

A Select Committee is to report back to the House on last year's Education Amendment Bill which includes provisions giving effect to the recommendations of the Committee on the Registration and Discipline of Teachers, and new clauses for the handling of the affairs of education controlling authorities in the event of mismanagement.

A Bill to consolidate the Education Act 1964 will be introduced late in this Session for study by a Select Committee during the recess. The Bill will contain a complete review of the statutory functions carried out by the Department and education controlling authorities. The aim will be, wherever possible, to deal with matters of principle in the Bill and to leave administrative detail to regulations and notification in the *New Zealand Gazette* and *Education Gazette*.

A Music Teachers Registration Bill will create an Institute of Registered Music Teachers.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS, the electoral laws and their administration are being comprehensively reviewed and legislation will follow in this Session.

Inquiries into aspects of the liquor legislation will also form the basis of an amending Bill. A Credit Contracts Bill, and a Friendly Societies and Credit Unions Bill, and a Summary Offences Bill will also be considered.

A Courts Amendment Bill and a new Juries Bill will take up a number of further recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Courts.

The Wanganui Computer Centre Act 1976 will be amended to make the computer system fully effective as an aid in the administration of justice—as well as ensuring that the privacy of the individual is adequately protected.

Measures dealing with youth imprisonment and restitution and reparation will be contained in a Criminal Justice Bill. A Crimes Amendment Bill will clarify the law of self defence and a Summary Offences Bill will also be considered.

The preservation of law and order is a main priority. Public confidence in the integrity and ability of the Police was heightened by their versatile handling of the Mt. Erebus disaster.

A Civil Defence Bill to revise and replace the 1962 Act will be introduced.

A revised Passports Bill will be introduced to update the 1946 legislation. This Bill will provide for the issue of passports as of right, but with power for the Minister of Internal Affairs to withhold passports in certain circumstances.

The law relating to the protection of diplomats will be reviewed.

Despite continuing instability and tensions in the international situation—and economic, financial, and political problems stemming from that situation—the Government will actively pursue international policies designed to preserve and strengthen our vital interests. It will assert vigorously, both bilaterally and multilaterally, New Zealand's right to trade on world markets.