

1933.
NEW ZEALAND.

PUBLIC PETITIONS M TO Z COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(Mr. F. LYE, CHAIRMAN.)

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

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts 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 consider all petitions from M to Z that may be referred to it; to classify and prepare abstracts of such petitions in such form and manner as shall appear to it best suited to convey to this House all requisite information respecting their contents, and to report the same from time to time to this House; and to have power to report its opinions and observations thereon to this House: the Committee to consist of the Rev. Mr. Carr, Mr. Hawke, Mr. Kyle, Mr. Linklater, Mr. Lye, Mr. J. N. Massey, Mr. McSkimming, Mr. Stallworthy, Mr. Semple, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. HAMILTON for Hon. Mr. YOUNG.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1933.

Ordered, "That all petitions not finally dealt with during the 1932-33 session be again referred to the same Committees that they were referred to during the said session."—(Right Hon. Mr. FORBES.)

TUESDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1933.

Ordered, "That the report of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee on the petition of M. Power be referred back to the Committee for further consideration."—(Mr. RICHARDS.)

TUESDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1933.

Ordered, "That the Public Petitions M to Z Committee have leave to sit during the present sitting of the House."—(Mr. LYE.)

FRIDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1933.

Ordered, "That the proceedings of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee during the taking of evidence on the petition of Annie L. Matheson be open to accredited representatives of the press."—(Mr. LYE.)

TUESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1933.

Ordered, "That the Public Petitions M to Z Committee have leave to sit during the present sitting of the House."—(Mr. LYE.)

THURSDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1933.

Ordered, "That the Public Petitions M to Z Committee have leave to sit during the present sitting of the House."—(Mr. LYE.)

MONDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1933.

Ordered, "That the Public Petitions M to Z Committee have leave to sit during the present sitting of the House."—(Mr. LYE.)

TUESDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1933.

Ordered, "That the petition of H. F. W. Meikle and others be referred direct to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee."—(Mr. HARRIS.)

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REPORTS.

No. 111, 1932-33.—Petition of ERICA M. WESTMACOTT and 5 Others (and Twenty-four Similar Petitions, as per Schedule attached).

PRAYING for examination into the present monetary system and possible alternatives, with a view to such Government action as may meet national requirements.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petitions should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with a recommendation that a parliamentary Select Committee be immediately set up to conduct a full and open inquiry into the present monetary systems and possible alternatives thereto.

24th October, 1933.

SCHEDULE.

1932-33.	1932-33.
115 R. W. Nicoll and 73 others.	188 M. F. L. Clark and 2,786 others.
116 W. A. Stark and 34 others.	194 R. W. Fraser and 22 others.
120 H. M. Macfarlane and 478 others.	195 C. J. Ryan and 7 others.
125 J. J. McDonald and 83 others.	203 W. O. Long and 57 others.
126 J. F. Markham and 55 others.	216 A. M. Jack and 51 others.
127 Y. T. Shand and 9 others.	217 D. H. Lewis and 129 others.
133 A. Hawkins and 29 others.	224 M. Archibald and 283 others.
134 D. Bekker and 29 others.	225 H. H. Kirk and 125 others.
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141 J White and 56 others.	18 E. H. K. Johnson and 33 others.

No. 174.—Petition of W. G. BUNYAN and 29 Others, of Tauranga.

PRAYING for the establishment of a Credit Board as will enable the principles of the Douglas credit system to be put into operation.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, with a recommendation that a parliamentary Select Committee be immediately set up to conduct a full and open inquiry into the present monetary systems and possible alternatives thereto.

24th October, 1933.

No. 304, 1932-33.—Petition of D. W. PEARSON and 219 Others (and Fifty-eight Similar Petitions, as per Schedule attached.)

PRAYING for amendment of the Gaming Act, 1908.

I am directed to report that, as a matter of policy is involved and the subject-matter of these petitions is being dealt with in the Gaming Amendment Bill now before the House, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

7th November, 1933.

SCHEDULE.

