No. 1.—Petition of V. A. BOGLE, of Wanganui (and 7 similar Petitions, as per Schedule attached). PRAYING that there be no extension of the gambling facilities by legislative enactment.

I am directed to report that, as in the opinion of the Committee a matter of policy is involved, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th September, 1924.

SCHEDULE.

No. 61.—John Roberts and 244 others. No. 153.—Joseph Smith and 32 others. No. 158.—W. B. Stowe and 123 others. No. 159.—J. J. Royds and 149 others. No. 182.—James H. Gunson and 207 others. No. 191.—R. F. Provan and 74 others. No. 320.—Thomas Forsyth and 99 others.

No. 29.—Petition of J. J. GOODWIN, of Hawera (and 32 similar Petitions, as per Schedule attached). PRAYING for amendment of the Gaming Act, 1920, in the direction of licensing bookmakers.

I am directed to report that, as in the opinion of the Committee a matter of policy is involved, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th September 1924.

SCHEDULE.

No. 30.–James Ashby and 23 others.	No. 121J. Barr and 22 others.
No. 41W. G. Baxter and 19 others.	No. 122G. T. Wildish and 26 others.
No. 42.—Michael Walsh and 25 others.	No. 129N. F. Dunlop and 24 others.
No. 52.—A. J. Braithwaite and 24 others.	No. 135.—H. T. Armstrong and 24 others.
No. 53.—Henry Knight and 24 others.	No. 137F. Groombridge and 24 others.
No. 58.—Henry Baigent and 24 others.	No. 138.—R. Rooke and 24 others.
No. 66.—A. Morton and 24 others.	No. 151.—E. F. Anderson and 24 others.
No. 75.—R. E. Hornblow and 24 others.	No. 170. F. D. Cornwell and 24 others.
No. 76.—D. J. Green and 24 others.	No. 172.—E. U. Just and 24 others.
No. 80.—H. A. Ryder and 24 others.	No. 160J. Caskie and 25 others.
No. 85.—W. T. Lester and 23 others.	No. 161.—B. Dive and 24 others.
No. 94.—J. R. Hebden and 24 others.	No. 187.—A. Keast and 25 others.
No. 95A. J. Bunz and 24 others.	No. 188J. Glessing and 24 others.
No. 103.—R. J. Stuckey and 24 others.	No. 189.—H. B. Sloane and 25 others.
No. 104.—W. J. Westwood and 24 others.	No. 195.—E. A. Trail and 23 others.
No. 120.—R. Jenkin and 24 others.	No. 200,-W. A. Rowland and 25 others.

No. 194.--Petition of DAVID DICKIE and 697 Others, of Southland.

PRAYING for payment of increased subsidy on rates collected in the Southland County.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee a matter of policy is involved, and it therefore has no recommendation to make.

24th September, 1924.

(Referred back to the Committee for further consideration.)

No. 33.—Petition of JOHN HOWE CHALMERS, of Balfour (Southland).

PRAYING for compensation for monetary losses incurred by the beneficiaries in his deceased wife's estate, through the alleged forced sale of her interest in a Crown lease.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th September, 1924.

No. 26.—Petition of JAMES CRAWFORD and 9 Others, of Dunedin.

PRAYING for a reduction in the capital value of the workers' dwellings occupied by them. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th September, 1924.

(Referred back to the Committee for further consideration.)

No. 289, Petition of J. FRANKLIN and 97 Others; No. 318, Petition of N. C. FAIRS and 89 Others; No. 319, Petition of R. W. CREMER and 90 Others; and No. 336, Petition of R. W. SCHOFIELD and 94 Others: all of Whakatane.

PRAYING for the construction of a branch railway connecting the Main Trunk East Coast Railway with Whakatane.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee these petitions should be referred to the Government for consideration.

1st October, 1924.

No. 123.-Petition of HENRY EWART HILL, of Gisborne.

PRAYING for compensation owing to compulsory retirement from office as Registrar of Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Electors.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

14th October, 1924.