Supplementary Order Paper.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, the 11th Day of September, 1929.

Amendments made by the House of Representatives in Local Bills Standing Orders.

(Agreed to by the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council.)

Standing Order.

343. Line 3, after the word "shall," omit the words "state explicitly the object which the Bill is intended to effect" and insert the words "contain an adequate summary of the objects which the Bill is intended to effect, shall state where copies of the Bill may be inspected under the next succeeding Standing Order."

Line 6: Omit the word "three" and insert "two."

Line 7: Omit "a newspaper" and insert the words "not more than two

newspapers."

Line 8: After the word "locality" insert the words "one of which shall have a daily publication and circulation in such locality.'

Line 3: After the word "and" insert the words "another copy at the 344. Public Office of the local authority promoting such Bill, and such copies."

Line 4: After the word "inspection" insert the words "during office hours without fee."

Line 8: Omit the words "face of the," and insert the word "one."

Line 9: After the word "Court" insert the words "and on the other by the Clerk or Secretary of the local authority."

Line 11: Omit the word "so."

Line 12: After the word "deposited" insert the words "in the Magistrates' Court.'

Line 14: After the word "Court" add the words "and each page of the copy deposited at the office of the local authority shall be signed by the Clerk or Secretary of the local authority with his official designation

- Line 3, after the word "Bill," omit the words "is to" and insert the word 345.
- Line 2: Omit the word "copy," and insert the words "copies of the Bill." 346.
 - At the end of the rule, after the word "surveyor," add the words "to be correct and in conformity with the Standing Orders relating to Local Bills."
- Line 4: After the word "authorized" insert the words "the copies of." Omit the word "when," and after the word "deposited" insert the words "as aforesaid," and omit the words "in the Magistrates' Court."
- Line 3: After the word "Clerk," insert the words "of the Magistrates' 348. Court and by the Clerk or Secretary of the local authority."

 Line 7: After the word "introduced" add the word "and"; omit the
 - figure "(2)" and run on.

Standing Order.

349. Omit this rule and insert new Rule A:—

A. At the commencement of every session a Local Bills Committee shall be appointed to whom all Local Bills shall stand referred after their first reading; the Committee to report whether the Standing Orders have been complied with, whether the rights or prerogatives of the Crown are in any way affected by the provisions of the Bill, and to recommend such amendments as they may think proper, and to report when necessary upon the merits of the Bill.

350. Line 1: Omit the word "a" and add letter "s" to word "Bill."

Line 3: Omit the word "House" and insert the words "other branch of
the Legislature."

Insert new Rule B:—

Restriction on Addition of New Clauses to Local Bills.

- B. (1) No new clause shall be added to a Local Bill which is not within the objects which the Bill as originally brought in is intended to effect, unless on suspension of the Standing Orders as herein provided.
- (2) Any Member desiring to move the addition of any such new clause shall place the same upon a Supplementary Order Paper, and after such Supplementary Order Paper has been circulated he may, immediately prior to the committal of the Bill for consideration or further consideration, or on recommittal (if the opportunity be still available to move such new clause in Committee), at such convenient time as the Speaker shall approve, move the suspension of the Standing Orders relating to Local Bills so far as to enable such new clause to be proposed in Committee on the Bill, and if agreed to, or agreed to with amendments, to be added to the Bill.
- (3) This Standing Order shall not apply to the addition of any new clause in substitution for, incidental to, or consequential upon any other clause in such Bill unless the Chairman of Committees, or, on an appeal from his decision, the Speaker, decides that the insertion of such new clause would be an evasion or a breach of the restrictions and conditions intended to be imposed by this part of the Standing Orders.

351. Omit paragraph (2) and insert in lieu thereof— "Schedule to 351."

[Signature of Promoter or Agent to Promoter.]

Add the Standing Orders relative to Local Legislation Bills already agreed to by both Houses.

Amendments to the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council.

(Agreed to by the Standing Orders Committee.)

