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BILL.

An Act to enable the Standing Committees
on Private Bills of the Legislative Council
and Assembly, to examine witnesses
on oath.

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HON. MR. CAMERON.

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WHEREAS it will be highly conducive to the ends of justice, Preamble.
that the Standing Committees on Private Bills of the Legislative Council and Assembly, shall have the power to examine witnesses on oath; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows :

- 5 I. The Standing Committees on Private Bills of the Legislative Council and Assembly, shall have full power and authority to examine on oath any person who may be summoned or appear before such Committees, to give evidence on any Bill or matter referred to or pending before such Committees; and such oath shall be administered by the The said Standing Committees may examine witnesses on oath.
- 10 Chainnan or Presiding Officer, for the time being, of such Committees, respectively; and any person wilfully giving false testimony on oath on any such examination before any such Committee, shall, on conviction, Perjury. - be subject to all the fines and penalties affixed by law to the crime of perjury.