

# Supplementary Order Paper.

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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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Wednesday, the 21st Day of October, 1936.

### WORKERS' COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL.

AMENDMENTS proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General:—

Clause 7, subclause (1): To omit from subclause (1) the words “ provided in subsection *three* hereof ” in lines 18 and 19, and substitute the words “ otherwise provided in this section ”.

Clause 7: To insert, after subclause (4), the following new subclause:—

(4A) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this section, if the weekly earnings of any worker, ascertained in accordance with those provisions, would be less than his average weekly earnings, his weekly earnings, instead of being ascertained as aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken to be his average weekly earnings. In this subsection the expression “ average weekly earnings ” means the average weekly earnings received by a worker while at work during the twelve months preceding the accident if he has been so long employed by the same employer, and, if not, then for any less period during which he has been in the employment of the same employer; but in calculating such average no account shall be taken of any periods during which the worker has been absent from work or of any sums that are paid to a worker to cover any special expenses entailed on him by the nature of the employment. Where a worker has entered into concurrent contracts of service with two or more employers under which he works at one time for one such employer and at another time for another such employer, his average weekly earnings shall be computed as if his earnings under all such contracts were earnings in the employment of the employer for whom he was working at the time of the accident.