

1938.

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 14TH DAY OF JULY, 1938.

*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 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, the Rev. Mr. Carr, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Herring, Mr. Kyle, Mr. Munro, Captain Rushworth, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wright, and the Mover."—(Hon. Mr. PARRY.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1938.

*Ordered*, "That in reference to the Wellington City Housing 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. WRIGHT.)

*Ordered*, "That in reference to the Coromandel County Reclamation and 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. RICHARDS.)

*Ordered*, "That in reference to the Otago Harbour 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. MUNRO.)

*Ordered*, "That in reference to the Timaru Borough 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."—(Rev. Mr. CARR.)

THURSDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1938.

*Ordered*, "That in reference to the Geraldine County River District Amendment 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. T. D. BURNETT.)

THURSDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1938.

*Ordered*, "That in reference to the Auckland Electric-power Board Amendment 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."—(Hon. Mr. MASON.)

TUESDAY, THE 23RD DAY OF AUGUST, 1938.

*Ordered*, "That in reference to the Napier Airport Amendment 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. HOWARD, for Hon. Mr. BARNARD.)

*Ordered*, "That in reference to the Southland Land Drainage Amendment 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."—(Hon. Mr. HAMILTON, for Colonel HARGEST.)

THURSDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1938.

*Ordered*, "That in reference to the Dunedin Drainage and Sewerage 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. MUNRO.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1938.

*Ordered*, "That the Standing Orders on private Bills be suspended so as to allow the private Bill intituled the Cornwall Park Trustees Rating Exemption Act, 1938, to be introduced on motion forthwith, and to be proceeded with and passed through all its stages in accordance with the procedure prescribed for public Bills instead of that prescribed for private Bills."—(Mr. ENDEAN.)

*Ordered*, "That the Cornwall Park Trustees Rating Exemption Bill be referred to the Local Bills Committee."—(Mr. ENDEAN.)

*Ordered*, "That in reference to the Greymouth Harbour Board Loan Bill the Standing Orders relating to local Bills be suspended 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, 365, 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. O'BRIEN.)

THURSDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1938.

*Ordered*, "That in reference to the Nelson City Empowering Bill the Standing Orders relating to local Bills be suspended 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, 364, 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.)

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## REPORTS.

### PALMERSTON NORTH CITY 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; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected; and that the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.

22nd July, 1938.

### TAURANGA 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; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected; and that the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

22nd July, 1938.

PARITUTU CENTENNIAL PARK 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; and 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 July, 1938.

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WELLINGTON CITY EMPOWERING AND 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, in that the Bill provides for the construction of certain works on land—namely, the bed of Wellington Harbour—which is in the title of the Crown; and that the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

3rd August, 1938.

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

11th August, 1938.

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OHAI RAILWAY 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; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected; and that the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

11th August, 1938.

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LOWER CLUTHA RIVER IMPROVEMENT 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 parts of the land included in the proposed Lower Clutha River Trust District are Crown lands; and that the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

24th August, 1938.

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AUCKLAND METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE 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 empowers the proposed Auckland Metropolitan Drainage Board to carry out works on Crown lands; and that the honourable member in charge of the Bill has informed the Committee that he desires to withdraw the same, and the Committee therefore recommends that leave to withdraw the Bill be granted him accordingly.

24th August, 1938.

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OTAGO 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 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; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected; and that the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

24th August, 1938.

## TIMARU 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 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; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected; and that the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.

24th August, 1938.

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## COROMANDEL COUNTY 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, 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; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, in that part of the lands proposed to be reclaimed for the purpose of providing an aerodrome for the District of Coromandel are Crown lands; and that the honourable member in charge of the Bill has informed the Committee that he desires to withdraw the same and the Committee therefore recommends that leave to withdraw the Bill be granted him accordingly.

24th August, 1938.

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## AUCKLAND ELECTRIC-POWER 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 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; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected; and that the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

25th August, 1938.

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## GERALDINE COUNTY RIVER DISTRICT 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; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected; and that the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

25th August, 1938.

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## NAPIER AIRPORT 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; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected; and 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 September, 1938.

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## WELLINGTON CITY HOUSING 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; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected; and 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 September, 1938.

## SOUTHLAND LAND 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, 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; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, in that clause 8 specifically purports to bind the Crown. (NOTE.—If the amendments of the Committee are adopted, clause 8 will be deleted); and that the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed thereto.

8th September, 1938.

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## DUNEDIN DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE 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; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected; and 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 September, 1938.

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## CORNWALL PARK TRUSTEES RATING EXEMPTION BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Cornwall Park Trustees Rating Exemption Bill (a private 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.

12th September, 1938.

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## GREYMOUTH 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 not been complied with; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected; and that the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

12th September, 1938.

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## NELSON 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 not been complied with, but were suspended by the House; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected; and that the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

13th September, 1938.

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## LOCAL LEGISLATION BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Local Legislation 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.

13th September, 1938.

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**LOCAL LEGISLATION BILL (Amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General, and contained in Supplementary Order Paper No. 18).**

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the amendments to the Local Legislation Bill proposed by His Excellency the Governor-General and contained in Supplementary Order Paper No. 18, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the said amendments and taken evidence thereon, and recommends that they be allowed to proceed without amendment.

J. W. MUNRO, Chairman.

14th September, 1938.

## SPECIAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that the Local Bills Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the able and impartial manner in which the Chairman, Mr. J. W. Munro, has presided over its deliberations during the session.

CLYDE CARR, Member of the Committee.

14th September, 1938.

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## SPECIAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that the Local Bills Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the efficient services rendered to it by the Clerk of the Committee, Mr. W. N. Wood.

14th September, 1938.

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## FINAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that the Local Bills Committee, consisting of ten members, has held during the session seventeen meetings, with an average attendance of six members per meeting. The Committee has had referred to it nineteen local Bills, the Cornwall Park Trustees Rating Exemption Bill (a private Bill), and the Local Legislation Bill, all of which were considered and reported on.

J. W. MUNRO, Chairman.

14th September, 1938.

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