

PART III

THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Proceedings
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 16

Tuesday 2 May 1978

1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours, being the time fixed by Mr Speaker pursuant to Sessional Order (6 December 1977) - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
2. ADDRESS IN REPLY: Mr Speaker read the following letter from His Honour the Administrator:

I have today received a letter from the Official Secretary to the Governor-General, following the presentation of the Address in Reply on 8 March 1978.

His Excellency the Governor-General has received the following reply from the Private Secretary to the Queen to the Message of Loyalty from the Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory:

"I am commanded by The Queen to ask you to convey her sincere thanks to the Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory, for their kind message of loyal greeting, which Her Majesty received with much pleasure."

(Sgd) J.A. ENGLAND
(Administrator)

3. NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE SITE: Mr Speaker read the following letter from the Minister for Defence:

I refer again to your letter of 19 April 1977 concerning the site for a new building in Darwin for the Legislative Assembly.

The results of the study into defence land requirements I referred to in my letter of 22 September 1977, have now been considered by my colleague the Minister for the Northern Territory, and myself. We have agreed that Larrakeyah should be retained as defence land.

I regret to advise therefore that land will not be available on the Larrakeyah Peninsula for construction of the proposed Legislative Assembly building.

(Sgd) D.J. KILLEN

4. PETITIONS: Mr Isaacs presented a Petition from 73 citizens of the Northern Territory requesting a referendum on the transfer of powers to the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly on 1 July 1978.

Petition received and read.

Mr Perkins presented a Petition from 107 citizens in terms similar to Mr Isaacs' Petition.

Petition received and read.

Mr Doolan, on behalf of the Member for Elsey, presented a Petition from 63 citizens in terms similar to Mr Isaacs' Petition.

Petition received.

5. NOTICES: The following notices were given:

Mr Everingham: To present the Pawnbrokers Bill 1978 (Serial 53), the Succession Duties Repeal Bill 1978 (Serial 58), the Claims By and Against the Government Bill 1978 (Serial 75), the Contracts Bill 1978 (Serial 76), the Criminal Law (Conditional Release of Offenders) Bill 1978 (Serial 77), the Legislative Assembly (Remuneration of Members) Bill 1978 (Serial 90), the Juries Bill 1978 (Serial 92), the Public Trustee Bill 1978 (Serial 99), and the Amendments Incorporation Bill 1978 (Serial 103).

Mr Perron: To present the Crown Lands Bill (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 78).

Mr Tuxworth: To present the Mining Bill (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 85), the Prohibited Drugs Bill 1978 (Serial 68), the Dangerous Drugs Bill 1978 (Serial 57) and the Mining Bill (No. 3) 1978 (Serial 86).

Mr Steele: To present the Territory Motor Vehicles (Liability) Bill 1978 (Serial 88), the Construction Safety Bill 1978 (Serial 59), the Inspection of Machinery Bill 1978 (Serial 71), the Workmen's Compensation Bill 1978 (Serial 48) and the Encouragement of Primary Production Bill 1978 (Serial 107).

6. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

7. WINDSCALE INQUIRY - REPORT BY THE HON. MR JUSTICE PARKER: Mr Tuxworth tabled the Windscale Inquiry Report.

Mr Isaacs moved -

That the Report be noted

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

8. WILLEROO PROJECT - FURTHER STATEMENT: Mr Steele, by leave, made a further statement relating to the Willeroo Project and, by leave, moved -

That the Statement be noted.

Debate ensued.

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

9. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson order of the day No. 3 was called on.

10. FISHERIES BILL 1978 (Serial 44): 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.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Mr Steele moved -

That the remainder of the Bill be taken together.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly resumed - Mr Chairman reported the Bill.

Mrs O'Neil having raised a point of order on the passage of the remainder of the Bill -

Mr Robertson moved -

That the Bill be recommitted for re-consideration.

Question put and passed.

(In the committee)

On recommittal

Question - That the Bill stand as printed - put and passed.

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

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

11. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson order of the day No. 6 was called on.
12. TERRITORY PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BILL 1978 (Serial 40): 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.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Mr Robertson moved -

That the committee stages be later taken.

