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STATUTORY RULES PUBLICATION AMENDMENT BILL 1980

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Attorney-General,
Senator the Honourable P.D. Durack, Q.C.)

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Purpose

This Bill will amend the Statutory Rules Publication Act 1903. The proposed amendment will enable endnotes to be used instead of marginal notes or footnotes to refer to amending Statutory Rules in reprints of Statutory Rules. This will facilitate the application of the Government Printer's computerised phototypesetting system to the reprinting of Statutory Rules with amendments incorporated.

Clause 1 - Short title, etc.

This is a customary provision which sets out the short title- the Statutory Rules Publication Amendment Act 1980 - and provides that the Statutory Rules Publication Act 1903 is, in the new Act, referred to as the Principal Act.

Clause 2 - Commencement

The Act will be deemed to have come into operation on 1 January 1980. As it is closely allied with the Acts Interpretation Amendment Act 1980, it is desirable that this Act come into operation at the same time as the Acts Interpretation Amendment Act 1980.

Clause 3 - Incorporation of amendments in reprint of Statutory Rules

This clause amends sub-section 6A(2) of the Principal Act by omitting from the sub-section "or a footnote" and substituting ", or in a footnote or endnote,". This amendment will extend the ambit of the present sub-section 6A(2) to

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enable references to the Statutory Rules by which each amendment incorporated in a reprint of Statutory Rules is made in an endnote to the reprint.