

PART III

THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

*Minutes of Proceedings*  
OF THE  
**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

No. 27

Wednesday 22 August 1979

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1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to Sessional Order passed on 23 November 1978 - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
  2. NOTICES: The following notices were given:  
  
Mr Perron: To present the Tenancy Bill (No. 2) 1979 (Serial 328) and the Pay-roll Tax Bill (No. 2) 1979 (Serial 317).  
  
Mr Dondas: To present the Parole of Prisoners Bill 1979 (Serial 332).
  3. ABSENCE OF MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND WORKS: Mr Everingham (Chief Minister) made a statement relating to the absence of the Minister for Transport and Works due to illness and advised Members that questions relating to the absent Minister's areas of responsibility should be directed to the Chief Minister.
  4. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
  5. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR - Mr M.T. WILLIAMS, M.P: Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that Mr M.T. Williams, M.P., a member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, was present in the Gallery. Mr Speaker formally welcomed the distinguished visitor.
  6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - INTRODUCE BILLS WITHOUT NOTICE AND PASS THROUGH ALL STAGES: Mr Everingham (Chief Minister) moved -  
  
That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent 8 Bills relating to the establishment of the Electricity Commission -  
  
(a) being presented and read a first time together and one motion being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stages and the third readings of the Bills together;  
  
(b) the consideration of the Bills separately in the committee of the whole; and  
  
(c) passing through all stages at this sittings.  
  
The motion having been supported by an absolute majority, Mr Speaker declared the question resolved in the affirmative.
  7. ELECTRICITY COMMISSION BILLS - ELECTRICITY COMMISSION BILL (No. 3) 1979 (Serial 318), PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1979 (Serial 319), ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND CONTRACTORS BILL (No. 2) 1979 (Serial 320), TRAFFIC BILL (No. 2) 1979 (Serial 321), FIREARMS BILL 1979 (Serial 322), SOCIAL WELFARE BILL 1979 (Serial 323), CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE BILL (No. 2) 1979 (Serial 325) and WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL (No. 3) 1979 (Serial 326): Mr Everingham (Chief Minister),

pursuant to resolution, presented the Bills which were thereupon read a first time.

Mr Everingham moved -

That the Bills be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

8. BROADCASTING OF BUDGET SPEECH: Mr Robertson (Minister for Education), by leave, moved -

That this Assembly, for the purposes of section 24 of the *Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act* authorizes the broadcasting of the Budget Speech of the Treasurer on Thursday 23 August 1979.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. MONETARY JURISDICTION BILLS - LOCAL COURTS BILL 1979 (Serial 298) and ABSCONDING DEBTORS BILL 1979 (Serial 299): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question

That the Bills be now read a second time -

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bills read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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(In the committee)

*Local Courts Bill 1979 (Serial 298)*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

*Absconding Debtors Bill 1979 (Serial 299)*

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

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The Assembly resumed - The Chairman reported the Bills and the report was adopted.

The Bills were read a third time and passed to be proposed laws.

. SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1142 and 1400 hours.

10. NOTICES: The following notices were given, by leave:

Mr Everingham: To present the Northern Territory Tourist Commission Bill 1979 (Serial 331) and the Territory Development Bill (No. 3) 1979 (Serial 330).

11. CONTROLLING LITTER IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY - REPORT: The order of the day having been read for debate on the motion of Mr Everingham

That the Report be noted -

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Perron (Treasurer) moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

13. LEAVE OF ABSENCE - MR STEELE: Mr Vale moved -

That leave of absence for this sittings be granted to the Member for Ludmilla, Mr R.M. Steele, for medical reasons.

Question put and passed.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Perron (Treasurer) moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1750 hours adjourned until tomorrow at 1000 hours.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 August 1979, pursuant to statute:

