LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS 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.

In view of certain representations made to the Committee by the Municipal Association of New Zealand, the Committee is of the opinion that that association, the Institute of Town Clerks, and the Institute of County Clerks should confer, with the object of preparing a redraft of the Bill for submission to the Government; and the Committee therefore recommends that the Bill be not allowed to proceed this session.

5th December, 1933.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS 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 annexed hereto. 8th December, 1933.

MOTOR-CABS 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; that clause 364 of the Municipal Corporations Bill, now before the House, provides powers for boroughs and cities to regulate hours, fares, and other provisions in regard to motor-cabs plying for hire ; and that in so far as the Bill requires consideration in connection with the general law, the Committee recommends that it be referred to the Statutes Revision Committee.

8th December, 1933.

BLUFF HARBOUR BOARD AND BLUFF 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, with the exception of Standing Orders 361, 362, and 366, which were partially suspended by the House to enable the Bill to proceed ; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected in the following respects : Clause VIII (1) of the agreement set forth in the Schedule refers, inter alia, to granting easements over any public reserve within the Borough of Bluff; and clause VIII (7) of the said agreement refers to the granting of a pipe-line easement over a quarry reserve vested in the Bluff Borough Council by Order in Council published in *Gazette* No. 41, of 26th May, 1881.

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

13th December, 1933.

HAWKE'S BAY RIVERS 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, with the exception of Standing Orders 361 and 366, which were only partially complied with, but were suspended by the House to enable the Bill to proceed ; 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.

13th December, 1933.

NAPIER HARBOUR BOARD LOAN 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 Napier Harbour Board be not permitted to divert the sum of £47,400, being the unraised portion of a loan previously authorized for the construction of an inner harbour until the poll provided for in this Bill has been carried.

The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto. 13th December, 1933.

NAPIER HARBOUR BOARD AND NAPIER BOROUGH ENABLING 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, with the exception of Standing Orders 361 and 366, which were only partially complied with, but were suspended by the House to enable the Bill to proceed; 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. 13th December, 1933.