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*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 October, 1919.

Hon. Sir James Allen.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Better Provision for the Administration of External Affairs.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1.) This Act may be cited as the External Affairs Act, 1919. Short Title.
- (2.) This Act shall come into operation on the first day of December, nineteen hundred and *nineteen*. Commencement.
- 10 2. The Governor-General may appoint a member of the Executive Council to hold office during his pleasure as the Minister of External Affairs. Minister of External Affairs.
- 15 3. There shall be an officer of the Public Service to be called the Secretary for External Affairs, who shall, under the control of the Minister of External Affairs, exercise and perform such secretarial and other functions relative to the Ministry of External Affairs as the Minister may determine. Secretary for External Affairs.
- 20 4. There may be appointed such clerks and other officers of the Public Service as may be deemed necessary to assist the Secretary for External Affairs in the execution of his office. Officers assisting the Secretary.
5. The Secretary, together with such clerks and officers, shall be attached to and form part of such Department of the Public Service as may from time to time be lawfully determined. Secretary and other officers to be attached to some Department of the Public Service.
- 25 6. (1.) There are hereby transferred to the Minister of External Affairs all the powers, functions, and duties of the Minister for the Cook Islands under the Cook Islands Act, 1915. Cook Islands Act, 1915, amended.
- (2.) The Cook Islands Act, 1915, is hereby amended—
 - (a.) By repealing the definitions of "Minister" and "Secretary" in section two thereof:
 - 30 (b.) By repealing sections five to eight thereof.

(3.) All references in the Cook Islands Act, 1915, or in any regulations in force thereunder to the Minister for the Cook Islands shall be read and shall operate as references to the Minister of External Affairs, and all references in that Act or in any such regulations to the Secretary for the Cook Islands shall be read and shall operate as references to the Secretary for External Affairs. 5

(4.) All acts of authority done by the Minister for the Cook Islands and in force at the commencement of this Act shall continue in force as if done by the Minister of External Affairs.

Minister of External Affairs to administer the Government of dependencies of New Zealand.

7. In respect of any territory out of New Zealand which may at any time be a dependency of New Zealand or otherwise be under the jurisdiction of the Government or Parliament of New Zealand, the Minister of External Affairs shall be charged with the administration of the government of that territory in accordance with the constitution and laws of that territory as duly established. 10

Other administrative functions of Minister of External Affairs.

8. The Minister of External Affairs shall be charged with such other administrative functions relative to the external affairs of the Dominion of New Zealand as the Governor-General in exercise of his lawful authority in that behalf may think fit to entrust to him. 15