SYDNEY HARBOUR RATES BILL.

SCHEDULE of Amendments referred to in Message of 24th November, 1904.

Omit "to impose harbour rates for the port of Sydney" Page 1, Title, line 1.

Omit "scales of wharfage and" Page 1, Title, line 2.

Omit "said" Page 1, Title, line 2.

Page 1, Title, line 2. After "port" insert "of Sydney"

Page 1, Title, line 4. Omit "1901" insert "1900"

Page 1, clause 1, line 8. Omit "1901" insert "1900"

Page 2, clauses 3, 4, and 5. Omit clauses 3, 4, and 5.

Page 2, clause 6.3, lines 28 to 30. Omit "at any public or private sufferance wharf or

"other private wharf or landing-place in the port of Sydney, or "

Page 3, clause 11. Omit clause 11.

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Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 8 November, 1904.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

The LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL has this day agreed to this Bill with Amendments.

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