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NEW ZEALAND.

LOCAL BILLS COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. J. W. MUNRO, CHAIRMAN.)

Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives.

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

THURSDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 1936.

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 and 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. Anderton, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Herring, Mr. Klye, Mr. Munro, Captain Rushworth, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wright, and the Mover."—(Hon. Mr. PARRY.)

THURSDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF MAY, 1936.

Ordered, "That, in reference to the Taupiri Drainage and River Board Empowering Bill, Standing Order 366 be suspended so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which local Bills may be introduced, and that the Bill be allowed to be introduced and to proceed."—(Mr. COULTER.)

FRIDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF MAY, 1936.

Ordered, "That, in reference to the Napier Harbour Board and Napier Borough Enabling Bill, Standing Order 366 be suspended so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which local Bills may be introduced, and that the Bill be allowed to be introduced and to proceed."—(Mr. CULLEN, for the Hon. Mr. BARNARD.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF MAY, 1936.

Ordered, "That, in reference to the Lyttelton Harbour Board Bill, Standing Order 366 be suspended so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which local Bills may be introduced, and that the Bill be allowed to be introduced and to proceed."—(Mr. MCCOMBS.)

Ordered, "That, in reference to the Port Christchurch Referendum Bill, Standing Order 366 be suspended so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which local Bills may be introduced, and that the Bill be allowed to be introduced and to proceed."—(Mr. MCCOMBS.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1936.

Ordered, "That, with respect to the Auckland City Abattoir Bill, the Standing Orders relating to local Bills be suspended in so far as to allow the Bill to be introduced and to be proceeded with as a local Bill, notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders 361 and 366 have not been complied with, and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(Mr. ANDERTON.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1936.

Ordered, "That, with respect to the Nelson Waterworks Extension Amendment Bill, the Standing Orders relating to local Bills be suspended in so far as to allow the Bill to be introduced and to be proceeded with as a local Bill, notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders 361, 362, and 366 have not been complied with and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(Mr. ATMORE.)

THURSDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1936.

Ordered, "That, with respect to the Sumner Borough Empowering Bill, the Standing Orders relating to local Bills be suspended in so far as to allow the Bill to be introduced and to be proceeded with as a local Bill, notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders 361 and 366 have not been complied with and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(Mr. MCCOMBS.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1936.

Ordered, "That, with respect to the Auckland Metropolitan Milk Amendment Bill, the Standing Orders relating to local Bills be suspended in so far as to allow the Bill to be introduced and to be proceeded with as a local Bill, notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders 361 and 366 have not been complied with and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(Mr. ANDERTON.)

FRIDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1936.

Ordered, "That, with respect to the Bay of Islands Harbour Amendment Bill, the Standing Orders relating to local Bills be suspended in so far as to allow the Bill to be introduced and to be proceeded with as a local Bill, notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders 361 and 366 have not been complied with and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(Mr. BARCLAY.)

Ordered, "That, with respect to the Hawke's Bay Rivers Amendment Bill, the Standing Orders relating to local Bills be suspended in so far as to allow the Bill to be introduced and to be proceeded with as a local Bill, notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders 361 and 366 have not been complied with and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(Mr. HOWARD, for Mr. CHRISTIE, on behalf of the Hon. Mr. BAENARD.)

Ordered, "That, with respect to the Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill, the Standing Orders relating to local Bills be suspended in so far as to allow the Bill to be introduced and to be proceeded with as a local Bill, notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders 361 and 366 have not been complied with and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(Mr. ANDERTON.)

THURSDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1936.

Ordered, "That the Local Bills Committee have leave to sit during the present sitting of the House."—(Mr. MUNRO.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1936.

Ordered, That, with respect to the Ashburton County River District Bill, the Standing Orders relating to local Bills be suspended in so far as to allow the Bill to be introduced and to be proceeded with as a local Bill, notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders 361 and 366 have not been complied with and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(Mr. HERRING.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1936.

Ordered, "That, with respect to the Wellington City Empowering Bill, the Standing Orders relating to local Bills be suspended in so far as to allow the Bill to be introduced and to be proceeded with as a local Bill, notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders 361 and 366 have not been complied with and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(Mr. WRIGHT.)

Ordered, "That with respect to the Motueka Harbour Board Amendment Bill, the Standing Orders relating to local Bills be suspended in so far as to allow the Bill to be introduced and to be proceeded with as a local Bill, notwithstanding that the requirements of Standing Orders 361 and 366 have not been complied with and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(Mr. HOLYOAKE.)

