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# LABOUR BILLS COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. J. S. DICKSON, CHAIRMAN.)

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*Presented to the House of Representatives, and ordered to be printed.*

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## ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

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

THURSDAY, THE 17TH DAY OF JULY, 1924.

*Ordered*, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to labour; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. J. S. Dickson, Mr. Hawken, Mr. Linklater, Mr. Lye, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. McKeen, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Sykes, Mr. Veitch, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. ANDERSON.)

FRIDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF JULY, 1924.

*Ordered*, "That all petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1923 be again referred to the same Committee as they were referred to during the said session."—(Right Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

FRIDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1924.

*Ordered*, "That the petition of G. Welch and 12 others be referred to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Mr. J. S. DICKSON.)

THURSDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1924.

*Ordered*, "That the Painters and Decorators Health Protection Bill be referred to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Mr. SMITH, for Mr. VEITCH.)

*Ordered*, "That the Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill be referred to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Mr. PARRY, for Mr. HOWARD.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1924.

*Ordered*, "That the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill be referred to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Mr. McKEEN.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1924.

*Ordered*, "That the Footwear Regulation Amendment Bill be referred to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Hon. Mr. ANDERSON.)

*Ordered*, "That the Scaffolding and Excavation Amendment Bill be referred to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Hon. Mr. ANDERSON.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1924.

*Ordered*, "That the Companies Empowering Bill be referred to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Right Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

*Ordered*, "That the Master and Apprentice Amendment Bill be referred to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Hon. Mr. ANDERSON.)

THURSDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1924.

*Ordered*, "That the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill be referred direct to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Hon. Mr. ANDERSON.)

## REPORTS

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No. 130.—Petition of G. WELCH and 12 Others (and 8 similar Petitions, as per Schedule attached hereto).

PRAYING for legislation extending the hours of business of small retail traders who do not employ labour. I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee these petitions should be referred to the Government for consideration.

9th September, 1924.

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### SCHEDULE.

No. 111.—Petition of J. U. Scott and 5 others.

No. 112.—Petition of A. E. Gilmore and 17 others.

No. 113.—Petition of E. A. Lepper and another.

No. 114.—Petition of A. E. Jupp and 2 others.

No. 115.—Petition of Fanny Churchill and 23 others.

No. 140.—Petition of E. A. Gungall and 26 others.

No. 144.—Petition of G. A. Meekings and 18 others.

No. 145.—Petition of D. Sullivan and 3 others.

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### SCAFFOLDING AND EXCAVATION AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Labour Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that the said Bill has been carefully considered, and the Committee recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill attached hereto.

14th October, 1924.

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### FOOTWEAR REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Labour Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that the said Bill has been carefully considered, and the Committee recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill attached hereto.

16th October, 1924.

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### No. 291.—Petition of L. CAVE and 71 Others.

PRAYING for an amendment of section 3, subsection (2), Shops and Offices Act, 1921–22, to enable retail traders of New Plymouth to extend their hours of business during Christmas week.

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

28th October, 1924.

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### WORKERS' COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Labour Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to recommend that the Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill be not proceeded with this session. The Committee also recommends that the workers' compensation for accidents law should be investigated during the recess by experts, with a view to a revision of the law being introduced in the House next session.

3rd November, 1924.

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### INDUSTRIAL CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Labour Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that the said Bill has been carefully considered, and the Committee recommends that it be allowed to proceed without amendment.

3rd November, 1924.

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### COMPANIES EMPOWERING BILL.

THE Labour Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that the said Bill has been carefully considered, and the Committee recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with amendment as shown on the copy of the Bill attached hereto.

3rd November, 1924.

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### PAINTERS AND DECORATORS HEALTH PROTECTION BILL.

THE Labour Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that the said Bill has been carefully considered, and the Committee recommends that it be not allowed to proceed this session, as it is being dealt with by regulations.

3rd November, 1924.

**MASTER AND APPRENTICE AMENDMENT BILL.**

THE Labour Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that the said Bill has been carefully considered, and the Committee recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill attached hereto.

3rd November, 1924.

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**SHOPS AND OFFICES AMENDMENT BILL.**

THE Labour Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that the said Bill has been carefully considered, and the Committee recommends that it be not allowed to proceed this session.

3rd November, 1924.

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**SPECIAL REPORT.**

I HAVE the honour to report that the Labour Bills Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the capable and impartial manner in which the Chairman (Mr. J. S. Dickson) has presided over its deliberations during the session.

3rd November, 1924.

W. A. VEITCH,  
Member of the Committee.

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**FINAL REPORT.**

I HAVE the honour to report that the Labour Bills Committee has held during the session sixteen meetings, with an average attendance of six members at each meeting. Ten petitions and eight Bills were referred to the Committee, all of which have been reported to the House.

3rd November, 1924.

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