

House of Representatives

# Supplementary Order Paper

**Tuesday, 28 July 2015**

**Health and Safety Reform Bill**

*Proposed amendments*

Iain Lees-Galloway, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

*Clause 65*

Delete *clause 65(3)* (page 64, lines 4 to 8).

*Clause 86A*

Delete *clause 86A(3)* (page 73, lines 12 to 15).

**Explanatory note**

This Supplementary Order Paper amends *clauses 65 and 86A* of the Health and Safety Reform Bill to ensure the protection of health and safety in New Zealand is not weakened by it.

*Clauses 65(3) and 86A(3)* of the Bill weaken the requirement to have worker participation systems from that currently provided in the Act. At present every workplace over 30 workers must have a health and safety representation system and those under must have one if requested by their workers. This Bill was meant to ensure that all workplaces have a participation system for health and safety. However conflict within the Government has seen this weakened to create a carve-out for businesses employing under 20 workers. A huge number of workplace accidents occur in businesses employing under 20 workers and these are not limited simply to high-risk sectors like forestry. This provision, if left in place, could see significantly more workplace accidents occur in New Zealand and this amendment proposes its removal.