

(in addition of course to any other conditions that may be imposed under any other section of the Act) are, first, that he will not exceed the speed of 80 kilometres per hour on any road in any part of the State and, secondly, that his vehicle must bear "P" plates. It will be an offence for any person to contravene these conditions, the penalty being a maximum of two hundred dollars. It should be made clear that this section only refers to the holder of a driver's licence. Similar conditions will be imposed upon all learner's permits pursuant to section 75a of the Act and so specific amendment is not needed in this area. It is not intended to endorse probationary conditions upon learner's permits issued for the purpose of enabling a non-probationary driver to gain a further classification on his licence.

New section 81b provides for the cancellation of a learner's permit or driver's licence endorsed with probationary conditions where the holder breaches either of the probationary conditions, or where he incurs three or more demerit points (whether for one offence or as an aggregate in respect of a number of offences committed on different occasions). The Registrar is obliged to cancel a permit or licence in those circumstances, whether or not the driver is by then the holder of a full (i.e., non-probationary) licence. The Registrar will specify in the notice of cancellation the day upon which the cancellation is to take effect. A person who has had his permit or licence cancelled under this section is not permitted to apply for a fresh permit or licence until the expiration of three months. If he is currently disqualified or has had his licence suspended, he of course cannot apply for a new permit or licence until that disqualification or suspension has expired.

It should be pointed out that the effect of cancellation is that the person no longer holds a permit or licence, and so, if he drives a motor vehicle on a road, he will be guilty of the offence of driving without a licence contrary to the provisions of section 74 of the Act, which carries a maximum penalty of two hundred dollars. It is intended that, before a person can get a fresh licence, he will be required under section 80 of the Act to undergo a practical driving test. Where the holder of a learner's permit has his permit cancelled under this section, it is up to the Registrar in his discretion to decide whether that person should undergo a written test again before he is issued with a fresh permit.

A right of appeal is given against cancellation of a driver's licence under this section, on the ground of undue hardship, but it should be noted that this right is not afforded to a person who is still on a learner's permit at the time of cancellation. Where an appeal succeeds, the probationary period is to be extended, or a fresh probationary period imposed, for the period of one year from the time when liability for cancellation arose (i.e., conviction of the offence that gave rise to cancellation). A person who has had an appeal allowed is not permitted to appeal against any subsequent cancellation for a period of one year from the determination of that successful appeal.

Clause 5 empowers the consultative committee to direct the Registrar to suspend a licence or learner's permit, or to impose a period of probation, where a driver has committed offences or otherwise behaved in a manner that shows him to be unfit to hold a permit or licence. Clause 6 obliges the court to notify the Registrar of any conviction of the offence of contravening a condition of a permit or licence, thus enabling the Registrar effectively to carry out his duty to cancel permits or licences under new section 81b. Clause 7 empowers the Governor to make regulations relating to prohibiting persons from driving vehicles

bearing "L" plates or "P" plates unless they are the holders of a learner's permit or a probationary licence.

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS secured the adjournment of the debate.

#### DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Second reading.

The Hon. J. C. BURDETT (Minister of Community Welfare): I move:

*That this Bill be now read a second time.*

This Bill proposes amendments to the principal Act, the Dangerous Substances Act, 1979, authorising the making of regulations controlling the manufacture, installation, maintenance and repair of machines, equipment, containers or devices in or in connection with which dangerous substances are kept or used. The principal Act includes provisions designed to control the storage, handling, conveyance and use of dangerous substances in the interests of safety. However, recently when the need arose to regulate the installation of liquefied petroleum gas conversion apparatus in motor vehicles, it was found that the Act does not include provisions authorising the making of the necessary regulations. As a result regulations to deal with this matter were made under the Road Traffic Act. The Government, however, considers that the ambit of this general Act dealing with the safety aspects of dangerous substances should be enlarged so that regulations may be made under it regulating the installation of liquefied petroleum gas conversion apparatus and any similar matter as the need arises.

Clause 1 is formal. Clause 2 provides that the measure may be brought into operation by proclamation. Clause 3 provides for the amendment of section 30 of the principal Act which empowers the making of regulations. The amendment inserts new paragraphs authorising regulations requiring persons manufacturing, installing, repairing or maintaining machines, equipment, containers or devices in or in connection with which dangerous substances are kept or used to have received training and to hold permits to be issued by the Chief Inspector.

The Hon. FRANK BLEVINS secured the adjournment of the debate.

#### SECOND-HAND MOTOR VEHICLES ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Order of the Day, Other Business, No. 6: The Hon. J. C. Burdett to move:

That he have leave to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend the Second-hand Motor Vehicles Act, 1971.

The Hon. J. C. BURDETT (Minister of Community Welfare): I move:

*That this Order of the Day be discharged.*

Order of the Day discharged.

#### SELECT COMMITTEE ON CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES IN THE NORTH OF THE STATE

The Hon. C. M. HILL (Minister of Local Government): I move:

That the time for bringing up the report of the Select Committee be extended until Tuesday 10 June 1980.

Motion carried.