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**COMMONWEALTH GAMES BOYCOTT
INDEMNITY**

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

**An Act to indemnify the Commonwealth Games of 1974
against losses owing to boycott**

5 WHEREAS the Xth British Commonwealth Games are to
be held in Christchurch in 1974; and whereas certain
Commonwealth states have threatened to boycott the said
games unless the proposed South African rugby tour of New
Zealand is cancelled or stopped by the Government; And
10 whereas such threats are repugnant to all true sportsmen
and communities living by democratic ideals; and whereas
it is desirable to exclude such threats and the fear of such
threats to the financial viability of the games from the public
debate on the merits or otherwise of proceeding with the
rugby tour:

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

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Commonwealth Games Boycott Indemnity Act 1973.

No. 21—1

Price 5c

2. Minister of Finance to give authority—If any Commonwealth state shall cause its athletes to refrain by way of boycott from attending and participating in the Xth British Commonwealth Games at Christchurch in 1974, the Minister of Finance, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, shall indemnify Xth British Commonwealth Games Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Act 1955, and having for its principal object the organisation, management, and financial control of the British Commonwealth Games to be held in Christchurch in 1974, against any losses attributable to such boycott. 5 10

3. Public Expenditure Committee to recommend amount of liability—(1) In the event of any liability arising under section 2 of this Act the Minister of Finance shall pay a sum or sums by way of indemnity. The amount of indemnity so payable shall be recommended by the Public Expenditure Committee of the House of Representatives after such inquiry as it considers necessary, such inquiry to be undertaken without further authority than this section. 15

(2) Any sum payable by way of indemnity, as recommended by the Public Expenditure Committee pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, shall be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Account or out of such other account as the Minister of Finance directs. 20