Clause 13: The purpose of this new section is to require the trial judge, in the event of a guilty verdict on the trial of an offence punishable by death, to ask the jury whether or not they wish to make a recommendation for clemency.

Clause 14: The purpose of this amendment is to remove the anomaly whereby, although a reprieve from a sentence of death may be granted either by the judge who imposed the sentence or any other judge who might have sat in the same court, it may be granted only if the former judge considers the reprieve necessary.

Clause 15: The purpose of this new subsection is to enable the Governor in Council in commuting a sentence of death, to direct that the prisoner shall not be released from the imprisonment to which the sentence is commuted without the prior approval of the Governor in Council.