

CITY OF CHRISTCHURCH ELECTRIC-POWER AND LOAN EMPOWERING AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been suspended by the House; and that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

7th October, 1930.

HAWKE'S BAY RIVERS AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a local bill; that the Standing Orders have been suspended by the House; that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, inasmuch as the Bill empowers the Hawke's Bay Rivers Board to construct a new mouth to the Tutaekuri River through lands—namely, a sea-beach—vested in the Crown.

The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

7th October, 1930.

LOCAL LEGISLATION BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it has carefully considered the said Bill and taken evidence thereon, and that it recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed without amendment.

7th October, 1930.

PETONE RAILWAY-CROSSING RAMP BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with; and that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected, inasmuch as the Bill involves an appropriation of public moneys.

The Committee suggests to the promoters that the question of the Petone Ramp should be held over till next session, to enable the local bodies concerned to negotiate with the Government. The Committee recommends that the Bill be not allowed to proceed.

7th October, 1930.

WESTERN ACCESS EMPOWERING BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which the above-mentioned Bill was referred back for further consideration, has the honour to report that it has carefully reconsidered the Bill and taken additional evidence thereon.

After hearing the evidence of objectors who were not aware of the promotion of the Bill until after it was reported upon by the Committee, and in view of the fact that the Committee understood that the Bill had the support of the Wellington City Council and is now informed by some members of the Council that it has not such support, and in view of the fact that it is now clear to the Committee that the opposition to the Bill is much more general than was previously disclosed by evidence, the Committee recommends that the Bill be not allowed to proceed.

7th October, 1930.

WELLINGTON CITY BETTERMENT BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been complied with; and that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

The Committee has carefully considered the Bill and taken evidence thereon, and, whilst it is in favour of the principle of betterment being applied to New Zealand by means of a Betterment Bill applicable to the whole Dominion, it is not in favour of the above-mentioned Bill, and therefore recommends that it be not allowed to proceed.

10th October, 1930.

WELLINGTON CITY AND SUBURBAN HIGHWAYS CONSTRUCTION AND HUTT ROAD AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report that it is a local Bill; that the Standing Orders have been suspended by the House; and that the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

The Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed, with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

14th October, 1930.