*Recommendation under Section 103 of the Crown Lands Act:*

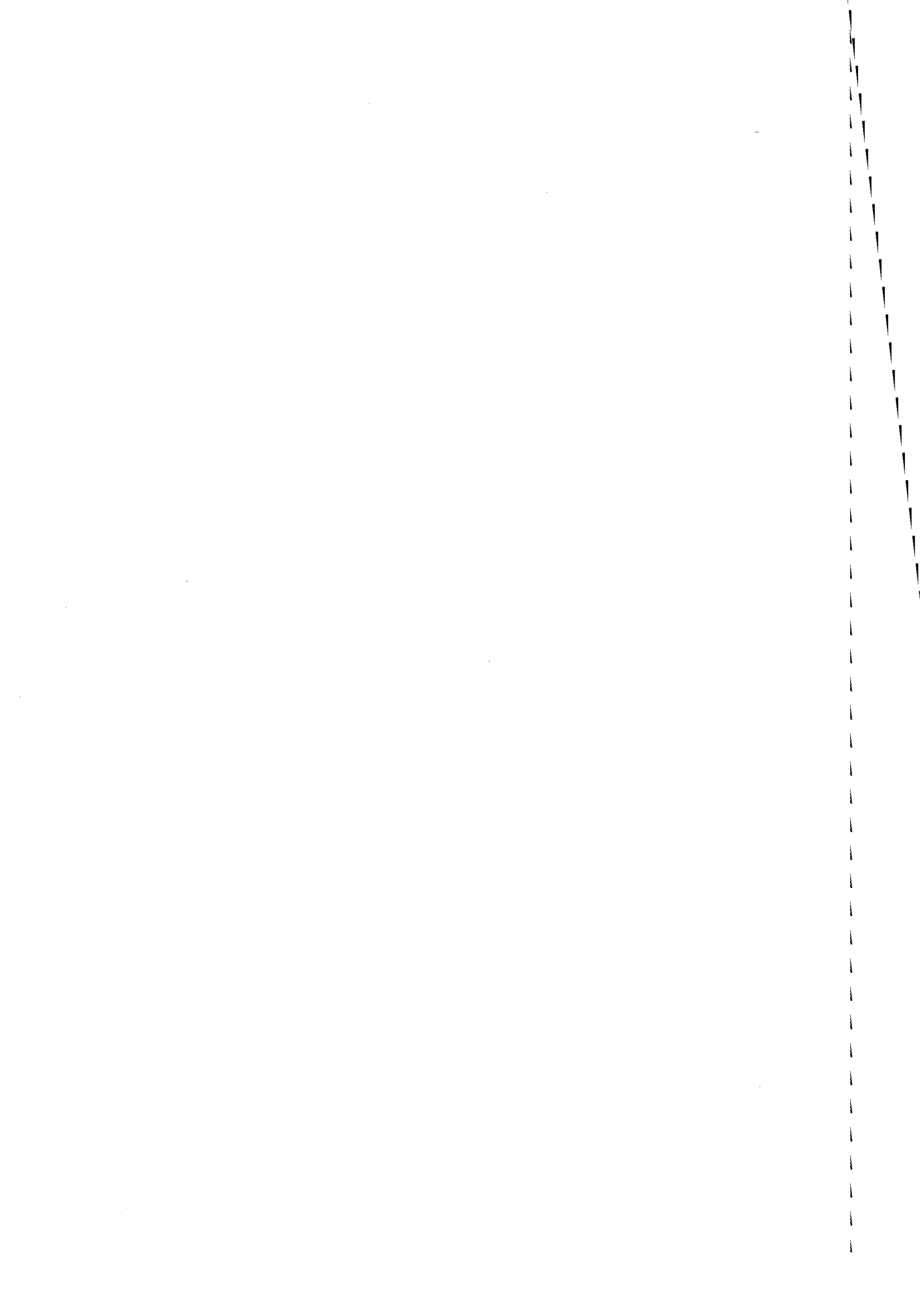
Proposed revocation of Reserve No. 1126

*Regulations 1979:*

- No. 6 Amendments of the Workmen's Compensation Regulations
- No. 7 Amendments of the Mining Development Regulations
- No. 8 Police Administration Regulations
- No. 9 Amendments of the Port By-laws
- No. 10 Amendments of the Electricity (Fees and Charges) Regulations
- No. 11 Totalizator Rules
- No. 12 Amendment of the Lottery and Gaming Regulations
- No. 13 Planning Regulations
- No. 14 Lands Acquisition Regulations
- No. 15 Registration of Dogs (Katherine) By-laws
- No. 16 Amendments of the Brands Regulations
- No. 17 Status of Children Regulations

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ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting except Mr Steele, who had been granted leave of absence.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 28

Thursday 23 August 1979

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1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to adjournment - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
2. PETITION: Mrs O'Neil presented a Petition from 103 residents relating to the proposed redevelopment of the former Arafura Hostel site and the extension of Hudson Fysh Avenue.

*Petition received and read.*

3. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR: The following message was read by Mr Speaker:

Message No. 12:

I, JOHN ARMSTRONG ENGLAND, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, pursuant to section 11 of the Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978 of the Commonwealth, recommend to the Legislative Assembly a Bill entitled the Appropriation Act (No. 1) 1979-80 to provide for the appropriation of certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending on 30 June, 1980.

Dated this twenty-second day of August, 1979.

