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# LOCAL BILLS COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE)

(MR. J. N. MASSEY, CHAIRMAN)

*Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives*

## ORDERS OF REFERENCE

*Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives*

WEDNESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF JULY, 1950

*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 Standing Orders have been complied with, 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, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Macfarlane, Mr. Massey, the Hon. Mr. Parry, Mr. Sheat, Mr. Smith, and the Mover."—(Hon. Mr. BODKIN.)

THURSDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1950

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

FRIDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1950

*Ordered*, "That, with respect to the North Shore Drainage Bill, Standing Order 366 be suspended in 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. EYRE.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1950

*Ordered*, "That, with respect to the Auckland Metropolitan Drainage 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.)

THURSDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1950

*Ordered*, "That the Harbours Bill be referred to the Local Bills Committee."—(Hon. Mr. GOOSMAN.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1950

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

THURSDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1950

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

*Memorandum for the Chairman, Local Bills Committee:—*

"The following Resolution from the Local Bills Committee was adopted and agreed to by the House of Representatives on 10th October, 1950, on motion of Mr. Massey: 'That the proceedings of the Local Bills Committee during the taking of evidence on the Auckland Metropolitan Drainage Bill and the North Shore Drainage Bill be open to accredited representatives of the press.'" (10th October, 1950.)

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### PALMERSTON NORTH CITY GASWORKS AND ELECTRICITY 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.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.

27th July, 1950.

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### HUNTLY 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.
- (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.

27th July, 1950.

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### NELSON CITY EMPOWERING AND SPECIAL RATES CONSOLIDATION 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.

2nd August, 1950.

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### CHRISTCHURCH TRAMWAY 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.

2nd August, 1950.

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### HUTT VALLEY ELECTRIC POWER BOARD 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.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.

16th August, 1950.

### MASTERTON TRUST LANDS 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 affected, in that certain of the lands referred to in the Schedules may be held to be "public reserves" within the meaning of the Public Reserves, Domains, and National Parks Act, 1928.
- (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.

16th August, 1950.

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### AUCKLAND CITY COUNCIL AND AUCKLAND HARBOUR BOARD 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.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected in a technical sense, inasmuch as the Bill validates certain reclamations carried out by the Auckland City Council without the approval of His Excellency the Governor-General, as required by the Harbours Act, 1923.
- (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.

16th August, 1950.

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### OTAGO HARBOUR BOARD 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.
- (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.

24th August, 1950.

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### WHAKATANE HARBOUR 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 affected, in that certain Crown land is included in the area which clause 2 adds to the Whakatane Harbour District.
- (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.

24th August, 1950.

### NAPIER CITY SPECIAL RATES CONSOLIDATION 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.

30th August, 1950.

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### LOCAL ELECTIONS AND POLLS AMENDMENT BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Local Elections and Polls Amendment 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.

30th August, 1950.

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### WELLINGTON CITY TRADING DEPARTMENTS' RESERVE AND RENEWAL FUNDS 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.

7th September, 1950.

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### HARBOURS BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Harbours 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, with amendment, as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

28th September, 1950.

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### BALCLUTHA BOROUGH COUNCIL VESTING AND 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.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, in that a considerable portion of the land dealt with in the Bill is a public domain vested in the Crown.
- (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.

5th October, 1950.

## SPECIAL REPORT

I HAVE the honour to report that the Local Bills Committee has passed the following Resolution :—

“ That the proceedings of the Local Bills Committee during the taking of evidence on the Auckland Metropolitan Drainage Bill and the North Shore Drainage Bill be open to accredited representatives of the press, and that the Chairman do report this Resolution to the House and move the adoption thereof by the House.”

10th October, 1950.

## LOCAL LEGISLATION BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Local Legislation 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.

23rd November, 1950.

## WHANGAREI HARBOUR BOARD VESTING AND 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.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, in that the portion of the Whangarei Harbour to be vested in the Whangarei Harbour Board by clause 4 of the Bill is at present vested in His Majesty.
- (4) That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.

28th November, 1950.

## AUCKLAND METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE BILL

WITH regard to the Auckland Metropolitan Drainage Bill, I have the honour to report as follows :—

The Committee recommends that the Bill be not allowed to proceed this session for the following reasons :—

- (1) That the Bill was introduced very late in the session.
- (2) That the consideration of the Bill has necessitated taking very lengthy evidence and cross-examination of witnesses.
- (3) That to meet the objections of Government Departments, local authorities, and other interests very extensive detailed amendments to the Bill are necessary.
- (4) That, at this stage of the session, it is quite impossible for the necessary redrafting and reprinting to be undertaken prior to the close of the session.

29th November, 1950.

## NORTH SHORE DRAINAGE BILL

WITH regard to the North Shore Drainage Bill, I have the honour to report as follows :—

The Committee recommends that, for reasons similar to those set out in its report on the Auckland Metropolitan Drainage Bill, the Bill be not allowed to proceed this session.

29th November, 1950.

J. N. MASSEY, Chairman.

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