Question put and passed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1145 and 1400 hours

13. PROPOSED FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE NORTHERN TERRITORY EXECUTIVE - STATEMENT: Mr Everingham, by leave, made a state-

ment relating to proposed financial arrangements between the Federal Government and the Northern Territory Executive, and, 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.

14. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the order of the day relating to the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Bill 1978 (Serial 40) was called on.
15. TERRITORY PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BILL 1978 (Serial 40): The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the Bill in the committee of the whole Assembly.
The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

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

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

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

16. ANNUAL HOLIDAYS BILL 1978 (Serial 43): 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.
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
17. EVIDENCE BILL 1978 (Serial 45): 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.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.
Mr Tuxworth moved -
That the committee stages be later taken.
Question put and passed.
18. FIRE BRIGADES ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL BILL 1978 (Serial 51): 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.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.
Mr Robertson moved -
That the committee stages be later taken.

Question put and passed.

19. POLICE AND POLICE OFFENCES BILL 1978 (Serial 46): 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.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 4 -

On the motion of Mr Everingham the following amendments were made:

Omit "following sub-section" and substitute "following sub-sections".

Omit proposed sub-section (4) and substitute the following sub-sections:

"(4) Where a justice makes an order under sub-section (1) requiring a person to pay a sum of money for compensation, the justice shall make and sign a minute or memorandum of the order.

"(5) The minute or memorandum referred to in sub-section (4) may be registered in a court of competent jurisdiction.

"(6) Upon registration under sub-section (5), the minute or memorandum becomes a record of the court with the same force and effect as a judgment of the court, and the like proceedings (including proceedings in bankruptcy) may be taken upon the minute or memorandum as if the order had been a judgment of the court in favour of the person entitled to receive the compensation."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Schedule -

On the motion of Mr Everingham the following amendments were made:

In proposed amendments to section 48 insert after "3 months" in the third column the words ", or both".

In proposed amendments to section 49A omit reference to "49A" in the first column and substitute "49A(1)".

In proposed amendments to section 49A omit "6 months" in the second column and "6 months, or both" in the third column.

In proposed amendment to section 49B omit the reference in the first column to "49B" and substitute "49B(1)".

In proposed amendment to section 50 add after "40 dollars" in the second column the words ", or imprisonment for one month".

In proposed amendment to section 56 omit the reference in the first column to "56" and substitute "56(1)".

In proposed amendments to section 57 omit the reference to "57" in the first column and substitute "57(1)".

In proposed amendments to section 63(1) omit "1,000" in the second column and substitute "100".

After proposed amendments to section 64(1)(c) insert the following proposed amendment:

"65(1)	100 dollars, or imprisonment for 2 months	200 dollars".
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In proposed amendment to section 81 omit "not" in the second column and substitute "nor".

After proposed amendment to section 83(3) insert the following proposed amendment:

"82(4)	10 dollars	200 dollars".
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After proposed amendment to section 84(1) insert the following proposed amendment:

"84(2)	10 dollars	200 dollars".
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Schedule, as amended, agreed to, after debate.

Title agreed to.

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

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

20. LOTTERY AND GAMING BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 65): 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.

Debate resumed.

Mrs O'Neil moved as an amendment -

Omit "now" and add the words "this day six months".

Mr Robertson moved - That the question be now put.

Question put and passed.

Question - That the amendment be agreed to - put and negatived.

Debate resumed.

Question - That the Bill be now read a second time - put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 5 -

On the motion of Mr Tuxworth the following amendment was made -

Omit paragraph (b) and substitute the following paragraph:

"(b) by omitting the definition of 'registered bookmaker' and substituting the following definition:

"'registered bookmaker' means a bookmaker to whom a permit has been issued under section 94TA; and'."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Tuxworth the following new clause was inserted in the Bill -

"7A. Section 94J of the Principal Ordinance is amended -

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (a) 'and' (second occurring); and
- (b) by inserting after paragraph (b) the following:
'; and
- (c) in payment of moneys to racing bodies and charities under section 94KD.'."

