This Public Bill originated in the House of Representatives, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives, 17th November, 1903.

Hon. Mr. Duncan.

PUBLIC DOMAINS ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title Short Title.

3. Domains not to be let for building. Short Title. Local authority may assist Domain Board with funds. 4. Bush to be preserved.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Public Domains Act, 1881." BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as 5 follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Public Domains Act Short Title. Amendment Act, 1903"; and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Public Domains Act, 1881."

2. A local authority any of whose members are ex officio mem- Local authority 10 bers of a Domain Board may apply any part of its ordinary funds may assist Domain Board with funds. towards the management, improvement, and maintenance of any lands the control of which is delegated to that Board under "The Public Domains Act, 1881," notwithstanding that such lands may be situate outside the district of such local authority.

3. No portion of any domain used for public recreation shall be Domains not to be 15leased for building purposes except with the consent of the Minister let for building. of Lands previously obtained.

4. The natural bush on any domain or reserve set apart for the Bush to be purposes of public recreation shall not be cut or destroyed without preserved. 20 the approval of the Minister of Lands being first obtained.

5. A report of the proceedings of every Domain Board for each Annual report. year shall, within one month from the date of each annual meeting of the Board, be sent to the Minister of Lands; and such report shall include a statement of the receipts and expenditure for the year

25 ended the thirty-first day of December prior to the annual meeting. 6. Should any member of a Domain Board absent himself from When member's

three consecutive meetings without leave his seat shall become seat becomes vacant. vacant.

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