1932-33.		1933.	
309	G. S. B. Whillans and 291 others.	41	R. D. Senior and 25 others.
310	J. McLeod and 1,899 others.	42	G. N. McLean and 101 others.
312	G. E. Haggitt and 184 others.	43	W. Harper and 51 others.
313	F. C. Hawke and 53 others.	44	F. Armstrong and 151 others.
316	H. Lovell and 308 others.	45	J. R. Scats and 135 others.
317	W. E. Barber and 60 others.	46	J. Hansen and 235 others.
318	C. H. Gordon and 123 others.	72	T. E. Welch and 208 others.
319	J. J. McIntosh (representing the Westland Racing Club).	73	P. Cox and 87 others.
		78	H. Burrows and 124 others.
		118	N. Simpson and 246 others.
1933.		119	J. S. Burrows and 98 others.
1	J. G. MacDonnell and 2,046 others.	120	W. Woods and 97 others.
2	E. Radd and 579 others.	121	J. E. McDonald and 100 others.
3	J. J. McIntosh and 23 others.	122	R. S. Green and 59 others.
4	W. H. Houston and 80 others.	130	M. O. Potts and 35 others.
5	L. Franklin and 349 others.	131	C. Louisson and 232 others.
6	R. M. Morsten and 109 others.	132	J. V. Dolan and 63 others.
7	M. V. Bates and 901 others.	146	A. Blackburn and 1,085 others.
8	C. Louisson and 450 others.	147	J. W. Abbott and 919 others.
9	S. G. Hutchessen and 512 others.	151	J. Edwards and 21 others.
10	W. Donnelly and 105 others.	156	W. S. Bennett and 71 others.
14	W. B. Gilmore and 280 others.	157	D. F. Stewart and 67 others.
15	P. Toomey and 65 others.	158	E. G. Ward and 75 others.
16	A. D. Crawford and 650 others.	159	G. W. Vercoe and 426 others.
17	R. G. Hosking and 572 others.	160	W. Keenan and 63 others.
33	W. J. Hancock and 69 others.	161	T. Leamy and 38 others.
34	R. Johnstone and 494 others.	167	M. J. Hannon and 93 others.
35	C. Caffin and 629 others.	168	P. L. D. Hornbrook and 250 others.
36	P. J. Foley and 1,069 others.	179	A. J. Hoskins and 122 others.
37	J. R. McKay and 381 others.	182	Hone Makimereni and 171 others.
40	A. Young and 91 others.		

No. 47, 1932-33.—Petition of MICHAEL POWER, of Whangarei (First Report).

PRAYING for reinstatement in the Police Force.

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

7th November, 1933.

No. 308, 1932-33.—Petition of W. G. STRATFORD, of Wellington.

PRAYING for inquiry into his reduced status as a Meat Inspector.

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

7th November, 1933.

No. 298, 1932-33.—Petition of H. S. PILLAR, of Wellington.

PRAYING for inquiry into certain alleged unfair and irregular proceedings of the Wellington City Council relative to roading and drainage works.

I am directed to report that the member in charge of the petition, having expressed a desire to withdraw same, the Committee recommends that he be allowed to do so.

22nd November, 1933.

No. 242, 1932-33.—Petition of A. H. RAE, of Auckland.

PRAYING for compensation in respect of injuries allegedly suffered while employed by the Auckland Transport Board.

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

22nd November, 1933.

No. 182, 1932-33.—Petition of O'KANE BROS., of Hamilton.

PRAYING for relief in connection with work done at the new Courthouse, Hamilton, and not paid for.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make respecting the prayer of the petitioners; but is of the opinion that when a State Department approves of a sub-contractor the Department should require the sub-contractor to take the necessary steps to secure payment of the sub-contract price.

22nd November, 1933.

No. 208, 1932-33.—Petition of the UNITED FIRE BRIGADES ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND.

PRAYING that the privilege of free railway travel previously extended to members of the Association when travelling to attend annual meetings be restored.

I am directed to report that, in view of the great economic value of the services rendered by the United Fire Brigades Association of New Zealand, the Committee, notwithstanding a matter of Government policy is involved, is of the opinion that the petition should be referred to the Government for most favourable consideration.

22nd November, 1933.

No. 211, 1932-33.—Petition of R. A. THOMAS, of Palmerston North.

PRAYING for compensation for loss of furniture, &c.

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

22nd November, 1933.

No. 280, 1932-33.—Petition of REBECCA MACRAE, of Otira.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance.

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

22nd November, 1933.

No. 47, 1932-33.—Petition of M. POWER, of Whangarei (Second Report).

PRAYING for reinstatement in the Police Force.

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

22nd November, 1933.

No. 139, 1932-33.—Petition of W. J. MOFFATT and 64 Others, of Nelson.

PRAYING that radio-station 2ZR, Nelson, be subsidized.

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

22nd November, 1933.

No. 306, 1932-33.—Petition of J. MUNRO, of Lochiel.

PRAYING for a refund of Stamp duty.

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

29th November, 1933.

No. 24.—Petition of H. S. PILLAR, of Wellington.

PRAYING that the Wellington City Corporation be directed to undertake certain drainage work, and to indemnify him for their alleged default.

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

29th November, 1933.

No. 239.—Petition of ANNIE L. MATHESON, of Auckland.

I AM directed to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee has passed the following resolution :
 " That the proceedings of the Committee during the taking of evidence on the petition of Annie L. Matheson be open to accredited representatives of the press, and that the Chairman do report this resolution to the House, and move the adoption thereof by the House."

