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# LABOUR BILLS COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. BRADNEY, CHAIRMAN.)

*Presented to the House of Representatives, and ordered to be printed.*

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## ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

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*Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.*

THURSDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF JULY, 1913.

*Ordered*, "That Standing Order No. 219 be suspended, and that a Committee be appointed, consisting of thirteen members, to whom shall be referred Bills more particularly referring to labour; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Atmore, Mr. J. Bollard, Mr. Bradney, Mr. Clark, Mr. Davey, Mr. Glover, Mr. Hindmarsh, Hon. Mr. Millar, Mr. Okey, Mr. Veitch, Mr. Wilkinson, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

FRIDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF JULY, 1913.

*Ordered*, "That the Shops and Offices Bill be referred to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

*Ordered*, "That all petitions not finally dealt with during Session II, 1912, stand referred to the same Committees as they were referred to during the said session."—(Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

TUESDAY, THE 5TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1913.

*Ordered*, "That the petition of Mary Tonge and others be referred direct to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Mr. BRADNEY.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1913.

*Ordered*, "That the petition of the Napier Retailers' Association be referred direct to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Mr. BROWN.)

THURSDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1913.

*Ordered*, "That the Auckland Weekly Half-holiday Bill be referred to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

THURSDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1913.

*Ordered*, "That the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill be referred to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

THURSDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 1913.

*Ordered*, "That the petitions of James Allan and others, and John Belcher and others, be referred direct to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Mr. BRADNEY.)

*Ordered*, "That the petition of Robert Bates and 405 others be referred direct to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Mr. BRADNEY.)

THURSDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1913.

*Ordered*, "That the Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill be referred to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

FRIDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1913.

*Ordered*, "That the petitions of H. M. Smeeton and others, and John Livesey and others, be referred back to the Labour Bills Committee for reconsideration."—(Hon. Mr. MASSEY.)

THURSDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1913.

*Ordered*, "That the petitions of Richard Hughes and others, and John Lowe and others, be referred to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Mr. BRADNEY.)

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## REPORTS.

## SHOPS AND OFFICES BILL.

THE Labour Bills Committee, to which was referred the Shops and Offices Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed with amendments as shown on copy of Bill attached hereto. (*For evidence vide* I.—9A.)

24th October, 1913.

No. 112.—Petition of H. M. SMEETON, of Auckland, and 91 Others.

PRAYING that the Shops and Offices Bill be so amended as to bring Road Boards under the operation of the 17th clause, and that all exemptions shall be removed, including hotel bars.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of this petition has already been dealt with under the Shops and Offices Bill, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th October, 1913.

No. 134.—Petition of JOHN LIVESSEY, of Devonport, and 1,147 Others.

PRAYING that the Shops and Offices Act be so amended as to grant exemption to Devonport from compulsory Saturday closing.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of this petition has already been dealt with under the Shops and Offices Bill, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th October, 1913.

## WORKERS' COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Labour Bills Committee, to which was referred the Workers' Compensation Amendment Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed with amendments as shown on copy of the Bill attached hereto.

11th November, 1913.

## INDUSTRIAL CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.

THE Labour Bills Committee, to which was referred the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the same, and recommends that Part VI and sections 154, 158, and 165 of Part VII only be proceeded with, and that the Minister bring down a new Bill containing these parts amended as shown on the attached draft Bill. (*For evidence vide* I.—9B.)

3rd December, 1913.

No. 112.—Petition of H. M. SMEETON and 91 Others (Second Report).

PRAYING that the Shops and Offices Act be so amended as to bring Road Boards under the operation of the 17th clause, and that all exemptions shall be removed, including hotel bars; and, further, that the Saturday half-holiday may be made compulsory throughout the Dominion.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on the above-mentioned petition.

9th December, 1913.

No. 174—Petition of M. A. SYDENHAM, of Auckland, and 1,009 Others; No. 148—Petition of D. GOLDIE and 1,004 Others; No. 157—Petition of C. H. FURNESS and 1,016 Others; No. 197—Petition of A. ROSSER and 1,200 Others; No. 259—Petition of A. FERGUSON and 808 Others; and No. 322—Petition of J. MACKY and 408 Others.

PRAYING that the law be so amended as to provide that licensed premises shall be compelled to close from 1 o'clock in the afternoon on the statutory closing-day.

I am directed to report that, as this matter affects licensing legislation, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

9th December, 1913.

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No. 436—Petition of RICHARD HUGHES and 10,418 Others; and No. 442—Petition of JOHN LOWE and 618 Others.

PRAYING that the Auckland Half-holiday Bill may not be passed into law.

I am directed to report that, the Bill to which this petition refers having been dealt with, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

9th December, 1913.

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No. 375—Petition of JAMES ALLAN, of Auckland, and 1,109 Others; No. 376—Petition of JOHN BELCHER and 1,149 Others; and No. 377—Petition of ROBERT BATES and 405 Others.

PRAYING that the Auckland Half-holiday Bill may be given favourable consideration.

I am directed to report that, the Bill to which these petitions refer having been dealt with, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

9th December, 1913.

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No. 129.—Petition of JOHNSTON and NOBLE, of Takapuna, and 33 Others.

PRAYING that the shopkeepers of Takapuna and Devonport be allowed to fall in with the City of Auckland in the matter of observing Saturday as the statutory half-holiday.

I am directed to report that, the Bill to which this petition refers having been dealt with, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

9th December, 1913.

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No. 134.—Petition of JOHN LIVESSEY and 1,147 Others (Second Report).

PRAYING that the Shops and Offices Act be so amended as to grant exemption to Devonport from compulsory Saturday closing.

I am directed to report that, the Bill to which this petition refers having been dealt with, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

9th December, 1913.

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No. 109—Petition of ROBERT E. GRAY, of Ponsonby, and 9,999 Others; No. 156—Petition of MARY TONGE and 4,999 Others; and No. 166—Petition of J. JONES and 21 Others.

PRAYING that the Shops and Offices Act be so amended as to give shopkeepers the option of Wednesday or Saturday closing; or, failing that, that all exemptions be extinguished, including publichouse bars, within a ten-mile radius of the Chief Post-office.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on the above-mentioned petition.

9th December, 1913.

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No. 133.—Petition of M. AMOS and 1,846 Others.

PRAYING that the residents of Takapuna and Devonport have no wish to alter the existing circumstances under which they, as a combined district within the mile radius of Auckland, are entitled to the Saturday half-holiday.

I am directed to report that, the Bill to which this petition refers having been dealt with, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

9th December, 1913.

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#### SPECIAL REPORT.

RESOLVED, That this Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the efficient manner in which the Chairman, Mr. J. H. Bradney, has carried out his duties, and that this resolution be reported to the House.

10th December, 1913.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Committee held 30 meetings during the session, the average attendance of members per meeting being 9.

The following business has been transacted :—

Number of Bills referred to the Committee	..	..	..	..	4
Number of Bills reported to the House	..	..	..	..	3
Number of Bills withdrawn	..	..	..	..	1
Number of petitions referred to the Committee	..	..	..	..	19
Number of reports on petitions	..	..	..	..	20
Number held over	..	..	..	..	1

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