SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 26th Day of July, 1899.

IMPOUNDING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Major Steward, in Committee, to move the addition of the following new clauses:—

3. The expression "the nearest pound," occurring in section twelve of the principal Act, shall be deemed to mean that pound which, having regard to the condition of roads or rivers or the like

circumstances, can be most conveniently reached.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in section twelve of the principal Act, when the nearest pound is distant more than ten miles from the land trespassed upon the occupier of such land shall not be bound to convey, lead, or drive the trespassing cattle to such pound, but may impound and detain them upon his own land, and may charge the same fees as are appointed in the said Act in respect of cattle impounded in a public pound. Such occupier shall be required to comply with all the provisions of the said Act, so far as the same are applicable, as though he were a poundkeeper; and if such cattle be not released within the period mentioned in section thirty-eight in respect of the various descriptions of cattle such occupier may cause such cattle to be sold by public auction, and the proceeds of such sale shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of section forty-three of the said principal Act.