

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

Thursday, 18 December 1986

MEDICINES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2)

Proposed Amendment

Hon. Dr MICHAEL BASSETT, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

New clause 2A: To insert, after clause 2, the following clause:

2A. Exemption for sale by wholesale of medicines that are not prescription, restricted, or pharmacy-only medicines—The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section 34, and substituting the following section:

“34. Section 17 of this Act does not apply in respect of the sale by wholesale of a medicine that is not a prescription medicine or a restricted medicine or a pharmacy-only medicine.”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Supplementary Order inserts into the Bill a new *clause 2A* which repeals and replaces section 34 of the principal Act.

The existing section 34 created an initial one-year exemption from licensing requirements, and provided for extension of the exemption by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*, in respect of the manufacture of medicines that were generally available in New Zealand at the commencement of the Act, and the packing, labelling, or sale by wholesale of medicines that were not prescription, restricted, or pharmacy-only medicines. The new *section 34* restricts the exemption to the sale by wholesale of medicines other than prescription, restricted, or pharmacy-only medicines, removes the temporary nature of the exemption in relation to those medicines, and takes away the power to extend exemptions by notice in the *Gazette*.