

Mr. Jennings proposed as an amendment the insertion of the following words after the word "a," in line 39: "transfer under the occupation-with-right-of-purchase tenure, on terms as arranged under the principal Act, or a."

This was objected to and a division called for, when there voted—

For the amendment.—Messrs. Bennet, Fraser, Greenslade, Jennings, Kirkbride, and Malcolm.—6.

Against.—Hon. Mr. McNab, Messrs. Duncan, Ell, Flatman, Hall, Laurenson, Lawry, Witty, —8.

The amendment was therefore lost.

Subclause (1) was then put and agreed to unaltered.

Clause 6, subclause (2).

Mr. Flatman moved to strike out the proviso to the clause.

Mr. Witty moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Agreed to.

The Committee then adjourned.

FRIDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1906.

The Committee met at 10 a.m. pursuant to notice.

Present: Hon. Mr. McNab, Messrs. Bennet, Duncan, Ell, Fraser, Greenslade, Hall, Jennings, Laurenson, Lawry, Malcolm, Mills, and Witty.

Mr. Martin, solicitor, was also in attendance.

Reference was again made by Mr. Fraser to the *New Zealand Times*' report of the Committee's proceedings of yesterday.

Consideration of Land Act Amendment Bill resumed at clause 6, subclause (2).

Mr. Bennet (for Mr. Flatman) moved, That the proviso to this subclause be omitted.

This was opposed and on a division being called there voted—

For the omission.—Messrs. Bennet, Fraser, Greenslade, Hall, Jennings, and Malcolm.—6.

Against.—Hon. Mr. McNab, Messrs. Duncan, Ell, Laurenson, Lawry, Mills, and Witty.—7.

The motion was therefore lost by 7 to 6.

The subclause was then put and passed as printed.

Clause 6, subclause (3), agreed to.

Subclause (4) struck out.

Clause 6 as amended then put and agreed to.

Clause 7.

On the suggestion of the Hon. Mr. McNab, the Committee agreed to strike out the words "subsection three of" in line 20.

The clause as so amended was then put and agreed to.

Clause 8, subsection (1).

On the suggestion of the Minister, the Committee substituted the word "ten" for "twenty," in line 23, and the subclause as altered was then put and agreed to.

Clause 8, subclause (2). Agreed to.

Subclause (3) agreed to.

Subclause (4).

On this subclause being put, Mr. Witty moved to strike out "fifty" and substitute "forty" in line 29.

This was opposed, and on a division being called there voted—

For the amendment.—Messrs. Bennet, Greenslade, Hall, Jennings, and Witty.—5.

Against.—Hon. Mr. McNab, Messrs. Duncan, Ell, Fraser, Laurenson, Lawry, Malcolm, and Mills.—8.

The amendment was therefore lost.

Mr. Hall moved to add the following proviso to the subclause: "Provided that nothing contained in this subsection shall relieve the lessee from any conditions as to residence on the land."—Agreed to.

Subclause as amended put and agreed to.

Subclause (5).

Hon. Mr. McNab moved to add, after the word "Account" in line 38, the following words: "but shall in either case be subject to a like reduction as provided by subclause eight, section five."

This was objected to, and a division called for, when there voted—

For the amendment.—Hon. Mr. McNab, Messrs. Bennet, Duncan, Ell, Greenslade, Hall, Jennings, Laurenson, Lawry, Malcolm, Mills, and Witty.—12.

Against.—Mr. Fraser.—1.

The amendment was therefore carried, and words inserted accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. McNab next moved to add to end of clause the following words: "less such deduction, if the sum fixed as the value of improvements is insufficient to meet the damage."—Agreed to.

Subclause as amended agreed to.

Clause 8 as amended agreed to.

Clause 9.

Subclause (a) agreed to.

Subclause (b) agreed to.

Subclause (c) agreed to.

Subclause (d) agreed to.