

In the legislative programme for the current session there will be Bills dealing with taxation, loans, education, town planning, local elections and polls, merchandise marks, and wildlife. Other measures to engage your attention will include Bills to consolidate and amend the Companies Act, and to amend the Cinematograph Films Act 1928, the Municipal Corporations Act, the law relating to public domains, the Local Government Commission Act, the Forests Act, the Fire Services Act, the Impounding Act 1908, the licensing law, and the Electoral Act.

In the field of transport, legislation to reduce the hazards arising from intensified road traffic and generally to maintain a high level of safety for all classes of road users will be submitted for your consideration.

You will also be asked to consider a Bill to give effect to certain recommendations of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the waterfront industry.

The programme will also include amendments to the gaming legislation providing more effective penalties against illegal betting and dealing with gaming generally, amendments to the Coal Mines Act 1925, the Mining Act 1926, the Quarries Act 1944, the Tenancy Act, the Land Subdivision in Counties Act, and the Rabbit Nuisance Act. You will be asked to consider a Bill consolidating and amending the law relating to the powers and functions of the New Zealand Dairy Board, and also a Bill defining the functions of the Department of Agriculture.

Following the precedent of similar legislation in the United Kingdom, you will be asked to consider a Courts-martial Appeals Bill. This will establish a special Court of Appeal to hear and determine appeals by servicemen from the decision of Courts-martial. My Ministers also propose to introduce an Armed Forces Bill which will deal with matters common to the three Armed Services but not dealt with in their respective Acts.

To overcome difficulties which have confronted the Government in taking title to property, particularly property acquired overseas, my Ministers propose to submit for your consideration a Bill providing for the establishment of a corporation with power to hold and deal with New Zealand Government property both in and outside New Zealand.

All these matters I commend to your careful consideration, and I pray for Divine guidance in your deliberations.