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NEW ZEALAND

LOCAL BILLS COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE)
(MR. D. W. COLEMAN, CHAIRMAN)

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ORDERS OF REFERENCE

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WEDNESDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF JULY, 1948

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of nine 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. Hudson, Mr. Macfarlane, Mr. Massey, Mr. Neale, Mr. Sheat, Mr. Smith, and the Mover."—(Hon. Mr. PARRY.)

THURSDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1948

Ordered, "That the Harbours Amendment Bill be referred to the Local Bills Committee."—(Hon. Mr. HACKETT.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1948

Ordered, "That, with respect to the Auckland City Council and Auckland Harbour Board Empowering Bill, Standing Order 366 be suspended in 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. ANDERTON.)

THURSDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1948

Ordered, "That the Local Bills Committee have leave to sit during the sitting of the House on Friday, the 13th day of August, 1948."—(Mr. COLEMAN.)

FRIDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 1948

Ordered, "That, with respect to the Nelson Harbour Board Further 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 in that notice of the Bill was not published within the time prescribed and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(Mr. NEALE.)

Ordered, "That, with respect to the Ellerslie 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 in that notice of the Bill was not published within the time prescribed and that the Bill is being introduced later than forty-two days after the commencement of the session."—(Mr. OSBORNE, for Mr. T. E. SKINNER.)

THURSDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1948

Ordered, "That the Municipal Corporations Amendment Bill be referred to the Local Bills Committee."—(Hon. Mr. PARRY.)

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CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT DRAINAGE AMENDMENT BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report:—

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

16th July, 1948.

LEVIN BOROUGH EMPOWERING (PLAYFORD PARK) BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report :—

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, in that the land described in the First Schedule and declared by clause 3 to be a public domain is Crown land at present held under lease by the Levin Borough Council.
- (4) 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 July, 1948.

AUCKLAND METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AMENDMENT BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report :—

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) 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 July, 1948.

AUCKLAND COMMUNITY WELFARE CENTRE AND AUCKLAND CITY EMPOWERING AMENDMENT BILL

The Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report :—

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) 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, 1948.

BALCLUTHA HOUSING AMENDMENT BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report :—

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) That the Committee recommends that the Bill be not allowed to proceed.

NOTE.—The Committee also recommends that the Government give consideration to the general question of increasing the present limitation of £1,515 imposed by the various Local Acts relating to housing loans in respect of which local authorities may make advances or guarantee the repayment thereof.

28th July, 1948.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL AND NEW PLYMOUTH HARBOUR BOARD EMPOWERING
AMENDMENT BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report :—

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) 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, 1948.

AUCKLAND CITY EMPOWERING BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report :—

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

18th August, 1948.

GREYMOUTH HARBOUR BOARD ACT 1884 AMENDMENT BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report :—

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, in that clause 6 deals with certain lands the revenue from which the Greymouth Harbour Board is endowed with but the title to which is vested in the Crown.
- (4) That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

20th August, 1948.

HARBOURS AMENDMENT BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Harbours Amendment Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and taken evidence thereon, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with amendment as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

25th August, 1948.

CANTERBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report:—

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected in a technical sense, in that the sections of land referred to in clause 2, being Town Sections 405 and 406, situated in the City of Christchurch, are public reserves within the meaning of the Public Reserves, Domains, and National Parks Act, 1928.
- (4) 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, 1948.

HUTT VALLEY DRAINAGE BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report:—

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, in that clause 35 gives the Hutt Valley Drainage Board, proposed to be constituted under the Bill, power to enter on any land (including public reserves vested in the Crown) for the purpose of taking earth and other material.
- (4) 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, 1948.

CHRISTCHURCH CITY EMPOWERING ACT 1946 REPEAL BILL

THE Local Bills Committee to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report:—

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) 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, 1948.

INVERCARGILL CORPORATION GASWORKS AND ELECTRICITY EMPOWERING BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report:—

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

15th September, 1948.

AUCKLAND CITY COUNCIL AND AUCKLAND HARBOUR BOARD EMPOWERING BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report :—

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) 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 not complied with, but was suspended by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and proceeded with.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are technically affected, in that the Bill deals with lands that have been reclaimed from tidal waters.
- (4) 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 September, 1948.

NELSON HARBOUR BOARD FURTHER EMPOWERING BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report :—

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with, except in the following respects, but were suspended in those respects by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and proceeded with :—
 - (a) Standing Order 361 was not complied with, in that notice of intention to introduce the Bill was not published within the prescribed time ; and
 - (b) Standing Order 366 was not complied with in so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) 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 November, 1948.

ELLERSLIE BOROUGH EMPOWERING BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report :—

- (1) That it is a Local Bill.
- (2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with, except in the following respects, but were suspended in those respects by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and proceeded with :—
 - (a) Standing Order 361 was not complied with, in that notice of intention to introduce the Bill was not published within the prescribed time ; and
 - (b) Standing Order 366 was not complied with in so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced.
- (3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.
- (4) 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 November, 1948.

No. 85—Petition of M. CASTLE and Others, of Upper Hutt

PRAYING that the raising of rates by local bodies be brought within the Government's stabilization policy.

I have the honour to report that the Local Bills Committee has given careful consideration to the whole of the evidence presented to it, and has no recommendation to make.

17th November, 1948.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS AMENDMENT BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the Municipal Corporations Amendment Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and taken evidence thereon, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with amendment as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

17th November, 1948.

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

D. W. COLEMAN, Chairman.

24th November, 1948.

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