No. 285.—Petition of Robert Wilberfoss, of Wellington.

Praying for remission or reduction of a penalty for unpaid income-tax in the estate of Hamilton Gilmer (deceased).

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

19th October, 1920.

No. 187.—Petition of Hamilton L. Worthington, of Petone.

Praying that the recommendations of the Public Petitions M to Z Committee be carried out, and not be delayed until the League of Nations has convened another Health Convention dealing with matters of health over the whole world.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, with a recommendation that the question of damage sustained by petitioner be referred to arbitration.

19th October, 1920.

No. 283.—Petition of K. E. Routley and 1,001 Others, of Christchurch (and 4 similar Petitions, as per Schedule attached).

Praying for a substantial reduction in the present excessive cost of the necessaries of life.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petitions should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

19th October, 1920.

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No. 280.—Florence Delaney and 1,003 others. No. 281.—Margaret C. Fryer and 1,030 others. No. 282.—G. A. Baxter and 1,030 others, No. 284.—Jessie Picket and 610 others.

(Debate on question to refer report back to Committee for further consideration interrupted by 5.30 p.m. adjournment.)

No. 318.--Petition of CYRIL R. RULE, of Timaru.

Praying for a compassionate allowance for injuries sustained.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

20th October, 1920.

No. 288.—Petition of HENRIETTA L. SMITH, of Kiritehere, via Te Kuiti.

Praying for compensation for the loss of goods destroyed in the burning of Mr. John Wouldes's camp by the police.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, limited to the question of compensation for property actually destroyed for the public good.

20th October, 1920.

No. 286.—Petition of John Wouldes, of Kiritehere, via Te Kuiti.

Praying for compensation for the destruction of his camp at Devil's Elbow by the police, by fire.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, limited to the question of compensation for property actually destroyed for the public good.

20th October, 1920.

No. 287.—Petition of T. C. Wouldes, of Kiritehere, via Te Kuiti.

Praying for compensation for the loss of goods destroyed by the burning of Mr. John Wouldes's camp by the police.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration, limited to the question of compensation for property actually destroyed for the public good.

20th October, 1920.

No. 304.—Petition of Ernest C. McCormack, of Rotorua.

Praying for compensation for losses sustained in the Waimangu eruption of April, 1917.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee the petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

29th October, 1920.