This Public Bill originated in the House of Representatives, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives, 2nd October, 1900.

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

GOVERNMENT LOANS TO LOCAL BODIES AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

1. Short Title.

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Law relating to Government Loans to Title. Local Bodies.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in 5 Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:--

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Government Loans to Short Title. Local Bodies Amendment Act, 1900."

2. On and after the commencement of this Act the provisions Rateable property 10 of section six of "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act with respect to Amendment Act, 1896," imposing upon all property that becomes rateable during the currency of a loan the liability to be rated for that loan, shall extend and apply to loans current at the time of the commencement of that Act:

Provided that where such rates are imposed upon lands which Provisoes. 15 were Crown lands at the time of raising such loans, the consent of the Minister shall first be obtained:

Provided, further, that this section shall not apply to any loans raised prior to the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred.

3. The interest payable in respect of every existing loan the Rate of interest term of which is twenty-six years shall be computed, as and from reduced. the first day of August, one thousand nine hundred, at the rate of four and a half per centum per annum, and shall be payable accordingly.

4. Subsection two of section four of "The Government Loans Date of readjust-25 to Local Bodies Act Amendment Act, 1899," is hereby amended ment taking effect. by inserting the words "or on the first day of August" after the words "the first day of February."

5. In any case where the currency of an existing loan is special rates for 30 extended under "The Government Loans to Local Bodies Act extended term of loan. Amendment Act, 1899," it shall be lawful for the local authority to make and levy special rates of such an amount and for such a period as may be necessary for the payment of interest during the extended period of such loan.

6. The principal Act shall be extended to include boroughs; Power to boroughs and abattoirs shall be deemed to be a public work within the meaning to borrow for the erection of of that Act, but no borough shall be entitled to borrow more than abattoirs. two thousand pounds in any one year.