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# LOCAL BILLS COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).  
(MR. J. W. MUNRO, CHAIRMAN.)

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## ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

*Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.*

TUESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 1941.

*Ordered*, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to whom all Local Bills shall stand referred after the first reading; the Committee to report whether the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are in any way affected by the provisions of the Bills, and to recommend such amendments as it may think proper, and to report, when necessary, on the merits of the Bills; the Committee to have power to confer with any Committee appointed for a similar object by the Legislative Council: the Committee to consist of Mr. Anderton, the Hon. Mr. Barclay, the Rev. Mr. Carr, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Harker, Mr. Massey, Mr. Munro, Mr. Polson, Mr. Richards, and the Mover."—(Hon. Mr. PARRY.)

*Ordered*, "That the Local Elections and Polls Amendment Bill be referred to the Local Bills Committee."—(Hon. Mr. PARRY.)

TUESDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 1941.

*Ordered*, "That in reference to the Auckland and Suburban Drainage Amendment Bill, Standing Order 366 be suspended so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced, and that the Bill be allowed to be introduced and to proceed."—(Mr. ANDERTON.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE, 1941.

*Ordered*, "That in reference to the Christchurch City Empowering and Special Rates Consolidation Bill, Standing Order 366 be suspended so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced, and that the Bill be allowed to be introduced and to proceed."—(Mr. MCCOMBS.)

*Ordered*, "That with respect to the Awatere County Empowering Bill, the Standing Orders relating to Local Bills be suspended in so far as to allow the Bill to be introduced and to be proceeded with as a Local Bill, notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders 361 and 366 have not been complied with in that notice of the Bill was not published within the time prescribed and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(Mr. MEACHEN.)

TUESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1941.

*Ordered*, "That with respect to the Wanganui Harbour District and Empowering Amendment Bill, the Standing Orders relating to Local Bills be suspended in so far as to allow the Bill to be introduced and to be proceeded with as a Local Bill, notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders 361 and 366 have not been complied with in that notice of the Bill was not published within the time prescribed and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(Mr. HODGENS, for Mr. COTTERILL.)

THURSDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF JULY, 1941.

*Ordered*, "That the name of the Honourable Mr. Barclay be discharged from the Local Bills Committee, and that of Mrs. Dreaver substituted therefor."—(Hon. Mr. PARRY.)

THURSDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1941.

*Ordered*, "That the Local Bills Committee have leave to sit during the sitting of the House on Friday, the 8th day of August."—(Mr. MUNRO.)

*Ordered*, "That with respect to the Auckland Centennial Memorial Park Bill, the Standing Orders relating to Local Bills be suspended in so far as to allow the Bill to be introduced and to be proceeded with as a Local Bill, notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders 361 and 366 have not been complied with in that notice of the Bill was not published within the time prescribed and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(Mr. ANDERTON.)

*Ordered*, "That with respect to the Wellington Free Ambulance Bill, the Standing Orders relating to Local Bills be suspended so far as to allow the Bill to be introduced and to be proceeded with as a Local Bill, notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders 361, 362, and 366 have not been complied with and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(MR. CHAPMAN.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1941.

*Ordered*, "That with respect to the Lower Hutt City Empowering and Rates Consolidation Bill, the Standing Orders relating to Local Bills be suspended in so far as to allow the Bill to be introduced and to be proceeded with as a Local Bill, notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders 361 and 366 have not been complied with in that notice of the Bill was not published within the time prescribed and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(HON. MR. NASH.)

THURSDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1941.

*Ordered*, "That the report of the Local Bills Committee on the Wanganui Harbour District and Empowering Amendment Bill be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."—(MR. POLSON.)

THURSDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1941.

*Ordered*, "That the Local Bills Committee have leave to sit during the present sitting of the House."—(MR. MUNRO.)

*Ordered*, "That with respect to the Manukau County Council Empowering Bill, the Standing Orders relating to Local Bills be suspended in so far as to allow the Bill to be introduced and to be proceeded with as a Local Bill, notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders 361 and 366 have not been complied with in that notice of the Bill was not published within the time prescribed and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(MR. PETRIE.)

TUESDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1941.

*Ordered*, "That with respect to the Auckland Community Health Centre and Auckland City Council Empowering Bill the Standing Orders relating to Local Bills be suspended in so far as to allow the Bill to be introduced and to be proceeded with as a Local Bill, notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders 361 and 366 have not been complied with in that notice of the Bill was not published within the time prescribed and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(MRS. DREAYER.)

THURSDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1941.

*Ordered*, "That the Local Bills Committee have leave to sit during the present sitting of the House."—(MR. MUNRO.)

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## REPORTS.

### LOCAL ELECTIONS AND POLLS AMENDMENT BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has carefully considered the same and has heard evidence thereon, and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed with the amendments thereto shown on the copy of the Bill hereto annexed.

26th March, 1941.

### AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN DRAINAGE AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with, with the exception of Standing Order 366, which, in so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced, was suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and to proceed; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected; that the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

24th July, 1941.

## CHRISTCHURCH CITY EMPOWERING AND SPECIAL RATES CONSOLIDATION BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill ; that the Standing Orders have been complied with, with the exception of Standing Order 366, which, in so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced, was suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and to proceed ; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected ; that the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendment as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

31st July, 1941.

## AWATERE COUNTY EMPOWERING BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report :—

That it is a Local Bill.

