

proceedings of the house in which they originated, only the opening paragraph being reproduced in the proceedings of the house to which they are addressed. The material to be found in the Appendix, which is derived from various sources, relates directly to Assembly affairs.

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