

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 3rd Day of September, 1912.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS BILL.

Hon. Sir W. J. STEWARD, in Committee, to move the following amendments:—

Clause 1: To omit the word "elections."

To add the following new clauses:

4A. (1.) A Bill which has in any session been passed by the Council and rejected by the House, or *vice versa*, and which has in the next succeeding session been passed by either House of Parliament and rejected by the other shall, provided an interval of not less than six months or a general election shall have occurred between such sessions, be submitted to a joint sitting of the Council and House sitting together, *ad hoc*, as one body.

(2.) The time and place for such joint sitting shall be appointed by the Speaker of that House of Parliament by which the Bill was last passed, and such joint sitting shall be presided over by such Speaker, who shall have a deliberative but not a casting vote, and shall proceed *diem ex die* until the Bill be disposed of.

(3.) Such Bill shall be read a first and second time and committed without debate, and shall be dealt with under the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives relating to procedure on Bills, save only that in Committee no member, except the member in charge of the Bill, shall be permitted to speak more than once or for more than ten minutes on any question, and that on the third reading no member, except the member in charge of the Bill (who shall have the right of reply) shall be entitled to speak more than once or for more than twenty minutes.

(4.) If on the question "that the Bill be read a third time" or "that the Bill do pass" the votes are equal, then the Bill shall be deemed to have been rejected.

(5.) Any Bill passed by the two Houses sitting together as aforesaid shall be deemed to have been passed as effectually as if passed *seriatim* by the two Houses sitting separately and shall accordingly be submitted to the Governor for the Royal assent.

4B. Any Minister of the Crown having his seat in the House of Representatives may attend the sittings of the Council for the purpose of giving information, or of explaining, advocating, or defending any Government proposal. He may take part in debate on any matter before the Council but shall not be permitted to vote.
