

# NEW ZEALAND.

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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 2;

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE.

(Extracted from the Minutes.)

SESSION 1, OF 1854.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1854.

Motion made and question put—That the following Resolution be adopted:—

“That, inasmuch as this first Session of the General Assembly partakes mainly of the character of a Constituent Parliament, which should especially found its enactments rather on carefully defined principles of Legislation than on the temporary expediency of modifying their practical application, this House declares its deliberate opinion that, according to established usage in the British Houses of Parliament, the introduction of any Bill which involves great change in the institutions or policy of the country, should be preceded by the attainment of ample information by the House, as to the past and existing state of those institutions or that policy, and by full and unreserved discussion of the principles on which the proposed change is suggested, and that according to the aforesaid usage, the pursuance of that order of business would be most effectually promoted by the preliminary consideration of resolutions enunciating such principles, in Committee of the whole House.” (*Mr. E. Jerningham Wakefield.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

Messrs. Macandrew  
Gledhill  
Forsaith  
Carleton  
E. G. Wakefield  
O'Neill  
Greenwood  
Bacot  
Taylor  
E. J. Wakefield (Teller)

Noes, 13.

Messrs. Clifford  
Fitzgerald  
Sewell  
Wortley  
Crompton  
Rhodes  
King  
Hart  
Picard  
Revans  
Cutten  
Cargill  
Weld (Teller)