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REPORTS.

WELLINGTON CITY RECLAMATION AND 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, in that the Crown is interested in the area of sea-bed and foreshore referred to in the First Schedule.

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

8th May, 1936.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOROUGH LAND EXCHANGE AND 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, in that clause 6 concerns public domains vested in His Majesty, and clause 7 concerns a public reserve subject to the provisions of the Public Reserves, Domains, and National Parks Act, 1928.

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

8th May, 1936.

TAUPIRI DRAINAGE AND 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, 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 be introduced and to proceed; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

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

14th May, 1936.

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 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 be introduced and to proceed; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

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

28th May, 1936.

LYTTELTON HARBOUR BOARD BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that the honourable member in charge of the Bill having intimated to the Committee that he desires, at the request of the promoters, to withdraw the Bill, the Committee recommends that leave to withdraw the Bill be granted him accordingly.

4th June, 1936.

PORT CHRISTCHURCH REFERENDUM BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that the honourable member in charge of the Bill having intimated to the Committee that he desires, at the request of the promoters, to withdraw the Bill, the Committee recommends that leave to withdraw the Bill be granted him accordingly.

4th June, 1936.

AUCKLAND CITY ABATTOIR 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, in so far as they relate to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which local Bills may be advertised and introduced, were suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and to proceed; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

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

28th August, 1936.

NELSON WATERWORKS EXTENSION 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 not been complied with, but were suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and proceeded with; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

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

3rd September, 1936.

J. W. MUNRO, Chairman.

SUMNER BOROUGH 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 such parts of Standing Orders 361 and 366 as were suspended to enable the Bill to be introduced and proceeded with; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, in that the area described in the First Schedule is a public reserve subject to the provisions of the Public Reserves, Domains, and National Parks Act, 1928.

That 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, 1936.

R. A. WRIGHT, for Chairman.

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 such parts of Standing Orders 361 and 366 as were suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and proceeded with; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, in that the Bill includes in the Hawke's Bay Rivers District the area described in the Second Schedule, which is portion of the Ahuriri Lagoon Reserve, over which the Crown holds leasehold rights for the purpose of developing the area under the provisions of the Small Farms (Relief of Unemployment) Act, 1932-33.

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

30th September, 1936.

AUCKLAND METROPOLITAN MILK 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 such parts of Standing Orders 361 and 366 as were suspended to enable the Bill to be introduced and proceeded with; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

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

30th September, 1936.

BAY OF ISLANDS HARBOUR 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 such parts of Standing Orders 361 and 366 as were suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and proceeded with; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

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

1st October, 1936.

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, with the exception of such parts of Standing Orders 361 and 366 as were suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and proceeded with; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

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

1st October, 1936.

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, with the exception of such parts of Standing Orders 361 and 366 as were suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and proceeded with; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

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

15th October, 1936.

ASHBURTON COUNTY RIVER DISTRICT 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 such parts of Standing Orders 361 and 366 as were suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and proceeded with; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

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

21st October, 1936.

MOTUEKA HARBOUR BOARD 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 such parts of Standing Orders 361 and 366 as were suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and proceeded with; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

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

21st October, 1936.

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 said Bill and taken evidence thereon, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed without amendment.

J. W. MUNRO, Chairman.

28th October, 1936.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Local Bills Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the very able conduct of its proceedings during the session by the Chairman, Mr. J. W. Munro.

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

29th October, 1936.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Local Bills Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the efficient services of the Clerk, Mr. W. N. Wood.

29th October, 1936.

FINAL REPORT.

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

There were referred to the Committee sixteen local Bills and the Local Legislation Bill, all of which were considered and reported on.

The Committee wishes to draw attention to the fact that, except in two instances, the Standing Orders relating to local Bills were suspended by the House to enable the Bills to be introduced and proceeded with. The non-compliance with the Standing Orders by local authorities was, it is understood, due to their belief that local Bills could not be considered during the first part of the session because of pressure of Government business. In the circumstances, the Committee considers that the suspension of the Standing Orders was warranted, but desires to emphasize the importance of compliance with them, and accordingly recommends that the Government, through the Department of Internal Affairs, notify all local authorities that, save in exceptional circumstances, a strict compliance with the Standing Orders will in future be required of them.

J. W. MUNRO, Chairman.

29th October, 1936.

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