

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 7th day of August, 1888.

COUNTIES BOUNDARIES ALTERATION BILL.

Hon. Mr. HISLOP, in Committee, to move the following, after clause 3 :—

4. Whereas the County of Amuri immediately prior to the commencement of "The Counties Act 1876 Amendment Act, 1882," consisted of the two ridings of Tennyson and Te-Koa, and by an Order in Council of the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, purporting to be made under the provisions of the last-mentioned Act, the Tennyson Riding became abolished, and the Te-Koa Riding was made to comprise the whole county by reason of there being only one undivided road district therein: And whereas the aforesaid road district became merged in the county by special order of the Council of such county on the ninth day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and the said Council failed at the same time to make any redivision of the county into ridings, but about the same time by another special order increased the number of members of the Council of the said county to eight, all elected or supposed to be elected to represent one riding: And whereas the constitution of the Council as aforesaid is illegal, and it is expedient to validate the said Council and all things done by it, notwithstanding the illegality aforesaid.

Be it further enacted, as follows :—

Notwithstanding any illegality about the same respectively, all elections of members of the Amuri County Council as from time to time constituted since the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, are hereby declared to have been valid, and shall not be called in question or be set aside by reason of the same or any of them having been respectively held in manner not in accordance with law.

The persons from time to time elected since the aforesaid date to the County Council of Amuri are hereby declared to have been respectively members of the said Council, validly appointed thereto from the date of their respective elections.

The County Council of Amuri, as constituted at the time of the commencement of this Act, and the said Council as from time to time existing since the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, are hereby declared to have been and to be validly constituted, notwithstanding any illegality in the constitution thereof, and no act or proceeding of such Council shall be called in question or set aside by reason of the said Council not having been or not being legally constituted.