That the Standing Orders have been complied with, except in the following respects—

(a) Standing Order 361 was not complied with in so far as it relates to the time prescribed for the publication of the notice in regard to the introduction of the Bill ; and

(b) Standing Order 366 was not complied with in so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced.

(NOTE.—Both the Standing Orders referred to above were suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and to proceed.)

That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

14th August, 1941.

## LOWER HUTT CITY EMPOWERING AND RATES CONSOLIDATION BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report :—

That it is a Local Bill.

That the Standing Orders have been complied with, except in the following respects—

(a) Standing Order 361 was not complied with in so far as it relates to the time prescribed for the publication of the notice in regard to the introduction of the Bill ; and

(b) Standing Order 366 was not complied with in so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced.

(NOTE.—Both the Standing Orders referred to above were suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and to proceed.)

That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

21st August, 1941.

## WANGANUI HARBOUR DISTRICT AND EMPOWERING AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which the above-mentioned Bill was referred on the 29th day of July and referred back for further consideration on the 14th day of August, has the honour to report :—

That it is a Local Bill.

That the Standing Orders have been complied with, except in the following respects—

(a) Standing Order 361 was not complied with in so far as it relates to the time prescribed for the publication of the notice in regard to the introduction of the Bill ; and

(b) Standing Order 366 was not complied with in so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced.

(NOTE.—Both the Standing Orders referred to above were suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and to proceed.)

That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

That the Committee, having carefully reconsidered the Bill and taken additional evidence thereon, recommends that it be allowed to proceed, without amendment.

21st August, 1941.

## AUCKLAND CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL PARK BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report :—

That it is a Local Bill.

That the Standing Orders have been complied with, except in the following respects—

(a) Standing Order 361 was not complied with in so far as it relates to the time prescribed for the publication of the notice in regard to the introduction of the Bill ; and

(b) Standing Order 366 was not complied with in so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced.

(NOTE.—Both the Standing Orders referred to above were partially suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and to proceed.)

That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected in the following respects:—

(a) Clause 3, subclause (3), provides that the Board proposed to be established by the Bill shall be deemed to be a local authority for the purposes of the Land and Income Tax Act, 1923;

(b) Clause 30 provides for the vesting of Crown lands in the said Board; and

(c) The rights and prerogatives of the Crown will be further affected if the new clause 31A recommended by the Committee is adopted by the House, in that the said clause provides that no stamp duty under the Stamp Duties Act, 1923, shall be payable in respect of any grant, conveyance, or transfer of any land to the Board for the purposes of the park.

That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

4th September, 1941.

#### WELLINGTON FREE AMBULANCE BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report:—

That it is a Local Bill.

That the Standing Orders have been complied with, except in the following respects—

(a) Standing Order 361 was not complied with in so far as it relates to the date prescribed for the publication of the notice in regard to the introduction of the Bill;

(b) Standing Order 362 was not complied with in that the Bill was not in every case deposited for public inspection at the time of the first publication of the advertisement in regard to it; and

(c) Standing Order 366 was not complied with in so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced.

(NOTE.—The Standing Orders referred to above were suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and to proceed.)

That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, without amendment.

4th September, 1941.

#### MANUKAU COUNTY COUNCIL EMPOWERING BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report:—

That it is a Local Bill.

That the Standing Orders have been complied with, except in the following respects—

(a) Standing Order 361 was not complied with in so far as it relates to the date prescribed for the publication of the notice in regard to the introduction of the Bill; and

(b) Standing Order 366 was not complied with in so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced.

(NOTE.—Both the Standing Orders referred to above were partially suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and to proceed.)

That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, without amendment.

11th September, 1941.

#### LOCAL LEGISLATION BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same and taken evidence thereon, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed without amendment.

1st October, 1941.

#### AUCKLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE AND AUCKLAND CITY COUNCIL EMPOWERING BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report:—

That it is a Local Bill.

That the Standing Orders have been complied with, except in the following respects—

(a) Standing Order 361 was not complied with in so far as it relates to the date prescribed for the publication of the notice in regard to the introduction of the Bill; and

(b) Standing Order 366 was not complied with in so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced.

(NOTE.—Both the Standing Orders referred to above were suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and to proceed.)

That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, in that part of the land described in the Schedule forms a portion of a reserve subject to the provisions of the Public Reserves, Domains, and National Parks Act, 1928.

That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

2nd October, 1941.

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LOCAL LEGISLATION BILL (Amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General, and contained in Supplementary Order Paper No. 14).

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the amendments to the above-mentioned Bill proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General and contained in Supplementary Order Paper No. 14, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the said amendments and taken evidence thereon, and recommends that they be allowed to proceed without amendment.

9th October, 1941.

J. W. MUNRO, Chairman.

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SPECIAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that the Local Bills Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the services of the Chairman, Mr. J. W. Munro, whose long experience of matters relating to local government has been of invaluable assistance to the Committee and whose strict impartiality towards the Committee and those appearing before it has given much satisfaction.

16th October, 1941.

J. N. MASSEY, Member of the Committee.

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SPECIAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that the Local Bills Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered to it and to members in charge of Local Bills by the Clerk of the Committee, Mr. W. N. Wood.

16th October, 1941.

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FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Local Bills Committee, consisting of ten members, has held fourteen meetings during the session, with an average attendance of seven members per meeting.

There were referred to the Committee nine Local Bills, the Local Elections and Polls Amendment Bill, and the Local Legislation Bill, all of which were considered and reported on.

16th October, 1941.

J. W. MUNRO, Chairman.

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