(Sgd) J.A. ENGLAND  
Administrator

5. APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 1979-80 (Serial 315): Mr Perron (Treasurer) presented the Bill the subject of the Administrator's message and the Bill was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Perron moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

6. DARWIN CYCLONE TRACY RELIEF TRUST FUND REPORTS - FEBRUARY-MAY 1979: Mr Everingham (Chief Minister) laid on the Table monthly reports for February, March, April and May 1979.
7. DIRECTION OF ADMINISTRATOR AND DIRECTIONS OF TREASURER: Mr Perron (Treasurer) laid on the Table copies of a direction of the Acting Administrator dated 29 June 1979 and directions of the Treasurer dated 25 June 1979 and 28 June 1979, under the Financial Administration and Audit Act.
8. NORTHERN TERRITORY ENERGY SITUATION - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Tuxworth (Minister for Mines and Energy), by leave, made a statement on the energy situation in the Northern Territory.

Mr Tuxworth moved -

That the Statement be noted.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

9. REGIONAL AIRLINE FOR NORTHERN TERRITORY - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement on the establishment of a regional airline for the Northern Territory.

Miss D'Rozario, by leave, moved -

That the Statement be noted

and was granted leave to continue her remarks at a later hour.

. SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1203 and 1400 hours.

10. HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND TOURIST DEVELOPMENT - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement on heritage conservation and tourist development.

Mr Everingham, by leave, moved -

That the Statement be noted.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

11. PUBLIC SERVICE - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement on the current state of the Northern Territory Public Service.

Mr Everingham, by leave, moved -

That the Statement be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12. DARWIN RECREATIONAL LAKE - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement on behalf of the Minister for Transport and Works on a recreational lake for Darwin.

13. USE OF WATER STORAGES FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES - REPORT: Mr Everingham (Chief Minister) laid on the Table the report prepared by Mr R.R. Thwaites in April 1979.

Mr Everingham moved -

That the Report be noted

and was granted leave to continue his remarks at a later hour.

14. TENANCY BILL (No. 2) 1979 (Serial 328): Mr Perron (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Perron moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

15. NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURIST COMMISSION BILL 1979 (Serial 331): Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Everingham moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

16. PAROLE OF PRISONERS BILL 1979 (Serial 332): Mr Dondas (Minister for Community Development), pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Dondas moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - PASS BILL THROUGH ALL STAGES: Mr Dondas (Minister for Community Development) moved -

That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Parole of Prisoners Bill 1979 (Serial 332) being read a second time and passing through all stages at this sittings.

The motion having been supported by an absolute majority, Mr Speaker declared the question resolved in the affirmative.

Question -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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(In the committee)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

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The Assembly resumed - The Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

Question -

That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed - The Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

17. PAY-ROLL TAX BILL (No. 2) 1979 (Serial 317): Mr Perron (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.



Mr Perron moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

18. TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT BILL (No. 3) 1979 (Serial 330): Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Everingham moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

19. ELECTRICITY COMMISSION BILLS - ELECTRICITY COMMISSION BILL (No. 3) 1979 (Serial 318), PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1979 (Serial 319), ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND CONTRACTORS BILL (No. 2) 1979 (Serial 320), TRAFFIC BILL (No. 2) 1979 (Serial 321), FIREARMS BILL 1979 (Serial 322), SOCIAL WELFARE BILL 1979 (Serial 323), CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE BILL (No. 2) 1979 (Serial 325) and WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL (No. 3) 1979 (Serial 326): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question

That the Bills be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bills read a second time.

Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), by leave, moved -

That the question, that the Bills be now read a third time, be moved forthwith.

Question put and passed.

Question -

That the Bills be now read a third time - put and passed.

The Bills were read a third time and passed to be proposed laws.

20. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Everingham (Chief Minister) Order of the Day - Government Business No. 4 was called on.
21. MENTAL HEALTH BILL 1979 (Serial 273): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question

That the Bill be now read a second time -

Bill, by leave, withdrawn.

22. MENTAL HEALTH BILL 1979 (Serial 334): Mr Tuxworth (Minister for Health), by leave, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Tuxworth moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

23. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Tuxworth (Minister for Mines and Energy) moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

24. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Everingham (Chief Minister) moved -

That the Assembly, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday 11 September 1979 at 1000 hours or such earlier time appointed by Mr Speaker and advised to all members by letter or telegram.

Question put and passed.

25. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Everingham (Chief Minister) moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1724 hours adjourned until Tuesday 11 September 1979 or such earlier time appointed by Mr Speaker.

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PAPER: The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 23 August 1979 pursuant to statute:

*Permit to prospect for petroleum:*

Australian Aquitane Petroleum Pty Ltd, Alliance Petroleum International Ltd and Vamgas Ltd - 18 July 1979.

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ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting except Mr Steele, who had been granted leave of absence.

F.K.M. THOMPSON  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

SECOND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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