

# Supplementary Order Paper

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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Thursday, the 25th Day of August 1960

POLITICAL DISABILITIES REMOVAL BILL

*Proposed Amendment*

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

*New Clause*

To insert, after clause 2, the following new clause:

**2A. Exemption of member from payment of levy for political purposes—**(1) Where any levy to be applied in the furtherance of political objects becomes lawfully payable by any member of any such society as aforesaid, he may, within fourteen days after the date on which he receives written notice that the levy is payable, give notice in writing to the secretary of the society that he objects to payment of the levy.

(2) On giving the notice as aforesaid, that member shall be exempt from payment of the levy.

(3) No member so exempt shall be excluded from any benefits of the society, or be placed in any respect, either directly or indirectly, under any disability or at any disadvantage as compared with other members of the society by reason of his being so exempt.

(4) If any such society, or any person being an officer or a member of any such society,—

(a) Compels or attempts to directly or indirectly compel any member so exempt to pay any sum to which the exemption applies; or

(b) Acts in contravention of or fails to comply in any respect with any of the provisions of subsection (3) of this section—

that society or person commits a breach of this Act and is liable to the same penalty, recoverable at the suit of an Inspector of Awards in the same manner, as if the breach were a breach of an award within the meaning of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1954 and the society or person were a union under that Act, and all the provisions of that Act with respect to the enforcement of an award shall apply, so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications.

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed new *clause 2A* provides that a member of any society to which *clause 2* of the Bill applies may give notice in writing to the secretary that he objects to payment of any levy to be applied for political objects. On giving the notice, he becomes exempt from payment, and may not be excluded from any benefits of the society or be placed at a disadvantage.