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NEW ZEALAND.

LOCAL BILLS COMMITTEE  
(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. A. E. JULL, CHAIRMAN.)

*Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives.*

ORDER OF REFERENCE.

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

FRIDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1933.

*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 consist of Mr. Ansell, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Hawke, Mr. Jull, Mrs. McCombs, Mr. W. Nash, Mr. Smith, Mr. Veitch, Mr. Wright, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. HAMILTON for the Hon. Mr. YOUNG.)

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### AUCKLAND HARBOUR 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.

19th October, 1933.

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### NEW PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL AND NEW PLYMOUTH HARBOUR 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 affected, inasmuch as clause 2 deals with public domains vested in His Majesty.

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

24th October, 1933.

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### NEW PLYMOUTH AIRPORT 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 October, 1933.

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### BAY OF PLENTY LICENSING COMMITTEE 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; 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.

14th November, 1933.

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### AUCKLAND TRANSPORT BOARD CONVERSION OF LOANS 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.

14th November, 1933.

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### WELLINGTON CITY EMPOWERING AND SPECIAL RATES CONSOLIDATION 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; that the Committee considers that clause 8 of the Wellington City and Suburban Highways Construction and Hutt Road Amendment and Empowering Bill would more properly be a clause of this Bill, and therefore recommends that the appropriate action under Standing Order 370, paragraph (2), be taken by the honourable members in charge of both the said Bills to submit amendments accordingly by Supplementary Order Papers: that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, inasmuch as the parcels of land described in the second and fourth schedules to the agreement which forms the Schedule to the Bill are Crown land.

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

14th November, 1933.

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### GREYMOUTH BOROUGH RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT LOAN 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 been complied with; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

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

17th November, 1933.

## BLUFF HARBOUR 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, with the exception of Standing Order 362, which has been only partially complied with, inasmuch as a copy of the Bill was not deposited for public inspection at the office of the Local Authority which promoted it; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

Notwithstanding the partial breach of the Standing Orders referred to above, the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.

17th November, 1933.

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## NAPIER HARBOUR BOARD AND ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP 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 without amendment.

17th November, 1933.

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## 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; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

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

23rd November, 1933.

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## PETONE AND LOWER HUTT GAS-LIGHTING 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 Order 366, which in so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced, was suspended by the House, to enable the Bill to proceed; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

Notwithstanding the partial non-compliance with Standing Order 366 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.

24th November, 1933.

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## 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; 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.

29th November, 1933.

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## WAIMAKARIRI RIVER IMPROVEMENT 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; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, as the Bill provides for the vesting in the Waimakariri River Trust of certain Crown lands.

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

30th November, 1933.

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## WHAKATANE HARBOUR BOARD VESTING 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 affected, as small portions of the land proposed to be vested in the Board are Crown land.

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

5th December, 1933.

## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

## LOCAL LEGISLATION BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which the above-mentioned Bill stood referred, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the Bill, and taken evidence thereon, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed without amendment.

19th December, 1933.

A. E. JULL, Chairman.

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## SPECIAL REPORT.

THE Local Bills Committee desires to record its appreciation of the able and impartial manner in which its business has been conducted by the Chairman, Mr. A. E. Jull, whose wide knowledge of all matters relating to local government has been of invaluable assistance to the Committee.

20th December, 1933.

R. A. WRIGHT,  
A Member of the Committee.

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## SPECIAL REPORT.

THE Local Bills Committee desires to record its appreciation of the helpful and efficient services rendered to it during the session by the Clerk, Mr. W. N. Wood.

20th December, 1933.

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## FINAL REPORT.

THE Local Bills Committee, consisting of ten members, has held during the session nineteen meetings, with an average attendance of eight members per meeting.

The Committee has had referred to it nineteen Local Bills, the Local Government Officers Bill, the Municipal Corporations Bill, the Motor-cabs Bill, and the Local Legislation Bill, all of which have been considered and, with the exception of one Local Bill, reported on.

The Committee desires to draw attention to the fact that in four instances, by reason of non-compliance with the Standing Orders, the House was asked to suspend the same to enable Bills to proceed. The Standing Orders infringed were those relating to the time within which Local Bills may be introduced, and those providing for proper publicity and advertising in regard to the proposals contained in the Bills. The Committee is of the opinion that Standing Orders which have been framed for the protection of the public and of Parliament should not be suspended save in very exceptional circumstances, and strongly recommends that suspension be not in future agreed to unless the promoters, through their member, can show to the satisfaction of the House that the matters to be dealt with are urgent, and that the delay or other irregularity in the matter of promotion and introduction has been unavoidable.

20th December, 1933.

A. E. JULL, Chairman.

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