

[AS REPORTED FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE]

House of Representatives, 27 November 1962

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Hon. Mr Tennent

**RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION AND OBSERVANCES
IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to make provision for religious instruction and observances in public schools

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

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Religious Instruction and Observances in Public Schools Act 1962, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Education
10 Act 1914* (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

*1931 Reprint, Vol. II, p. 1007

Amendments: 1932-33, No. 49; 1934-35, No. 46; 1936, No. 44; 1938, No. 14; 1947, No. 53; 1948, No. 68; 1949, No. 17; 1950, No. 77; 1952, No. 39; 1953, No. 70; 1954, No. 56; 1955, No. 87; 1957, No. 101; 1958, No. 54; 1959, No. 23; 1960, No. 56; 1961, No. 56

4. Teachers may be freed from duties to take part in religious instruction or observances—Any teacher at a public school shall, if the School Committee for the school district in which the school is situated so approves, at his request be
5 freed from school duties for up to thirty minutes a week to allow him to take part in his own school in religious instruction and religious observances or either,

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10 but no person shall directly
or indirectly bring any pressure to bear on a teacher to induce the teacher to take any such part, and the position of any teacher and his opportunities for appointments and for promotion shall not be adversely affected because he does not
15 take part in religious instruction and religious observances or either.

5. Schools other than public schools not affected—Nothing in this Act shall affect religious instruction or religious observances in schools other than public schools.