in any election of directors by livestock farmers unless, on 30 June before the day on which the election is held, the livestock farmer owned—

(a) At least 250 animals that were sheep or goats; or

(b) At least 50 beef cattle.

(2) In any election of directors by livestock farmers, the ballot must be conducted on the basis of one farm, one vote.

(3) The age of any animal is irrelevant.

(4) Except as provided in **subsections (1) to (3)**, every election of directors by livestock farmers is to be conducted in accordance with the regulations made under this Act.

*Clause 135:* To omit this clause (lines 19 to 35 on page 154 and lines 2 to 23 on page 155), and substitute the following clause:

**135. Management of Board**—(1) The affairs of the Board are to be managed by, or under the supervision or direction of, the board of directors.

(2) The board of directors comprises—

(a) Six directors elected, on the basis required by **section 135A**, by growers; and

(b) Four directors (being people who, in the Board's opinion, are qualified by relevant expertise to be directors) appointed by the Minister on the Board's recommendation; and

(c) One director appointed by the Minister on the recommendation of the Federation of Maori Authorities.

(3) Before making any recommendation for the purposes of **subsection (2) (b)**, the Board must prepare a list of possible appointees, taking particular care to ensure that suitable women available for appointment are included.

(4) The Board must not recommend a person whose name is not on the list; and in making its recommendation must take account of the desirability of its appointed directors' having, collectively, the background, experience, and expertise likely to be most valuable to it (in the light of the background, experience, and expertise of its elected directors) in the performance of its functions.

(5) The Minister must not appoint any person to be a director under **subsection (2) (b)** unless satisfied that the Board has complied with **subsections (3) and (4)** in recommending the person for appointment.

*Clause 135A:* To omit this clause (lines 25 to 35 on page 155), and substitute the following clause:

**135A. Basis of election of directors by growers**—(1) No grower is eligible to vote in any election of directors by growers unless, on 30 June before the day on which the election is held, the grower owned at least 250 sheep (of any age).

(2) In any election of directors by growers, the ballot will be conducted on the basis of one farm, one vote.

(3) Except as provided in **subsections (1) and (2)**, every election of directors by growers is to be conducted in accordance with regulations made under this Act.