Clauses 8 to 11, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 12 -

On the motion of Mr Tuxworth the following amendment was made -

Insert after paragraph (c) the following paragraph:

"(d) by omitting from sub-section (1)(a) 'rules made under section 94TA' and substituting 'rules made under section 94U'."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 13 to 19, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 20 -

On the motion of Mr Tuxworth the following amendment was made -

Omit from paragraph (a) "to the Board".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 21 and 22, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 23 -

On the motion of Mr Tuxworth the following amendment was made -

Omit from the definition of "registered bookmaker" in proposed section 94BA the words "who has been approved by a club and".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 24 agreed to.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Tuxworth the following new clause was inserted in the Bill -

"25. A licence or permit duly issued, or other action duly taken or done, before the commencement of this Ordinance under or for the purposes of a provision of the Principal Ordinance, and having effect immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance, is as valid and effectual as if duly issued, taken or done under or for the purposes of that provision as amended or as repealed and replaced by this Ordinance, but any action that may be taken or done in respect of a licence or permit issued or action taken or done under or for the purposes of that provision as amended or as repealed and replaced by this Ordinance may be taken or done in respect of that first-mentioned licence, permit or action."

Title agreed to.

The Assembly resumed - Mr Chairman reported the Bill.

On the motion of Mr Robertson the Bill was recommitted to the committee of the whole Assembly for reconsideration of Clause 23.

The Assembly again resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

On recommittal.

Clause 23 -

On the motion of Mr Tuxworth the following amendments were made -

Omit from proposed section 94BB(1) "a tax calculated at the rate of one and one-half per cent" and substitute "a tax calculated at the rate of one and one-quarter per cent".

Omit from proposed section 94BC sub-section (2) and substitute the following sub-section:

"(2) The return required by sub-section (1) shall consist of the originals of the ledger sheets kept in pursuance of section 94V(1) or section 94Z(2), as the case may be, during the week to which a payment under section 94BB(1) relates."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

21. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Robertson moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1719 hours adjourned until tomorrow at 1000 hours.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 2 May 1978, pursuant to statute:

Annual Reports:

Home Finance Trustee—1974-5, 1975-6, 1976-7
Katherine Town Management Board—1976-7
Katherine Hospital Advisory Board—year ending February 1978
Tennant Creek Town Management Board—1976-7
Northern Territory Parole Board—year ending 31 December 1977

Determinations and Agreements :

Agreement between the Administrator and Northern Territory Police Association dated 13 March 1978
Agreement between the Administrator and Northern Territory Police Commissioned Officers Association dated 13 March 1978

Agreement between the Administrator and Northern Territory Prison
Officers Association dated 13 March 1978

Agreement between the Administrator and Northern Territory Senior
Prison Officers Association dated 13 March 1978

Public Service By-laws 1978:

No. 3 Public Service (Salaries and Designations) By-laws

No. 4 Amendments of the Public Service (Salaries and Designations)
By-laws

Regulations 1978:

No. 5 Amendments of the Electricity Supply Regulations

ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting.

Wednesday 3 May 1978

1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to adjournment - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
2. NOTICE: The following notice was given -

Mr Everingham: To present the Interpretion Bill 1978 (Serial 79).
3. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
4. NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURIST BOARD - ANNUAL REPORT: Mr Tuxworth laid on the Table the Board's Annual Report for 1976-7.

Mr Perkins moved -

That the Report be noted

and was granted leave to continue his remarks at a later hour.
5. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS - STATEMENT: Mr Everingham, by leave, made a statement on administrative arrangements in the Northern Territory Public Service.

Mr Isaacs, by leave, acknowledged the information contained in Mr Everingham's statement.
6. SUCCESSION DUTIES REPEAL BILL 1978 (Serial 58): The notice having been called and no member rising, Mr Speaker directed that the notice be struck off the Notice Paper.
7. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1978 (Serial 48): Mr Steele, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Steele moved -

That the motion for the second reading be made an order of the day for a later day.

Question put and passed.
8. CONTRACTS BILL 1978 (Serial 76): Mr Everingham, 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 day.
9. MINING BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 85): Mr Tuxworth, pursuant to notice, 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 day.

