

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

Thursday, 14 June 1979

COAL MINES BILL

Proposed Amendments

Mr BIRCH, in Committee, to move the following amendments:

Clause 32 (1): To omit from line 22 on page 29 the word "commencement", and substitute the words "date of the passing".

To omit from lines 26 and 27 on page 29 the word "commencement", and substitute the words "date of the passing".

To omit from line 29 on page 29 the words "the commencement of this Act", and substitute the words "that date".

Clause 118: To insert, after subclause (2) on page 80, the following subclause:

(2A) Before entering into any industrial agreement or determining any conditions of employment (including rates of remuneration and allowances) for persons employed or engaged in State coal mines the advice of the State Services Commission shall be sought and taken into account; and in the event of any disagreement the matter shall be determined by the Minister of Energy and the Minister of State Services.

Clause 128 (1): To omit paragraph (a) on page 86, and substitute the following paragraph:

(a) In the case of a State coal mine, under the State Services Act 1962:

Provided that every reference in section 26, subsections (1), (2), and (4) of section 28, section 35, and subsection (5) of section 64 of that Act to the Commission shall be read as a reference to the mine manager of that State coal mine; and

Clause 139: To add on page 91 the following subclause:

(4) The medical examinations required under this section are in addition to the medical examinations required under section 143 of this Act.

Clause 230 (1): To omit from line 9 on page 146 the word "Mines", and substitute the word "Energy".

Clause 234: To omit from line 3 on page 148 the expression "7.5", and substitute the expression "12.2".

To omit from line 6 on page 148 the expression "6", and substitute the expression "9.8".

To omit from line 20 on page 148 the expression "1 cent", and substitute the expression "2 cents".

To insert in line 26 on page 148, after the word "lignite", the words "and peat".

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 32 (1): These amendments restrict the transitional provisions in respect of coal prospecting and coal mining operations to which the present Act does not apply to those carried on, or arising from an agreement entered into, before the date of the passing of this Bill, and not the date of commencement of the Bill.

Clause 118: This amendment provides for the advice of the State Services Commission to be sought before any industrial agreement is entered into or any conditions of employment are determined in relation to persons employed in State coal mines.

Clause 128 (1): This amendment varies the manner in which supervisory staff for State coal mines are appointed by giving to the mine manager certain powers of the State Services Commission.

Clause 139: This amendment makes it clear that medical examinations required by this clause are in addition to those required under *clause 143*.

Clause 230 (1): This amendment corrects a drafting error.

Clause 234: These amendments—

- (a) Increase the levy payable to the Coal Mining Industries Welfare Fund from 7.5 cents per tonne for marketable coal (other than lignite or peat) to 12.2 cents per tonne and from 6 cents per tonne for marketable lignite to 9.8 cents per tonne:
 - (b) Increase the amount by which the levy may be reduced in areas without a rescue station from 1 cent per tonne to 2 cents per tonne:
 - (c) Correct a minor drafting error.
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