

(b) Standing Order 366 was not complied with in so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced.

(3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are not affected.

(4) That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

22nd September, 1949.

No. 40—Petition of F. PARKER and Others, of Southland

PRAYING that a grant be made to the Waikiwi River Board for the purpose of repaying a loan.

I have the honour to report that, whilst the Committee is unable to make a recommendation in regard to the prayer of the petition, it recommends to the Government for favourable consideration the implementation of the proposals in regard to the affairs of the Waikiwi River Board which are outlined in the report to the Committee of the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Council.

22nd September, 1949.

NAPIER HARBOUR BOARD AND NAPIER BOROUGH ENABLING AMENDMENT BILL

THE Local Bills Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has the honour to report:—

(1) That it is a Local Bill.

(2) That the Standing Orders have been complied with, except in the following respects, but were suspended in these respects by the House to enable the Bill to be introduced and proceeded with:—

(a) Standing Order 361 was not complied with, in that notice of intention to introduce the Bill was not published within the prescribed time; and

(b) Standing Order 366 was not complied with in so far as it relates to the number of days from the commencement of the session within which Local Bills may be introduced.

(3) That the rights and prerogatives of the Crown are affected in a technical sense; the land described in the Schedule being harbour endowment, might be held to be a public reserve.

(4) That the Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed with the amendments as shown on the copy of the Bill annexed hereto.

28th September, 1949.

No. 29—Petition of P. RYAN, of Wellington

PRAYING for an amendment to section 4, subsection (3), of the Rating Act, 1925.

I have the honour to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

28th September, 1949.