

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, the 13th Day of December 1977

CONTRACEPTION, STERILISATION, AND ABORTION BILL

*Proposed Amendment*

Mr McLAY, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

*Clause 31A (2) (b)* (as set out in Supplementary Order Paper No. 31): To omit the words "and one of them may or may not", and substitute the words "but neither of them shall".

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under the procedure proposed in Supplementary Order Paper No. 31 (in the name of the Hon. Mr Gair), any 2 doctors may authorise an abortion, and clause 31A (2) (b) expressly provides that one of these may be the surgeon himself. This amendment precludes that possibility. In effect, therefore, an abortion may be agreed to by 2 doctors in addition to the operating surgeon.

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