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COAL INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL 1979

Date Introduced: 31 May 1979
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. A.A. Street, Minister for Industrial Relations.

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To enable the person constituting the Coal Industry Tribunal to be appointed to other particular tribunals and to make provision for his leave of absence entitlements.

Background

The previous Coal Industry Tribunal Mr. Justice Gallagher served as a member of the Commonwealth and New South Wales Industrial Tribunals. Under the Principal Act this would have been deemed as a vacation of office. Provisions for the dual appointment were enacted in the Coal Industry Act 1955 and 1957 but they referred specifically to Francis Heath Gallagher. The present amendments enable such an appointment to be made in the future.

Main Provisions

Clause 3 repeals section 4 of the Coal Industry Act 1957 which specifically enabled Francis Heath Gallagher to be a member of the Commonwealth and New South Wales Industrial Tribunals.

Clause 4 enables the person constituting the Tribunal to be a member of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission or the New South Wales Industrial Commission.

Clause 5 entitles the person constituting the Tribunal to leave of absence entitlements. Such entitlements are to be arranged between the Governor-General and the Governor of New South Wales.