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NEW ZEALAND.

LOCAL BILLS COMMITTEE

(REPORT OF THE).

(MR. R. W. HAWKE, CHAIRMAN.)

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

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

TUESDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF JULY, 1931.

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 or 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 have power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Bitchener, Mr. Hawke, Mr. Macmillan, Colonel McDonald, Mr. McCombs, Mr. Munns, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Wright, and the Mover."—(Hon. MR. DE LA PERRELLE.)

FRIDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1931.

Ordered, "That the name of the Hon. Mr. Hamilton be added to the Local Bills Committee." (Right Hon. MR. FORBES.)

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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 that it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with; and that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.
4th August, 1931.

AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN DRAINAGE AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with; and that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.
12th August, 1931.

WELLINGTON CITY MILK-SUPPLY AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with; and that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.
12th August, 1931.

CAMERON AND SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL PARK (MASTERTON) TRUSTEES EMPOWERING BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with; and that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.
12th August, 1931.

ROTORUA BOROUGH RECLAMATION EMPOWERING BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have not been fully complied with, in that the proposed works being "harbour-works" within the meaning of the Harbours Act, 1923, Standing Order No. 365 was not complied with, the statement of the financial position of the promoters, the estimate of the cost of construction, and the estimate of the increased revenue to be derived from the proposed works not having been deposited in the Court and in the office of the promoters; and that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, inasmuch as the Bill provides for the reclamation of a portion of Lake Rotorua and for the vesting of the land so reclaimed in the Corporation of the Borough of Rotorua.

Notwithstanding the technical breach of the Standing Orders referred to above, the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

12th August, 1931.

PETONE BOROUGH COUNCIL EMPOWERING BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with; and that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

18th August, 1931.

AUCKLAND HARBOUR BRIDGE EMPOWERING BILL.

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

26th August, 1931.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA RIVER BOARD EMPOWERING BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

26th August, 1931.

AUCKLAND WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUM MAINTENANCE AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill ; that the Standing Orders have been complied with ; and that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

2nd September, 1931.

CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT DRAINAGE AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill ; that the Standing Orders have been complied with ; and that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, inasmuch as the effect of clause 2 would be to give the Christchurch Drainage Board's charges for sewerage connections priority over existing Crown charges.

The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

2nd September, 1931.

WELLINGTON CITY EMPOWERING BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill ; that the Standing Orders have been complied with ; and that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, inasmuch as the Bill provides that certain lands vested in the Crown and described in the First, Second, and Third Schedules shall vest in the Corporation of the City of Wellington.

The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

2nd September, 1931.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION BILL.

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

17th September, 1931.

AUCKLAND HARBOUR BOARD AND OTHER LOCAL BODIES EMPOWERING BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill ; that the Standing Orders have been complied with ; and that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

The Committee recommends the addition of the following clause which, it is informed by the honourable member in charge of the Bill, it is his intention to move under Standing Order 370:—

“ The Board is hereby empowered, at the request of the bearer for the time being of any debenture or debentures issued as security for any loan or loans, to change the place of payment of the principal-moneys and the interest payable under such debenture or debentures from the place stated in such debenture or debentures as being the place of payment of the principal-moneys and interest to such place as shall be agreed upon between the Board and the bearer of any such debenture or debentures, and to endorse or enfence any such debentures and coupons attached thereto with notice of such change of place of payment, and upon such endorsement or enfacement being made the principal-moneys and interest payable under such debentures or coupons shall be payable at the place named in such endorsement or enfacement.”

The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

17th September, 1931.

STEWART, J., AND 19 OTHERS, PETITION OF.

PRAYING for an alteration of the boundaries of the Christchurch District Drainage Board.

The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above petition, has the honour to report that it has no recommendation to make in regard thereto.

20th October, 1931.

STOKE WATER-SUPPLY BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill ; that the Standing Orders have been complied with ; and that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, inasmuch as clause 42 makes provision for vesting in the Board proposed to be created by the Bill certain areas of Crown land.

The Committee recommends that the Bill be not allowed to proceed.

27th October, 1931.

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 Bill and taken evidence thereon, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with amendment as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

5th November, 1931.

FOGGIN, A. H., AND 34 OTHERS, OF ROTORUA, PETITION OF.

PRAYING that an area of closed street at Rotorua be permanently reserved for recreation purposes.

The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned petition, has the honour to report that it has no recommendation to make in regard thereto.

7th November, 1931.

LOCAL LEGISLATION BILL.

Amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General, and contained in Supplementary Order Paper No. 42.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which were referred the amendments to the above-mentioned Bill proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General and contained in Supplementary Order Paper No. 42, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the said amendments and taken evidence thereon, and recommends that they be allowed to proceed without amendment.

7th November, 1931.

NEW LYNN SEWERAGE VALIDATION BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a Local Bill; that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, but have been suspended by the House; and that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.

9th November, 1931.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that the Local Bills Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation of the efficient, just, and courteous manner in which the Chairman, Mr. R. W. Hawke, has presided over its deliberations during the session.

9th November, 1931.

C. E. MACMILLAN,
A Member of the Committee.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that the Local Bills Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation of the able services rendered to it by the Clerk, Mr. W. N. Wood.

9th November, 1931.

FINAL REPORT.

THE Local Bills Committee, consisting originally of ten, and subsequently of eleven, members, has held during the session twenty meetings, with an average attendance of six members per meeting.

The Committee has had referred to it fourteen Local Bills, thirteen of which have been reported on; and in addition, the Auckland Harbour Bridge Empowering Bill, the Building Construction Bill, the Local Legislation Bill, and two petitions, all of which have been reported on.

The Committee again desires to bring to the notice of the House that the time of both the House and the Committee can be greatly saved if Local Bills are submitted, whenever possible, to the Department of Internal Affairs and to the Law Draftsman during the parliamentary recess, and respectfully urges upon honourable members the desirability of this fact being impressed upon local authorities promoting legislation.

9th November, 1931.

R. W. HAWKE, Chairman.

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