No. 189.—Petition of H. E. PIPER and 1,789 Others.

Praying for exemption from the provisions for compulsory unionism contained in section 18 of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Act, 1936.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be

referred to the Government for consideration.

23rd October, 1936.

No. 38.—Petition of A. H. RAE, of Auckland.

Praying for additional compensation for injuries sustained whilst employed on relief works. 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 the subject-matter be referred to a medical referee to be agreed upon by the petitioner and the State Insurance Department, and, failing such agreement, that it be referred to the Arbitration Court.

27th October, 1936.

No. 277.—Petition of J. Falconer, of Oamaru.

Praying for further compensation on account of an injury sustained while employed by the Public Works Department.

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 suitable employment be found for the petitioner in the Public Works Department.

27th October, 1936.

No. 266.—Petition of J. Rider, of Christchurch.

Praying for compensation for injuries allegedly sustained in the course of his employment. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make. 29th October, 1936.

No. 140.—Petition of W. J. MEADE and 122 Others, of Dunedin.

Praying for amendment of the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill.

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. 29th October, 1936.

No. 135.—Petition of C. Stevens and 195 Others, of Wellington.

Praying for amendment of the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill.

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. 29th October, 1936.

No. 136.—Petition of A. S. TAYLOR and 76 Others, of Christchurch.

Praying for amendment of the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill.

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.

C. H. CHAPMAN, for Chairman.

29th October, 1936.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report that at its final meeting the Labour Bills Committee passed the following resolution: "That this Committee place on record its appreciation of the capable manner in which Mr. C. H. Chapman carried out the duties of Chairman in the absence of Mr. McKeen in Europe, and directs that this resolution be reported to the House."

D. W. COLEMAN, a Member of the Committee.

29th October, 1936.