# 1927. NEW ZEALAND.

# LABOUR BILLS COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(SIR JOHN LUKE, KT., C.M.G., CHAIRMAN.)

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

#### ORDERS OF REFERENCE.

Extracts from the Journals of the House of Representatives.

Thursday, the 14th Day of July, 1927.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to labour; with power to call for persons and papers; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Horn, Mr. Howard, Mr. Linklater, Sir John Luke, Mr. Lysnar, Mr. McKeen, Mr. McLennan, Mr. Veitch, Mr. Waite, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. Anderson.)

TUESDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF JULY, 1927.

Ordered, "That the Inspection of Machinery Amendment Bill be referred to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Hon. Mr. Anderson.)

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

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Wednesday, the 7th Day of September, 1927.

Ordered, "That the Daylight Baking Bill be referred to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Mr. McComes.)

TUESDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1927.

Ordered, "That the Apprentices Amendment Bill be referred to the Labour Bills Committee."—(Hon. Mr. Anderson.)

FRIDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1927.

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

THURSDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1927.

Ordered, "That the Labour Bills Committee have leave to sit during the sitting of the House each afternoon until evidence on the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill is completed."—(Sir John Luke.)

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### REPORTS.

# No. 106.—Petition of R. A. CAMPBELL and 108 Others.

Praying for a more rigid enforcement of the Police Offences Act in regard to Sunday trading.

I am directed to report that, as the petitioners have not exhausted their legal remedy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

31st August, 1927.

#### SHOPS AND OFFICES AMENDMENT BILL.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered the above Bill, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

16th September, 1927.

# No. 9.—Petition of W. Brims and 1,175 Others.

Praying that the closing-hours of business premises be fixed by Parliament instead of Arbitration Courts, and that Magistrates be empowered to grant exemptions to shopkeepers.

I am directed to report that, as the prayer of the petition has been carefully considered when framing the amendments to the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

23rd September, 1927.

#### INSPECTION OF MACHINERY AMENDMENT BILL.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered the above Bill, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

23rd September, 1927.

# No. 70.—Petition of S. E. Hill and 1,169 Others.

Praying that the closing-hours of shops be fixed by Parliament instead of Arbitration Courts, and that Magistrates be empowered to grant exemptions to small shopkeepers.

I am directed to report that, as the prayer of the petition has been carefully considered when framing the amendments to the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

27th September, 1927.

#### DAYLIGHT BAKING BILL.

I have the honour to report that the Committee, having heard evidence from representatives of employers and employees, recommends that during the recess the Minister of Labour summon a conference of master bakers and their employees, with a view to arranging, if possible, a means of giving effect to the proposals for daylight baking adopted by the International Labour Conference in 1925 at Geneva. The Committee therefore further recommends that the Bill be not allowed to proceed.

· 29th September, 1927.

#### No. 269.—Petition of H. Cooper and 329 Others.

PROTESTING against any legislation which will permit shops remaining open longer than the present bours observed.

I have the honour to report that, as the subject-matter of the petition has been carefully considered when framing the amendments to the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill, upon which the Committee has already reported to the House, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

17th October, 1927.

# APPRENTICES AMENDMENT BILL.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered the above Bill, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed without amendment.

17th October, 1927.

#### No. 298.—Petition of L. C. CROUCHER and 106 Others.

Objecting to any alteration in shopping-hours.

I have the honour to report that, as the subject-matter of the petition has been carefully considered when framing the amendments to the Shops and Offices Amendment Bill, upon which the Committee has already reported to the House, the Committee has no recommendation to make. 20th October, 1927.

### INDUSTRIAL CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION AMENDMENT BILL.

I have, by direction of the Labour Bills Committee, to report the following resolution to the House: That the proceedings of the Committee during the taking of evidence on the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Amendment Bill be open to accredited representatives of the press.

1st November, 1927.

# INDUSTRIAL CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION AMENDMENT BILL.

I have the honour to report that the Labour Bills Committee has carefully considered the above Bill, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

22nd November, 1927,

#### SPECIAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report that the members of the Labour Bills Committee desire to place on record their cordial appreciation of the able and courteous manner in which the Chairman, Sir John Luke, C.M.G., has presided over the deliberations of the Committee during the session; and the members of the Committee further desire that this resolution be reported to the House.

26th November, 1927.

JAMES HORN, Member of the Committee.

#### SPECIAL REPORT.

THE Labour Bills Committee desires to record its great appreciation of the services rendered to it by its Clerk, Mr. Llewellyn Meredith, who throughout the session has shown unfailing tact, ability, and devotion to his work. The Committee further desires that this resolution be recorded in the minutes and reported to the House.

26th November, 1927.

# FINAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report that the Labour Bills Committee, consisting of ten members, has held during the session thirty-eight meetings on thirty-two days, and has received evidence from ninety persons. The average attendance of members at each meeeting has been seven. Five Bills and five petitions were referred to the Committee, all of which have been reported to the House.

26th November, 1927.

JOHN P. LUKE, Chairman.

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