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PUBLIC PETITIONS M TO Z COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE)
(DR. A. M. FINLAY, CHAIRMAN)

Laid on the Table of the House of Representatives

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FRIDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF JULY, 1949

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of nine members, to consider all petitions from M to Z which may be referred to it; to classify and prepare abstracts of such petitions in such form and manner as shall appear to it best suited to convey to this House all requisite information respecting their contents, and to report the same from time to time to this House; and to have power to report its opinions and observations thereon to this House: the Committee to consist of Dr. Finlay, Mr. Fortune, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Kent, Mr. Maher, Mr. Neale, Mr. Omana, Mr. T. E. Skinner, and the Mover." (Hon. Mr. HACKETT.)

Ordered, "That all petitions not finally dealt with during the session of 1948 be again referred to the same Committees as they were referred to during the said session."—(Right Hon. Mr. FRASER.)

THURSDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1949

Ordered, "That the Public Petitions M to Z Committee have leave to sit during the present sitting of the House."—(Dr. FINLAY.)

REPORTS

No. 83/1948—Petition of DAVID and JESSIE McCLYMONT

PRAYING that their sojourn in Western Samoa under appointment by the New Zealand Government be deemed to be residence within New Zealand for the purposes of sections 11 and 13 of the Social Security Act, 1938.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition and recommends that the Government give most favourable consideration to the granting of an emergency benefit.

21st July, 1949.

No. 7—Petition of W. S. WILSON

PRAYING that a State lottery be established in New Zealand.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

21st July, 1949.

No. 8—Petition of MARIE J. SEARLE

PRAYING for relief in connection with a house-property transaction.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

4th August, 1949.

No. 92/1948—Petition of H. B. WYLDE

PRAYING for the establishment of a Department of Philosophical Research for the investigation of certain theories advanced by him.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

21st September, 1949.

No. 45—Petition of J. PERRIS

PRAYING for a rehearing of his case and for compensation.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

21st September, 1949.

No. 91/1948—Petition of E. F. SHADBOLT

PRAYING for compensation for damage to property allegedly caused by defence works.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

28th September, 1949.

No. 38—Petition of C. H. TOLLAN

PRAYING for additional compensation in respect of an injury allegedly sustained in the course of his employment.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

28th September, 1949.

No. 94/1948—Petition of H. H. PETRIE and Others ; No. 44—Petition of
W. J. McMILLAN and Others

PRAYING for an inquiry into the proposed schemes of the North Canterbury Catchment Board and amendment to the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act, 1941.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered these petitions and is satisfied that large-scale works are necessary to improve the drainage of the whole area between the Ashley and Waimakariri Rivers, and is not prepared to say that some diversion of the Eyre and other rivers may not be the best way of dealing with the problem. It is of the opinion, however, that the technical advisers of the North Canterbury Catchment Board should give further consideration to the need for all the works proposed by it in view of the long-term rainfall records of the district, and should make further inquiries as to the effect the scheme may have on the water-table along the Eyre River, in particular by obtaining the views of the petitioners and other local residents. After reviewing the matter in the light of this additional information the Board should, by holding sufficient public meetings before commencing work, give an opportunity to all those likely to be affected to hear and discuss its proposals. The Committee has resolved that the petitions and this report be referred to the Government for consideration.

29th September, 1949.

No. 1/1948—Petition of WONG PANG LUNG

PRAYING for an entry permit into New Zealand for his wife and daughters, or alternative relief.

I have the honour to report that the member presenting the petition having requested permission to withdraw it, the Committee recommends that he be allowed to do so.

13th October, 1949.

No. 95/1948—Petition of G. H. RUSSELL

PRAYING for inquiry into certain business transactions and for compensation.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and has no recommendation to make.

13th October, 1949.

No. 66—Petition of H. C. WHEELER

PRAYING for retrospective payment of age-benefit.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that it be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

A. M. FINLAY, Chairman.

13th October, 1949.

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