

Supplementary Order Paper

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, the 16th Day of September 1971

APPLE AND PEAR MARKETING BILL

Proposed Amendment

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

Clause 30A: To insert, after clause 30, the following new clause:

30A. Levies—(1) The Board, with the approval of the Fruitgrowers' Federation and of the Minister, may impose on growers levies of such nature and incidence as the Board thinks fit.

(2) Any such levy may be imposed on all growers, or on any specified class or classes of growers, or on growers in any specified part or parts of New Zealand.

(3) The manner of collection of any such levy (whether by deduction from money due to the grower or in some other manner) shall be at the discretion of the Board.

(4) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, the proceeds of every such levy shall be paid by the Board into a fund to be called the Capital Reserve Fund and the money in that fund shall be applied by the Board in the acquisition, development, and improvement of capital assets, and for such other purposes as are for the time being approved by the Fruitgrowers' Federation. The money in that fund may be invested by the Board pending its application for those purposes and the income derived from any such investment shall be credited to that fund.

(5) Any such levy shall be refunded, in whole or in part, to the growers by whom it has been paid or to their personal representatives and interest shall be paid from time to time on the whole or part of any levy which is to be refunded if—

(a) The conditions under which the levy has been imposed so require; or

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(b) The terms of a resolution passed by the Board and approved by the Fruitgrowers' Federation and the Minister so require.

(6) The interest paid may not exceed a rate for the time being approved in writing for the purposes of this section by the Minister of Finance.

(7) Where the whole or part of any levy is to be refunded, the amount to be repaid to any grower shall be repaid on his death or on his retirement as a grower or on the date appointed by the Board for the repayment of the levy, whichever is the sooner.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The new clause 30A authorises the Board, with the approval of the Fruitgrowers' Federation and of the Minister of Agriculture, to impose on growers levies of such nature and incidence as the Board thinks fit. The proceeds of every such levy are to be applied by the Board in the acquisition, development, and improvement of capital assets and for such other purposes as are for the time being approved by the Fruitgrowers' Federation.