8th December, 1933.

No. 288, 1932-33.—Petition of J. H. M. MORRISON, of Dunedin.

PRAYING for payment by Railway Department of wages alleged to be due to him.

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

8th December, 1933.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee has passed the following resolution: "That the Committee, being of the opinion that the petitions shown in the Schedule annexed hereto cannot be considered during the present session, do report the petitions back to the House in order that they may be referred to the Public Petitions M to Z Supplementary Committee for consideration and report."

8th December, 1933.

SCHEDULE.

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53	N. G. Perkins.	108	W. S. Wilson.
142	C. C. M. Ollivier.	170	J. J. Meikle.
291	Mary A. Nutt.	175	D. Munro.
		183	Nora Williamson.
1933.		189	F. W. Simmonds.
27	E. H. Northcroft and 194 others.	195	V. Marcantelli.
38	New Zealand Railway Officers' Institute.	196	A. Teale.
58	A. J. Mason.	211	P. Maloney.
60	Hannah Powell.	229	A. Renall and 3 others.
61	E. J. Walker and 2,410 others.	234	T. F. Simpson.

No. 129, 1932-33.—Petition of D. MCKAY, of Onehunga.

PRAYING for reinstatement in the Public Service.

I am directed to report that, the member in charge of the petition having expressed a desire to withdraw same, the Committee recommends that he be allowed to do so.

15th December, 1933.

No. 226.—Petition of H. ROTHERY and Another (representing the Te Kuiti Racing Club).

PRAYING that the penal interest as provided by section 198 of the Stamp Duties Act, 1923, be remitted, and that the sum already paid be accepted in full settlement of all totalizator and dividend duty due by the Te Kuiti Racing Club.

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

15th December, 1933.

No. 239.—Petition of ANNIE L. MATHESON, of Auckland.

PRAYING for compensation for alleged wrongful imprisonment, and for redress by having her name expunged from the criminal records.

I am directed to report that the Committee has given the petitioner and her counsel the fullest opportunity of stating her case, has examined the petitioner, departmental officers, and records, and after the most careful and sympathetic consideration to the prayer of the petition, the Committee finds that the petitioner has not exhausted her legal remedies and therefore has no recommendation to make.

15th December, 1933.

No. 59.—Petition of MARY PILLING, of Auckland.

PRAYING for enactment of legislation enabling certain Court proceedings to be reopened.

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

15th December, 1933.

No. 204.—Petition of F. W. PULLYN and 3,194 Others, of Palmerston North.

PRAYING that legislation be enacted to provide that none of the powers conferred by the Electric-power Boards Act, 1925, and its amendments be exercised to discriminate between the portions of a district constituted under the said Act, except for the purpose of providing an unforeseen deficiency in revenue.

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

15th December, 1933.

No. 148.—Petition of C. R. WILLCOCKS, of Christchurch.

PRAYING for investigation into his dismissal as Harbourmaster at Apia, and for compensation.

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

18th December, 1933.

No. 186.—Petition of J. H. PAUL, of Lyttelton.

PRAYING for an increased superannuation allowance or reinstatement in the Railway Department.

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

18th December, 1933.

No. 141.—Petition of J. PHIZACKLEA, of Wanganui.

PRAYING for a free supply of artificial limbs to civilians on the same conditions as supplied to soldiers.

I am directed to report that, as Hospital Boards by virtue of the Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, 1926, are empowered to grant relief by way of providing artificial limbs in necessitous cases, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

18th December, 1933.

No. 249.—Petition of F. M. MCCARTHY, of Whenuakura.

PRAYING for a refund of stamp duty.

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

20th December, 1933.

No. 57.—Petition of A. MORTON, of Wellington.

PRAYING for a compassionate allowance.

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

20th December, 1933.

F. LYE, Chairman.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee desires to express its sincere appreciation of the able manner in which the Chairman, Mr. F. Lye, has presided over and conducted the business brought before the Committee during the session. His courteous and tactful manner in dealing with members and witnesses, his close attention and impartial summing-up of the evidence has enabled the Committee to arrive at unanimous conclusions; and it desires that this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the Committee and reported to the House.

20th December, 1933.

R. SEMPLE,
Member of the Committee.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Public Petitions M to Z Committee, consisting of ten members, held fourteen meetings during the session; the average attendance at each meeting was seven. The following table shows the disposal of the business which came before the Committee:—

Petitions referred to the Committee	132
Petitions dealt with	107
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Petitions referred for favourable consideration	28
Petitions referred for consideration	4
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Petitions withdrawn	2
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20th December, 1933.

F. LYE, Chairman.

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