Supplementary Order Paper.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 8th Day of November, 1918.

WAR LEGISLATION BILL.

Mr. WALKER, in Committee, to move to add to clause 14 the following:-

All wages-rates, overtime-rates, or other remuneration, in their respective proportions, provided for in awards of the Court of Arbitration or industrial agreements in operation on the first day of August, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and all awards and industrial agreements made between that date and the passing of this Act, are hereby modified to increase such wages-rates, overtime-rates, or other remuneration from the first day of October, nineteen hundred and eighteen, to the extent of the reduced purchasing-value of money caused by the increased retail cost of commodities in general use as between the first day of August, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and the first day of October, nineteen hundred and eighteen:

Provided that where advances in wages-rates, overtime-rates, or other remuneration have been granted by awards of the Court of Arbitration or industrial agreements made since the first day of August, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and prior to the passing of this Act, such advances in a proportionate weekly rate may be assessed as part of the increase of wages-rates, overtime-rates, or

other remuneration respectively granted under this section.

(2) For the purpose of this section of the Act the ascertained purchasing-value of the sovereign in the different industrial districts of New Zealand on the first day of August, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and its purchasing-value on the first day of October, nineteen hundred and eighteen, shall be accepted by all Courts having competent jurisdiction for the purpose of establishing the wages-rates, overtime-rates, or other remuneration specified under the herebefore-mentioned provisions in such industrial districts respectively.