- Rule 2: Before the interpretation of "Speaker," to insert the following interpretation of "a sitting day": "A sitting day means any day on which the Council meets for the transaction of business."
- Rule 6: To add at the end of the rule, after the word "Speaker," the words "and shall sign the Roll of Members."
- Rule 9: To omit the words "A decision of the Speaker or" in the first line.

Rules 15 and 16: To omit.

- Rule 17: To omit paragraph (2) and add the following new paragraph: "(2) A Member called to the Council but not sworn shall have all the privileges of a Member except sitting and voting."
- Rule 82A: The debate on the consideration of a paper shall be initiated by a motion "That the paper be referred to the Government for consideration," or some other motion relevant to such paper.
- Rule 86: To omit this rule.
- Rule 87: To transfer to page 92 as Rule 302A.
- Rule 99: To omit "a" after the word "answered" in the first line and insert "the"; and after the word "Member" to insert the words "who has asked the question."
- Rule 145: To add "145A. A decision or ruling of the Speaker, although not questioned when given, may be reviewed by the Council on motion after seven days' notice: Provided that should a division be taken on the motion, the motion shall be deemed to be negatived unless those voting in its favour are equal in number to a majority of the Whole Council."
- Rule 149, paragraph (a): In line 1, after the word "indulgence of the Council or Committee," to insert the words "for personal explanation."
- Rule 149, paragraphs (b) and (c): Omit the words "unless by indulgence of the Council or Committee"; and in paragraph (g) to add the words "unless for the purpose of moving for its repeal or in speaking to any such motion" after the word "statute."
- Rule 177: To insert "3A. When a motion for leave to introduce a Bill is moved, the Question shall be put without amendment or debate."
- Rule 177A: A short explanatory memorandum may be prefixed to a Bill printed for the Council, but such memorandum must not be argumentative.
- Rule 182: In line 2, after the words "third time," insert the words "or be committed."
- Rule 183: In line 3, after the words "Select Committee," insert the words "on Local Bills."
- Rule 190, paragraph (2), after the word "months," to omit the words "or to refer the Bill to a Select Committee."
- Rule 196: In line 2, after the word "Bill," insert the words "or other matter." In line 5 omit the word "presently." In line 6, omit the words "on the Bill." Transfer the amended rule to XXV, page 70, as part of Rule 222.
- Rule 197: Transfer to XXV, page 70.
- Rule 222: (XXV) Omit the first two lines, also paragraph "(a)." Amend paragraph (b) by omitting the words "By the Speaker declaring the Council to be in Committee," and insert the words "When an order of the day" in lieu thereof. In the last line, after the word "Council," add the words "is called on the Speaker shall declare the Council to be in Committee."

- Rule 241: To insert a new paragraph: "(2) The discussion on any clause shall be restricted to the subject-matter of such clause."
- Rule 249: To insert new paragraph (b): "When all such matters have not been considered the Chairman shall be directed to report progress or no progress, as the case may be, and, when so directed by the Committee, to ask for leave to sit again."
- Rule 263: To omit paragraph (1) and insert new paragraph "(1) A written message from the Governor-General may be presented to the Council by the Member having the conduct of the Government business in the Council, or by some other Member authorized thereto by a Minister of the Crown. On the announcement of every such message Members shall rise in their places, and business shall be suspended till the message is read."
- Rule 294: To add at the end of paragraph (1), "or in his absence by the Member on whose motion the Committee was appointed."
- Rule 302: At the end of paragraph (2) insert the words "The Question shall be put without amendment or debate." Take in Rule 87 as 302A.
- Rule 305: After the word "Clerk" in the third line of paragraph (1) insert the words "strangers shall be directed to withdraw, the bell shall be rung."
- Rule 306: After the word "Members" in the fourth line insert the words "who are present, or, if absent, have lodged written consent to nomination with the Clerk." In the fifth and sixth lines omit the words "and shall count the number of votes received by every Member."
- Rule 312: In line 3, after the words "unlocked and" omit the word "he" and insert the words "the Speaker-elect shall be conducted to the Chair by two Members and."
- Rule 318: Omit the last two lines.