

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL (No. 2), 1965.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM.

The six Acts proposed to be repealed by this Bill relate to the reference of certain matters by the Parliament of Western Australia to enable post war reconstruction legislation to be passed by the Federal Parliament. The referring legislation has expired but it contained provisions preventing its amendment or repeal except with the concurrence of an absolute majority of each House and these six Acts are therefore dealt with in a separate Bill which will require "the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the members for the time being of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly respectively".

1943—6 and 7 Geo. VI No. 47 (No. 4 of 1943): Commonwealth Powers Act, 1943.

This Act referred to the Commonwealth Parliament certain matters including the re-instatement and advancement of ex-servicemen, relief of unemployed, organised marketing of wheat, wool, meat and butter, control of monopolies, profiteering, rationing and overseas exchange. Section 5 provides that the Act should continue in force for a period "ending at the expiration of five years after Australia ceases to be engaged in hostilities in the present war". Section 3 requires the absolute majorities referred to above for amendment or repeal. Act No. 30 of 1947 removed the organised marketing of wheat from the referred matters.

1945—No. 57 of 1945: Commonwealth Powers Act, 1945.

This Act supplemented No. 4 of 1943, *supra*, by referring the matter of prices (other than prices or rates charged by the State or semi-governmental or local governing bodies for goods or services) to the Commonwealth Parliament until 31st December, 1947. It was amended by Acts Nos. 31, 73 and 81 of 1947, *infra*, the last of which continued the reference until 31st December, 1948.

1947—No. 30 of 1947: Commonwealth Powers Act, 1943, Amendment Act, 1947.

See note to No. 4 of 1943.

1947—No. 31 of 1947: Commonwealth Powers Act, 1945, Amendment Act, 1947.

This Act amended No. 57 of 1945, *supra*, by exempting therefrom "any body constituted by any Act which has heretofore or shall hereafter be enacted to make provision for the marketing, sale and disposal of wheat".

1947—No. 73 of 1947: Commonwealth Powers Act, 1945, Amendment Act (No. 2), 1947.

The effect of this Act was to remove milk from the commodities to which Commonwealth legislation relating to prices applied. Thereafter the price of milk was controlled under the Milk Act, 1946.

1947—No. 81 of 1947: Commonwealth Powers Act, 1945-1947, Amendment (Continuance) Act, 1947.

See note to No. 57 of 1945.
