

HANSARD EXTRACT

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EMPLOYMENT (PUBLIC HOLIDAYS) AMENDMENT BILL 2001

MR SMITH Thank you Mr Speaker I present the Employment (Public Holidays) Amendment Bill 2001 and move that the Bill be agreed to in principle. I table the explanatory memorandum and the Bill. At the conclusion of debate I would like to be able to move aside Standing Orders to allow the Bill to go right throughout all stages today which I will explain. Section 9 of the Employment Act 1988 determines the dates upon which public holidays are to be observed in Norfolk Island. In the past additional public holidays in respect of Queens Birthday and Show Day were determined by the executive Member under section 40(1) of the Public Service Act 1979. This Bill rectifies an anomaly which has arisen with the repeal of the Public Service Act 1979 and allows the executive member to continue to determine public holidays in respect of those two days. The Bill allows the executive member to make determinations under Section 9(1) of the Employment Act 1988 so that matters relevant to the determination of public holidays will be comprehensively covered by the Employment Act 1988. Mr Speaker this is an anomaly which has arisen with the repeal of the Public Service Act 1979. It does refer to Show Day which is not very far away hence my wish to be able to deal with it today.

MR SPEAKER Any further debate? No.

MR SMITH Thank you Mr Speaker and if there is no further debate I move that so much of Standing Orders be put aside as would prevent Bill being passed at this Sitting

MR SPEAKER On a procedural matter, I wonder if you would care to bear this in mind. The Clerk has just drawn my attention to the fact that this refers to a schedule 3 matter. The question before us Honourable Members is that so much of Standing Orders be put aside as would prevent Bill being passed at this Sitting. I now put the question

QUESTION PUT
AGREED

MR SMITH Thank you Mr Speaker I move that the Bill be agreed to in principle

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Do you wish to dispense with the detail stage

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That being the case could I have a motion that the Bill in its final form be agreed

MR SMITH I so move thank you Mr Speaker

MR SPEAKER Then I will put that question that the Bill be agreed

QUESTION PUT
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That Bill is agreed to