10. PAWNBROKERS BILL 1978 (Serial 53): Mr Everingham, 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 day.
11. CONSTRUCTION SAFETY BILL 1978 (Serial 59): Mr Steele, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.
- Mr Steele moved -
- That the motion for the second reading be made an order of the day for a later day.
- Question put and passed.
12. MINING BILL (No. 3) 1978 (Serial 86): Mr Tuxworth, pursuant to notice, 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 day.
13. CLAIMS BY AND AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT BILL 1978 (Serial 75): Mr Everingham, 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 day.
14. INSPECTION OF MACHINERY BILL 1978 (Serial 71): Mr Steele, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.
- Mr Steele moved -
- That the motion for the second reading be made an order of the day for a later day.
- Question put and passed.
15. CRIMINAL LAW (CONDITIONAL RELEASE OF OFFENDERS) BILL 1978 (Serial 77): Mr Everingham, by leave, transferred control of the Bill to Mr Robertson.
- Mr Robertson presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.
- Mr Robertson 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 day.

16. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 78): Mr Perron, 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.

17. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (REMUNERATION OF MEMBERS) BILL 1978 (Serial 90): Mr Everingham, 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 day.

18. TERRITORY MOTOR VEHICLES (LIABILITY) BILL 1978 (Serial 88): Mr Steele, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Steele 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 day.

19. JURIES BILL 1978 (Serial 92): Mr Everingham, 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 day.

20. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:

Mr Tuxworth moved -

That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent two Bills relating to drugs -

- (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; and
- (b) the consideration of the Bills separately in the committee of the whole.

The motion having been supported -

Question put and passed.

21. DRUGS BILLS - DANGEROUS DRUGS BILL 1978 (Serial 57) and PROHIBITED DRUGS BILL 1978 (Serial 68): Mr Tuxworth, pursuant to notice, presented the Bills which were thereupon read a first time.

Mr Tuxworth 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 day.

22. ENCOURAGEMENT OF PRIMARY PRODUCTION BILL 1978 (Serial 107): The notice having been called and no member rising, Mr Speaker directed that the notice be struck off the Notice Paper.
23. PUBLIC TRUSTEE BILL 1978 (Serial 99): Mr Everingham, 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 day.

24. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: On the motion of Mr Everingham, the notice relating to the Amendments Incorporation Bill 1978 (Serial 103) was postponed to the next sitting day.
25. STAMP BILL 1978 (Serial 64): 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.

Debate resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1205 and 1400 hours.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

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

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

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

26. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson order of the day No. 20 Government Business was called on.
27. WILLEROO PROJECT - FURTHER STATEMENT: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Steele - That the Statement be noted.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
28. LEAVE OF ABSENCE - MR COLLINS: Mrs O'Neil moved -
That leave of absence for this day and the next day be granted to Mr Collins.
Question put and passed.
29. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson order of the day No. 17 Government Business was called on.
30. WILLEROO PROJECT - STATEMENT: The order of the day having been read for the debate on the motion of Mr Doolan -
That the Statement (Mr Steele's) be noted.
Question put and passed.
31. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ORDINANCE REPEAL BILL (Serial 30): 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.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.
The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

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

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

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

32. ALSATIAN DOGS ORDINANCE REPEAL BILL 1978 (Serial 47): 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.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

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

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

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

33. OATHS BILL 1978 (Serial 41): 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.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 6 -

On the motion of Mr Everingham the following amendment was made -

Add at the end of proposed section 23C(1), the following paragraph after paragraph (k):

"(1) a person before whom an oath may be made under the law of the State or Territory in which the declaration is made."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 -

On the motion of Mr Everingham the following amendment was made, after debate -

Omit from the proposed Eighth Schedule "400 dollars" and substitute "1000 dollars".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

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

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

34. MOTOR VEHICLES BILL 1978 (Serial 63): 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.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 5 -

On the motion of Mr Robertson the following amendment was made -

Omit from proposed sub-section (2) the words "to the Commonwealth".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 8, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 9 -

On the motion of Mr Steele the following amendment was made -

Omit from proposed sub-section (1) the words "to the Commonwealth".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

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

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

35. TRAFFIC BILL 1978 (Serial 66): 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.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 4, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 5 -

On the motion of Mr Steele the following amendment was made -

Omit from proposed section 24(a) "to prevent either the load, in whole or in part, " and substitute "to prevent the load, either in whole or in part,".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

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

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

36. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Tuxworth moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1710 hours adjourned until tomorrow at 1000 hours.

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

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 18

Thursday 4 May 1978

1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to adjournment - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.

2. NOTICES: The following notices were given:

Mr Perron: To present the Financial Administration and Audit Bill 1978 (Serial 97).

Mr Robertson: To present the Local Government Bill (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 83).

3. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR: The following message was read by Mr Speaker -

Message No. 4

I, JOHN ARMSTRONG ENGLAND, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, pursuant to section 4S of the Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910, recommend to the Legislative Assembly a Bill entitled the Allocation of Funds (Appropriation) Bill No. 3 1977-78 to make provision with respect to the expenditure of moneys appropriated by the Parliament for expenditure for the year ending 30 June, 1978 in respect of matters specified under section 4ZE of the Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910.

(Sgd) J.A. ENGLAND
Administrator

5. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS (APPROPRIATION) BILL (No. 3) 1977-78 (Serial 106): Mr Perron presented the Bill the subject of the Administrator's message 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 day.

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS (1978) VALIDATING BILL 1978 (Serial 105): Mr Robertson, by leave, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Robertson 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 day.

7. INTERPRETATION BILL 1978 (Serial 79): Mr Everingham, 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 day.

8. AMENDMENTS INCORPORATION BILL 1978 (Serial 103): Mr Everingham, 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 day.

9. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson order of the day No. 15 was called on.
10. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1978 (Serial 48): The order of the day having been read for the second reading -

Mr Steele 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 day.

11. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson order of the day No. 19 was called on.
12. CONSTRUCTION SAFETY BILL 1978 (Serial 59): The order of the day having been read for the second reading -

Mr Steele 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 day.

13. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson order of the day No. 22 was called on.
14. INSPECTION OF MACHINERY BILL 1978 (Serial 71): The order of the day having been read for the second reading -

Mr Steele 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 day.

15. ABORIGINAL LAND BILLS - ABORIGINAL LAND BILL 1978 (Serial 31), CROWN LANDS BILL 1978 (Serial 32), SPECIAL PURPOSES LEASES BILL 1978 (Serial 33), CEMETERIES BILL 1978 (Serial 34), SOCIAL WELFARE BILL 1978 (Serial

35), MINING BILL 1978 (Serial 36), TERRITORY PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 37), PETROLEUM (PROSPECTING AND MINING) BILL 1978 (Serial 38), COAL BILL 1978 (Serial 39), ABORIGINAL SACRED SITES BILL 1978 (Serial 50): The order of the day having been read for resumption of debate on the question -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1140 and 1400 hours.

Debate resumed.

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

16. ELECTRICITY COMMISSION BILL 1978 (Serial 67): 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.

Debate resumed.

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

17. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Robertson moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1649 hours adjourned until 1000 hours on Tuesday 9 May 1978.

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

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 19

Tuesday 9 May 1978

1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to adjournment - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS: Mr Everingham presented a Petition from a number of citizens who have ties with Croker Island and who fear that they will be disadvantaged by the passage of the Aboriginal Land Bill.
Petition received.
Mr Isaacs presented a Petition from 108 citizens of the Northern Territory requesting a referendum on the transfer of powers to the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly on 1 July 1978.
Petition received and read.
Mr Issacs presented a further Petition in similar terms from 625 citizens.
Petition received.
3. NOTICES: The following notices were given:
Mr Everingham: To present the Law Officers Bill 1978 (Serial 82).
Mr Perron: To present the Lands Acquisition Bill 1978 (Serial 93).
Mr Robertson: To present the Consumer Protection Bill 1978 (Serial 89).
4. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
5. DARWIN RECONSTRUCTION COMMISSION - 3RD ANNUAL REPORT: Mr Perron, by leave, tabled the report of the Commission for 1976-7.
6. EXPLANATIONS TO THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS (APPROPRIATION) ORDINANCE (No. 3) 1977-78: Mr Perron tabled Explanations relating to the Allocation of Funds (Appropriation) Ordinance (No. 3) 1977-78.
Mr Isaacs moved -
That the Papers be noted
and was granted leave to continue his remarks at a later hour.
7. PROPOSED UNIFORM COMPANIES AND SECURITIES LEGISLATION - STATEMENT: Mr Everingham, by leave, made a statement relating to proposed uniform companies and securities legislation.
8. PROPOSED PESTICIDES CONTROL LEGISLATION - STATEMENT: Mr Tuxworth, by leave, made a statement relating to proposed legislation to control pesticides and other poisons.
9. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT BILL 1978 (Serial 97): Mr Perron, 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 day.

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 83): Mr Robertson, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Robertson 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 day.

