No. 39-Petition of J. GREENWOOD and Others

Praying for the introduction of legislation providing for the compulsory use of humane killing methods in abattoirs and slaughterhouses.

I have the honour to report that the member who presented this petition having expressed, on behalf of the petitioners, a desire to withdraw the same, the Committee recommends that he be allowed to do so.

1st September, 1948.

No. 40-Petition of A. S. Dawson and Others

Praying for an amendment to the Servicemen's Settlement and Land Sales Act, 1943, exempting sales of certain building sections from its provisions.

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

1st September, 1948.

No. 44-Petition of Kathleen I. CLARKE and Others

Praying for the establishment and conduct of a State lottery in New Zealand.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered the petition, and has no recommendation to make in view of the fact that the Gaming Commission's report is before the Government for consideration.

1st September, 1948.

No. 24—Petition of Margaret O. R. L. L. Douglas

Praying for full investigation into circumstances connected with the execution of a deed and subsequent proceedings for relief from further payments under the deed, and if special legislation is recommended, that consideration be given to its early introduction.

I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered the petition, and has no recommendation to make. The Committee, however, is of the opinion that the implementation of the Legal Aid Act would be of great assistance to petitioner and others in a similar position.

30th September, 1948.

No. 57—Petition of CLARA P. JAMES and Others

Praying for amendment to the fair rents and social security legislation providing that age-beneficiaries be given the right to regain possession of their house properties if for their own occupation, and that a reasonable sum in respect of board and lodgings be allowed as a deduction from rent received by such age-beneficiaries during the period they are unable to regain possession of their own homes.

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

6th October, 1948.

No. 64—Petition of L. M. ESTCOURT

Praying for relief on account of alleged wrongful dismissal from the Public Service.

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

6th October, 1948.