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# PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE)  
(MR. W. T. ANDERTON, CHAIRMAN)

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*Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives*

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## ORDERS OF REFERENCE

*Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives*

THURSDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF JULY, 1948

*Ordered*, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of nine members, to consider all matters relating to public health, infectious diseases, contagious diseases, hospitals, and to local authorities having charge of these matters, and to other matters affecting public health which may be referred to it: the Committee to consist of Mr. Aderman, Mr. Anderton, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Herron, Mr. Kent, Mr. Marshall, Mrs. Ross, Mr. T. E. Skinner, and the Mover."—(Hon. Miss HOWARD.)

FRIDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF JULY, 1948

*Ordered*, "That the Tuberculosis Bill be referred to the Public Health Committee."—(Hon. Miss HOWARD.)

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## REPORTS

### TUBERCULOSIS BILL

I HAVE the honour to report that the Public Health Committee has carefully considered the Tuberculosis Bill, and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed with the amendments shown in the copy of the Bill hereto attached.

20th August, 1948.

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No. 56—Petition of the NEW ZEALAND DENTAL LABORATORIES ASSOCIATION  
(INCORPORATED), Wellington

PRAYING for an amendment to the Dentists Act, 1936, and for statutory provision for the registration of dental technicians, laboratories, and repair-shops, and the training of technicians.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that it be referred to the Government for consideration with a view to utilizing to the best advantage the services of trained dentists and dental technicians. In the view of the Committee, it would be unwise to permit dental technicians to undertake the range of prosthetic work claimed by the petitioners. It believes, however, that there is room for a larger measure of co-ordination between these two complementary parts of the dental service.

3rd November, 1948.

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No. 67—Petition of MARGARET W. YARDLEY and Others

PRAYING for amendment to the social-security legislation to provide for right of appeal against decision of a Hospital Board or other authority controlling a maternity hospital which refuses its concurrence in the patient's choice of a medical practitioner, and for an inquiry by such body as the Hon. the Minister of Health thinks fit into the withdrawal by the Wellington Hospital Board of its concurrence to the petitioners' selection of Dr. H. G. Rix as their medical practitioner.

I am directed to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends for the most favourable consideration of the Government the provision of appeal facilities to the Minister of Health in the event of a Hospital Board or other body or person having control of a maternity hospital refusing concurrence in the selection by a beneficiary of the medical practitioner of her choice.

W. T. ANDERTON, Chairman.

24th November, 1948.

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