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THE SENATE

NORTHERN TERRITORY (SELF-GOVERNMENT) BILL 1978

Amendments to be moved in Committee by Senator Robertson

1. Page 3, clause 7, sub-clause (2), paragraph (a), sub-paragraph (ii), line 14, after "law", insert "for a specified period, for the purpose of receiving advice from the Council relating to the purposes, objects or validity of the proposed law",
2. Page 3, clause 7, sub-clause (2), paragraph (b), sub-paragraph (i), line 16, leave out sub-paragraph (i).
3. Page 4, clause 8, sub-clause (4), lines 1 to 4, leave out sub-clause (4), insert the following sub-clauses:

"(4) As soon as practicable after the Governor-General has made a declaration in respect of a proposed law in accordance with sub-section (1), the Minister shall cause a notice of the declaration to be laid before each House of the Parliament, and either House may, by resolution passed before the expiration of 15 sitting days of that House after the notice is so laid, disallow the declaration.

"(4A) Where either House of the Parliament passes a resolution in accordance with sub-section (4) disallowing a declaration made by the Governor-General, the disallowance shall have the following effect:

- (a) in the case of a declaration that the Governor-General assents to the proposed law - that the Governor-General's assent shall be deemed not to have been given;
- (b) in the case of a declaration that the Governor-General withholds assent to the proposed law - that the Governor-General's assent shall be deemed to have been given; or

(c) in the case of a declaration that the Governor-General withholds assent to part of the proposed law and assents to the remainder of the proposed law - that the Governor-General's assent to the remainder of the proposed law be deemed not to have been given.

"(4B) If, after the expiration of the 15 sitting days referred to in sub-section (4), neither House of the Parliament has passed a resolution disallowing the declaration, the Administrator shall cause a notice of the declaration to be published in the Government Gazette of the Territory."

4. Page 4, clause 9, after sub-clause (3), insert the following new sub-clauses:

"(3A) As soon as practicable after the Governor-General has disallowed a law or part of a law under this section, the Minister shall cause a notice of the disallowance made by the Governor-General to be laid before each House of the Parliament, and either House may, by resolution passed before the expiration of 15 sitting days of that House after the notice is so laid, disallow that disallowance.

"(3B) Where either House of the Parliament passes a resolution in accordance with sub-section (3A) disallowing a disallowance of a law or part of a law made by the Governor-General, the second-mentioned disallowance shall be deemed not to have been made.

"(3C) If, after the expiration of the 15 sitting days referred to in sub-section (3A), neither House of the Parliament has passed a resolution disallowing the disallowance made by the Governor-General, the Minister shall cause a notice of the disallowance made by the Governor-General to be published in the Government Gazette of the Territory. "

5. Page 5, clause 13, sub-clause (5), line 25, leave out "one-fifth", insert "one-tenth".
6. Page 7, clause 22, at end of clause, add the following new sub-clauses :
 

"(3) After the general election of members of the Legislative Assembly, the Administrator shall, by notice published in the Government Gazette of the Territory, appoint a time, being not later than 30 days after the day appointed for the return of the writs relating to that election, for holding a session of the Legislative Assembly.

"(4) The time appointed for the holding of any session of the Legislative Assembly shall be such that a period of 12 months or more does not intervene between the end of one session and the first sitting of the Assembly in the next session."
7. Page 11, clause 33, after sub-clause (5) insert the following new sub-clause :
 

"(5A) The Administrator shall convene a meeting of the Council if the Legislative Assembly, by resolution, so requests."
8. Page 11, clause 34, line 13, after "Administrator", insert ",with the approval of the Legislative Assembly,".
9. Page 11, clause 36, lines 17 and 18, leave out "appoint a member of the Legislative Assembly to a Ministerial office, and may", insert";with the approval of the Legislative Assembly, appoint a member of the Assembly to a Ministerial office, and may, with like approval,".