

1940.
NEW ZEALAND.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(Mr. J. HODGENS, CHAIRMAN.)

Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives.

ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

THURSDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF JULY, 1940.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting, by leave, of eleven members, to consider all matters in connection with industries and commerce that may be referred to it: the Committee to consist of Mr. Barrell, Mr. Doidge, Mr. Hodgens, Mr. Holland, the Hon. Dr. McMillan, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Petrie, Mr. Richards, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Wilkinson, and the Mover."—(Hon. Mr. NASB, for the Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN.)

Ordered, "That during the present session all Select Committees appointed by the House have leave to sit on days on which the House is not sitting, provided that when it is proposed to sit on any such day at least three days' notice shall be given to each member of the Committee of the date of the sitting."—(Right Hon. Mr. FRASER.)

THURSDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1940.

Ordered, "That the Sea Carriage of Goods Bill be referred to the Industries and Commerce Committee."—(Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN.)

FRIDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1940.

Ordered, "That the Industries and Commerce Committee have leave to sit during the present sitting of the House."—(Mr. HODGENS.)

REPORTS.

SEA CARRIAGE OF GOODS BILL.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Industries and Commerce Committee has carefully considered the Sea Carriage of Goods Bill, and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.
29th November, 1940.

No. 26.—Petition of J. T. HART and 14 others, of Timaru; and 22 similar petitions (as per Schedule attached).

PRAYING that provision be made for variation of existing contracts in consonance with changes in awards and increases in cost of materials.

I have the honour to report that at the hearing the petitioners stated that they did not now ask for any variation in respect to future tenders for private work, and to that extent the Committee regarded the petition as amended.

In regard to Government contracts, the Committee is of the opinion that any request for alteration of the terms of a contract could be dealt with by negotiation between the contractor and the Government.

In so far as local-body contracts are concerned, if a local body is satisfied that an increased payment is justified because of increased costs, it can apply for appropriate validating legislation in respect to such increased payment.

SCHEDULE.

No. of Petition.	Petitioner.
27	Algar, H., and Son, and 100 others, Wellington.
30	Gray Bros., Ltd., and 56 others, Invercargill.
34	Townsend, H. E., Ltd., and 17 others, Palmerston North.
35	Fletcher Construction, Ltd., and 391 others, Auckland.
36	Chisholm, L. W., and 16 others, Wanganui.
39	Angus, W. M., and 140 others, Napier.
40	Mossman, J. A., and 9 others, Hastings.
41	Loader, L. W., and 39 others, Christchurch.
42	Thomson, J. M., and 4 others, New Plymouth.
43	Jones, W. E., and 21 others, Hutt.
44	Turnbull and Jones, Ltd., and 29 others, Wellington.
46	Electric Construction Co. of New Zealand, Ltd., and 27 others, Auckland.
48	Rose, F. G., and 20 others, Auckland.
49	Foothead, W., and 35 others, Wellington.
50	Richardson, G. W., and 7 others, Auckland.
51	Allomes, H., and 27 others, Wanganui.
52	Lister, R., and 38 others, Christchurch.
56	Rawlinson, L., and 33 others, Hamilton.
57	Baxter, G. R., and 21 others, Invercargill.
62	Steele, F., and 141 others, Dunedin.
68	Gibson, A., and Son, Ltd., and 10 others, Blenheim.
83	Hunter, A. E., and 16 others, Christchurch.

No. 53.—Petition of A. SULLIVAN and 1,017 Others, Christchurch; and 3 similar petitions (as per Schedule attached).

PRAYING that an increase in the monthly petrol allowance be made.

I have the honour to report that, after giving full consideration to all the facts, the Committee has no recommendation to make, but suggests that the Government keep the matter under continuous review, with the object of giving relief to the petitioners when an adequate reserve is in hand and future supplies are assured.

SCHEDULE.

Petition No.	Petitioner.
61	Patterson, A. F., and 39 others.
69	Roberts, J., and 31,467 others.
84	Oswald, J., and 65 others.

5th December, 1940.

No. 87.—Petition of L. H. JOHNSON MOTORS, LIMITED, Hawera.

PRAYING that they be permitted to operate an existing kerbside petrol pump.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

5th December, 1940.

J. HODGENS, Chairman.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Industries and Commerce Committee desires to record its appreciation of the care and ability with which the Chairman, Mr. Hodgens, has conducted the business of the Committee during the session; and it also desires that this resolution shall be recorded on the minutes of the Committee, and be reported to the House.

5th December, 1940.

S. G. HOLLAND, Member of the Committee.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Industries and Commerce Committee desires to record its appreciation of the services rendered by the Clerk, Mr. D. H. Dopson, in the discharge of his various duties during the session; and it also desires that this resolution shall be recorded on the minutes of the Committee, and be reported to the House.

5th December, 1940.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Industries and Commerce Committee, consisting of eleven members, has held six meetings, with an average attendance of six members.

Twenty-eight petitions and one Bill have been considered by the Committee and reported to the House.

5th December, 1940.

J. HODGENS, Chairman.

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