11. ABORIGINAL LAND BILLS - ABORIGINAL LAND BILL 1978 (Serial 31), CROWN LANDS BILL 1978 (Serial 32), SPECIAL PURPOSES LEASES BILL 1978 (Serial 33), CEMETERIES BILL 1978 (Serial 34), SOCIAL WELFARE BILL 1978 (Serial 35), MINING BILL 1978 (Serial 36), TERRITORY PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 37), PETROLEUM (PROSPECTING AND MINING) BILL 1978 (Serial 38), COAL BILL 1978 (Serial 39), ABORIGINAL SACRED SITES BILL 1978 (Serial 50): 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.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1204 and 1400 hours.

Debate resumed.

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

12. ELECTRICITY COMMISSION BILL 1978 (Serial 67): 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.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

Mr Robertson moved -

That the committee stages be later taken.

Question put and passed.

13. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1978 (Serial 69): 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.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

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

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

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

14. ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND CONTRACTORS BILL 1978 (Serial 70): 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.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

Mr Robertson moved -

That the committee stages be later taken.

Question put and passed.

15. SUPPLY OF SERVICES BILL 1978 (Serial 72): 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.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Clause 1 agreed to.

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

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

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

16. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson order of the day No. 11 was called on.
17. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILLS - WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILL 1978 (Serial 16), WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (PACKAGED GOODS) BILL 1978 (Serial 15): 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.

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

18. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Robertson moved -
That the Assembly do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1653 hours adjourned until tomorrow at 1000 hours .

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 9 May 1978, pursuant to statute:

Minutes of Town Management Boards:

Katherine	-	14 March 1977
	-	18 April 1977
	-	9 May 1977
	-	15 June 1977
Tennant Creek	-	9 November 1976
	-	15 March 1977
	-	19 April 1977
	-	10 May 1977
	-	14 June 1977.

ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 20

Wednesday 10 May 1978

1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to adjournment - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS: Mr Perkins presented a Petition from 100 citizens of the Northern Territory requesting a referendum on the transfer of powers to the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly on 1 July 1978.
3. NOTICES: The following notices were given:

Mr Everingham to move -

That the area of land known as the precincts of the Legislative Assembly and particularly described in the First Schedule of the Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance 1977 be the site for a new Parliament House.

That a Sessional Committee to be known as the New Parliament House Site Committee comprising Mr Speaker, Mr Perron, Mr Dondas, Mrs O'Neil and Mrs Lawrie be appointed.

That the committee have power to institute site investigations, using such expert assistance as it finds necessary, to confirm the practicability of using the site for the proposed purpose and to prepare a brief upon which a cost advice for the project may be sought.

That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records and to sit during any adjournment of the Assembly.

Mr Everingham: To present the Transfer of Powers (Self-Government) Bill 1978 (Serial 95), the Criminal Law and Procedure Bill 1978 (Serial 98), and the Magistrates Bill 1978 (Serial 111).

Mr Perron: To present the Lottery and Gaming Bill (No. 3) 1978 (Serial 104), the Tourist Board Bill 1978 (Serial 100), the Museums and Art Galleries Bill 1978 (Serial 101), the Ports Bill 1978 (Serial 102), the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Bill (No. 3) 1978 (Serial 108), the Taxation (Administration) Bill 1978 (Serial 81), the Housing Bill 1978 (Serial 109), the Housing Loans Bill 1978 (Serial 110), the Pay-Roll Tax Bill 1978 (Serial 84), and the Stamp Duty Bill 1978 (Serial 91).

Mr Tuxworth: To present the Radiation Safety Control Bill 1978 (Serial 87).

Mr Steele: To present the Territory Development Corporation Bill 1978 (Serial 49).

4. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
5. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that Mr Doolan had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the Assembly for discussion, namely: "The Majority Party's failure to take positive steps to alleviate the parlous state of the Pastoral Industry in the Northern Territory."

The proposal having received the necessary support -

Mr Doolan addressed the Assembly.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR: The following message was read by Mr Speaker:

Message No. 5

"I, John Armstrong ENGLAND, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, pursuant to section 4S of the Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910, recommend to the Legislative Assembly a Bill entitled the Financial Administration and Audit Bill 1978 relating to financial administration and the audit of public accounts."

