

CHILD SUPPORT (ADOPTION OF LAWS) AMENDMENT BILL 2001

Second Reading

Resumed from 29 August.

MRS EDWARDES (Kingsley) [11.14 pm]: As has been mentioned many times in this House, often there is a catch-up with amendments to the Family Court Act, and this Bill is no less than that. Essentially, it will catch up by making amendments for exnuptial children for maintenance payments to be collected or paid to parents with the responsibility of a child by virtue of the commonwealth child support scheme. As such, we support the Bill.

I note that the Attorney has an amendment on the Notice Paper. I attempted to obtain a copy of the Act that he proposes to incorporate. Why has the amendment been so late appearing given the number of pieces of legislation being amended by this Bill?

Mr McGinty: Is that amendment on the Notice Paper?

Mrs EDWARDES: It must be, otherwise I would not have picked it up. It is on page 7.

MR McGINTY (Fremantle - Attorney General) [11.16 pm]: I thank members for their indications of support for this legislation and their cooperation in its expeditious passage through the Parliament.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Consideration in Detail

Clause 1: Short title -

Mr McGINTY: All three proposed amendments have the same origin. The commonwealth legislation was assented to on 1 October to come into effect on 2 October 2001. The legislation was assented to after this Bill was drafted and introduced in this House. We are addressing the problem of picking up quickly on commonwealth legislation.

Mrs Edwardes: I am impressed.

Mr McGINTY: We often experience lengthy delays. That is the rationale.

Clause put and passed.

Clause 2 put and passed.

Clause 3: Purpose of Act -

Mr McGINTY: I move -

Page 2, after line 20 - To insert -

- (vii) the *Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Act 2001*,

Page 3, after line 7 - To insert -

- (viii) the *Family and Community Services Legislation Amendment (Application of Criminal Code) Act 2001*,

Amendments put and passed.

Clause, as amended, put and passed.

Clause 4: Sections 3 and 4 of the *Child Support (Adoption of Laws) Act 1990* amended at different times -

Mr McGINTY: I move -

Page 3, at lines 19 and 20 - To delete "30 June" and substitute "2 October".

Amendment put and passed.

Clause, as amended, put and passed.

Title put and passed.

House adjourned at 11.21 pm