NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 1984 (Private Member's Bill)

Date Introduced: 4 October 1984
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. A.S. Peacock, M.P., Leader of the Opposition

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To remove the distinction between general and "special" investigations of the National Crime Authority, consistent with amendments in an associated Bill to the National Crime Authority Act 1984 itself.

Background

The National Crime Authority (Consequential Amendments) Act 1984 amended section 16 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 dealing with requirements of secrecy for information supplied to the Commissioner of Taxation. Broadly, these amendments had the effect of permitting release of information to the National Crime Authority in certain circumstances relating to a special investigation being conducted by the Authority.

The National Crime Authority Amendment Bill 1984, with which this Bill is associated, would have the effect of removing the distinction between "special" investigations conducted by the National Crime Authority, and other investigations. The single category of investigation is modified in respect of its functions and some of its powers. References to "special investigations" are therefore replaced by the term "investigation" simpliciter. The Bill accomplishes this in relation to amendments to the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936. Amendments to section 6P of the Royal Commissions Act 1902 authorizing transfer to an "investigation" are not affected.

Main Provisions

The Bill is associated with, and would commence at the same time as, the National Crime Authority Amendment Bill 1984 (clause 2).
The Bill amends section 4 of the National Crime Authority (Consequential Amendments) Act 1984 by omitting the definition of "special investigation" and replacing occurrences of this term with the term "investigation" (clause 3).

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