

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET BY THE HON.
MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
on a Resolution to keep in force the Housing
Act, 1949.

The Housing Act, 1949, which confers to the Minister responsible for housing the power to requisition buildings in the public interest or for providing living accommodation to persons or for ensuring a fair distribution of living accommodation is due to expire on the 12th February, 1967, unless the House of Representatives approves by Resolution that the Act is to continue in force for a further period of one year.

While the keeping in force of the said Act is possible under the provision of section 48 (9) of the Constitution, the making of a new law on the same subject-matter would be strewn with difficulties owing to the provisions of section 38 (1) of the Constitution regarding the compulsory acquisition of any right over property.

Since it is still necessary for the Government to keep in force the requisitioning powers conferred by the Act under reference, Hon. Ministers are required to approve that the attached Resolution be brought before the House of Representatives in order that it may be passed in terms of law.

10th January, 1967.

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The Hon. Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs
to move the following Resolution:-

WHEREAS by section 21 of the Housing Act, 1949,
the said Act was limited to expire on the 12th day of
February, 1951, two years after the passing thereof,
unless continued in force under that section:

AND WHEREAS the said Act was continued in force
until the 12th day of February, 1967:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by that section that
if a Resolution is passed by the House of Representatives
that the said Act should be continued in force for a
further period of one year from the time at which it would
otherwise expire, that Act shall continue in force
for that further period:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient in the public
interest that the said Act shall be continued in force
for a further period of one year:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, and it is hereby
resolved, that the Housing Act, 1949, shall continue in
force for a further period of one year until the 12th
day of February, 1968.

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L-Onor. Ministru tal-Ġustizzja u Affarijiet Parlamentari
jressaq ir-Riżoluzzjoni li gejja:-

BILLI bl-artikolu 21 ta' l-Att ta' l-1949
dwar id-Djar l-imsemmi Att kien limitat biex jispiċċa
fit-12 ta' Frar, 1951, sentejn wara li gie mghoddi,
kemm-il-darba ma jitkompliex fis-sehh skond dak
l-artikolu:

U BILLI l-imsemmi Att tkompla fis-sehh sat-12
ta' Frar, 1967:

U BILLI hemm maħsub f'dak l-artikolu illi jekk
tghaddi Riżoluzzjoni mill-Kamra tad-Deputati illi l-imsemmi
Att ghandu jitkompli fis-sehh għal żmien iehor ta' sena
miż-żmien li fih kieku jispiċċa, dak l-Att ghandu jibqa'
fis-sehh għal dak iż-żmien iehor:

U BILLI huwa xieraq fl-interess pubbliku illi dak
l-Att ghandu jibqa' fis-sehh għal żmien iehor ta' sena:

ISSA, CRALHEK, jigi riżolut, u qiegħed b'dan
jigi riżolut, illi l-Att ta' l-1949 dwar id-Djar ghandu
jkompli fis-sehh għal żmien iehor ta' sena sat-12 ta'
Frar, 1968.