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LOCAL BILLS COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE)

(MR. J. W. MUNRO, CHAIRMAN)

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ORDERS OF REFERENCE

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THURSDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 1943

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting, by leave, of eleven 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 Rev. Mr. Carr, Mr. Coleman, Mrs. Dreaver, Mr. Harker, Miss Howard, Mr. Massey, Mr. Munro, Mr. Polson, Mr. Richards, and the Mover."—(Hon. Mr. PARRY.)

THURSDAY, THE 20TH DAY OF MAY, 1943

Ordered, "That Select Committees have leave to sit for the remainder of the session on days on which the House does not meet."—(Right Hon. Mr. FRASER.)

Ordered, "That in reference to the Napier Borough Empowering 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. CULLEN, for Hon. Mr. BARNARD.)

Ordered, "That in reference to the Wellington City Empowering and 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. MCKEEN.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF JUNE, 1943

Ordered, "That in reference to the Ohai Railway Board Amendment 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 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. HAMILTON.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF JULY, 1943

Ordered, "That in reference to the Inangahua County Empowering 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 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. O'BRIEN.)

THURSDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF JULY, 1943

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

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REPORTS

WAIAPU COUNTY COUNCIL (TOKOMARU HARBOUR) EMPOWERING AMENDMENT BILL

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

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) 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 June, 1943.

CHRISTCHURCH DOMAINS AMENDMENT BILL

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

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) That the Committee recommends that the Government give consideration to the appointment of a Commission as provided for in the Christchurch Domains Amendment Act, 1913, to review the existing apportionment of levies as between the contributory local authorities.
- (5) 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 June, 1943.

LOWER CLUTHA RIVER IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENT BILL

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

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with, except in the following respect—namely, plans of certain lands proposed to be vested in the Lower Clutha River Trust were not deposited for public inspection at the time of the deposit of the Bill. The attention of the River Trust having been drawn to this matter, plans were duly deposited and advertised from 2nd April to 24th April. The Committee is of the opinion that by so depositing the plans the River Trust has sufficiently complied with the intention of Standing Order 364, and therefore recommends that the non-compliance with the Standing Order referred to above be waived.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, in that, under clause 3 of the Bill, an area of 2,425 acres of lake and lakeside land in which the Crown has an interest would vest in the Lower Clutha River Trust.
- (4) That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

18th June, 1943.

No. 11.—Petition of the MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, AND BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF NAPIER
 PRAYING that a Commission be set up to inquire into and report upon the relationship between the Napier Borough Council and the Napier Harbour Board in respect to the ownership and control of lands adjoining and adjacent to the Borough of Napier in so far as such ownership and control affects the development of the said borough.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, but is of the opinion that no steps should be taken for the setting-up of a Commission for at least twelve months, during which period the Napier Borough Council and the Napier Harbour Board should make every possible effort by negotiations and conferences to reconcile their differences, with a view to the production of a common plan for the future expansion and development of Napier.

The Committee further recommends, with a view to assisting the progress of such negotiations, that the Government should arrange for an officer of the Department of Internal Affairs to take part in the suggested negotiations and conferences in the capacity of an independent arbitrator.

18th June, 1943.

TAUPIRI DRAINAGE AND RIVER DISTRICT AMENDMENT BILL

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

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

29th June, 1943.

NAPIER BOROUGH EMPOWERING BILL

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

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) 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 not complied with, but was suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and proceeded with.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) 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 July, 1943.

WELLINGTON CITY EMPOWERING AND AMENDMENT BILL

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

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) 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 not complied with, but was suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and proceeded with.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) 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 July, 1943.

OHAI RAILWAY BOARD AMENDMENT BILL

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

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with, except in the under-mentioned respects, but were suspended in those respects by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and proceeded with: (a) Standing Order 361 was not complied with in that notice of intention to introduce the Bill was not published within the prescribed time; 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.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

23rd July, 1943.

INANGAHUA COUNTY EMPOWERING BILL

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

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with, except in the under-mentioned respects, but were suspended in those respects by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and proceeded with: (a) Standing Order 361 was not complied with in that notice of intention to introduce the Bill was not published within the prescribed time; 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.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

29th July, 1943.

No. 44.—Petition of H. S. PILLAR, of Wellington

PRAYING that there be established, by enactment, a right of appeal against the decisions of municipalities made under special local legislation relating to building, subdivision of land, drainage, and related matters.

I am directed to report that the honourable member who presented the petition having intimated to the Committee that he wishes to withdraw the same, the Committee recommends that leave to withdraw the petition be accorded him.

4th August, 1943.

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.

12th August, 1943.

J. W. MUNRO, Chairman.

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