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NEW ZEALAND.

NATIONAL HEALTH AND SUPERANNUATION COMMITTEE

(REPORT OF THE), ON THE PROPOSALS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH IN NEW ZEALAND
A NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE AND A NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION SERVICE.†

(REV. A. H. NORDMEYER, CHAIRMAN.)

Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE AND ORDER OF REFERENCE.

EXTRACT FROM THE JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Wednesday, the 9th Day of March, 1938.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting, by leave, of eleven members, to examine the proposals of the Government (1) to establish a National Health Service for the purpose of ensuring to all persons ordinarily resident in New Zealand (as occasion may require) adequate medical, surgical, pharmaceutical, dental, hospital, nursing, or other treatment necessary to maintain sound physical and mental health and to assist recovery in the event of sickness (including the establishment of a Nursing and Domestic Help Service to provide for skilled assistance in the home in cases where sickness, ill-health, or other circumstances render such assistance necessary), and (2) to establish a National Superannuation Service whereby provision shall be made that all persons ordinarily resident in New Zealand shall be assured of an adequate income to maintain them in reasonable comfort when they become unable to support themselves by reason of old age, infirmity, sickness, or other disability, or on account of widowhood or other special conditions, and to report to this House (a) generally on the proposals, with recommendations if the Committee thinks fit as to their extension or limitation; (b) as to the best means to be adopted for the financing of the proposed services; (c) as to the administration of the proposed services; (d) as to the conditions subject to which persons shall be entitled to the benefits proposed to be conferred by the said services; (e) with respect to the co-ordination of the proposed services with any existing services of a like kind for which provision is made by public or private organizations or institutions; (f) as to such other matters in relation to the said proposals as the Committee thinks fit: That the Committee have power to consider any other matters relative to the above proposals that may from time to time be referred to it by the Government, and may report from time to time to the Government: That the Committee have power to sit on days on which the House is not sitting and during the recess and for twenty-eight days after the commencement of the next session, at such times and at such places as the Committee may see fit, and that, in the event of the Committee sitting during the recess, that it report to this House within twenty-eight days after the commencement of the next ensuing session of Parliament: That the proceedings of the Committee during the taking of evidence be open to accredited representatives of the press: the Committee to consist of the following members—Mr. Atmore, Mr. Barnes, the Hon. Mr. Cobbe, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kyle, the Hon. Mr. Nash, the Rev. Mr. Nordmeyer, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Richards, Mr. Robertson, and the Mover." On motion of the Right Hon. Mr. SAVAGE.

A true extract.

(Sgd.) T. D. H. HALL,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

It was decided by the Government that Messrs. B. C. Ashwin, G. H. Maddex, and J. S. Reid should be attached to the Committee as an expert Secretariat, also that Dr. M. H. Watt, Messrs. A. O. Keisenberg, and C. E. Wynne represent the Department of Health, while Mr. R. S. Wogan, Secretary, Public Service Superannuation Board, was nominated as Secretary of the Committee.