LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SPEAKER.

ANALYSIS.

Title. Preamble.

1. Short Title. 2. Governor may appoint temporarily to office of

3. Speaker temporarily appointed to have same powers as permanent Speaker.

4. The Hon. G. M. Waterhouse appointed temporary Speaker.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to admit of a Temporary Appointment to the Office of Title. Speaker of the Legislative Council in case of need.

WHEREAS the Constitution Act has made no provision for the Preamble. 5 temporary appointment of a Speaker in case of the absence on leave or illness of the person holding the said office, and it is expedient to provide for such case:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same,

10 as follows:— 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Legislative Council Short Title. Speaker Act, 1887."

2. In any case of the absence on leave of the Speaker of the Governor may Legislative Council, or of his protracted illness, or of his inability or appoint temporarily to office of Speaker. 15 probable inability from any cause to attend at the opening of any session of Parliament, or to continue his attendance thereat during any session, the Governor may appoint such other member of the Legislative Council for the time being as he shall think fit to be the Speaker thereof during such period as he shall think necessary 20 in each case.

3. Every person appointed temporarily, as aforesaid, to the above- Speaker temporarily named office shall, whilst holding such office, have all the powers, same powers as responsibilities, duties, and privileges of such office, in the same permanent Speaker. manner as if he had been appointed to a vacancy in such office: 25 except in respect to salary, which shall be such, in each case, as may

be appropriated by the General Assembly.

4. And whereas the Honourable Sir William Fitzherbert, The Hon. G. M. K.C.M.G., is at present absent from the colony, with the leave of Waterhouse appointed temporary the Governor, and has resigned his office as Speaker, and the Speaker. 30 Governor has appointed the Honourable George Marsden Water-

house to be Speaker of the said Legislative Council.

It is hereby further enacted as follows:—

The said Honourable George Marsden Waterhouse shall hold such office temporarily only, under the provisions of this Act, during

35 the pleasure of the Governor.

The Honourable Sir William Fitzherbert, K.C.M.G., shall, notwithstanding the previous resignation of such office by him as aforesaid, be and be deemed to have been the Speaker of the said Council continuously during the temporary appointment of the said Honour-40 able George Marsden Waterhouse, and notwithstanding the said appointment.