

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# Supplementary Order Paper

Thursday, 22 August 1985

POWERS OF SEARCH (INTERNAL CONCEALMENT) BILL

*Proposed Amendment*

Hon. GEOFFREY PALMER, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

*Proposed new clause 6A:* To insert on page 26, after clause 6, the following new clause:

**6A. Internal search of person under arrest**—Section 18A of the principal Act (as inserted by section 2 of the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act 1979) is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

“(5) Nothing in this section shall limit or affect the provisions of sections 13A to 13L of the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act 1978.”

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 18A (1) of the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act 1978 provides that no member of the Police may conduct an internal search of any person, nor cause any other person to conduct such a search, except as provided in that section. That section then provides certain powers of internal search following arrest. The proposed amendment makes it clear that the prohibition in section 18A (1) does not affect the new search provisions set out in this Bill.