Supplementary Order Paper.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, the 7th day of February, 1922.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT AMENDMENT BILL.

New clause proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General:—

Local authorities may accept surrender of existing leases and issue new leases to discharged soldiers.

18. (1.) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special Act, in any case where a discharged soldier is the holder of a lease of any reserve, endowment, or other land of which a local authority is the lessor, such local authority is hereby empowered to accept a surrender of such lease.

(2.) After accepting such surrender the local authority may, if it thinks fit, grant to such discharged soldier a new lease for the remainder of the term of the surrendered lease at such reduced rent and upon such new conditions as the local authority may determine.

(3.) In this section "local authority" has the same meaning as

in the Local Bodies' Finance Act, 1921-22.