Mr Speaker made a statement relating to the introduction of the Financial Administration and Audit Bill 1978 (Serial 97) on 9 May 1978 without the requirements of section 4S of the Northern Territory (Administration) Act having been met and declared the proceedings associated with that introduction to be a nullity.

7. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT BILL 1978 (Serial 97): Mr Perron presented the Bill the subject of the Administrator's Message No. 5 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 day.

8. LAW OFFICERS BILL 1978 (Serial 82): Mr Everingham, 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 day.

9. LANDS ACQUISITION BILL 1978 (Serial 93): Mr Perron, 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 day.

10. CONSUMER PROTECTION BILL (Serial 89): Mr Robertson, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Robertson 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 day.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1140 and 1400 hours.

11. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson order of the day No. 3 was called on.
12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS (1978) VALIDATING BILL 1978 (Serial 105): 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.

Debate resumed.

REQUEST FOR URGENCY: Mr Speaker, having considered a request from Mr Everingham submitted pursuant to standing order 152, declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

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

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

13. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson order of the day No. 5 was called on.
14. ANNUAL HOLIDAYS BILL 1978 (Serial 43): 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.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 6 -

Mr Isaacs moved as an amendment -

Add to proposed new section 6 the following sub-section:

"(4) Notwithstanding anything elsewhere contained in this section, where a shift-worker takes a holiday to which he is entitled under section 4(1), then he shall be paid those shift loadings he would have received had he not been on holidays provided that such payment exceeds his entitlement under sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) of this section."

Debate ensued.

Question put -

The Assembly divided - Mr Chairman, (Mr Dondas) in the Chair.

AYES 7

Mr Collins
Mr Doolan
Miss D'Rozario
Mr Isaacs
Mrs Lawrie
Mrs O'Neil
Mr Perkins

NOES 10

Mr Ballantyne
Mr Dondas
Mr Harris
Mr Oliver
Mrs Padgham-Purich
Mr Perron
Mr Robertson
Mr Steele
Mr Tuxworth
Mr Vale

And so it was resolved in the negative.

Question - That the clause stand as printed - put and passed.

Clause 7 agreed to, after debate.

Clauses 8 to 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 -

On the motion of Mr Harris the following amendment was made -

Omit "'or award holidays'" and substitute "'or award'".

Clause, as amended, agreed to

Clauses 12 and 13 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

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

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

15. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson order of the day No. 2 was called on.
16. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS (APPROPRIATION) BILL (No. 3) 1977-78 BILL (Serial 106): 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.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr Robertson, by leave, moved -

That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Allocation of Funds (Appropriation) Bill (No. 3) 1977-78 (Serial 106) passing through all stages at this sittings.

The motion having been supported -

Question put and passed.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Schedules 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

Clause 5 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made -

Omit "Treasurer" (wherever occurring) substitute "Minister for Finance".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

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

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

17. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson order of the day No. 1 was called on.
18. ABORIGINAL LAND BILLS - ABORIGINAL LAND BILL 1978 (Serial 31), CROWN LANDS BILL 1978 (Serial 32), SPECIAL PURPOSES LEASES BILL 1978 (Serial 33), CEMETERIES BILL 1978 (Serial 34), SOCIAL WELFARE BILL 1978 (Serial 35), MINING BILL 1978 (Serial 36), TERRITORY PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 37), PETROLEUM (PROSPECTING AND MINING) BILL 1978 (Serial 38), COAL BILL 1978 (Serial 39), ABORIGINAL SACRED SITES BILL 1978 (Serial 50): 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.

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

19. EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM ON THE PROPOSED FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT LEGISLATION: Mr Perron, by leave, tabled an Explanatory Memorandum relating to the Financial Administration and Audit Bill 1978.
20. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson order of the day No. 6 was called on.
21. FIRE BRIGADES ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL BILL 1978 (Serial 51): The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the Bill in the committee of the whole Assembly.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

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

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

Mr Steele moved -

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 an Ordinance:

22. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson order of the day No. 8 was called on.
23. AUSTRALIAN TRANSPORT ADVISORY COUNCIL WELLINGTON MEETING - STATEMENT: The order of the day having been read for the debate on the motion of Miss D'Rozario -
That the Statement be noted.
Debate ensued,
Question put and passed.
24. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson order of the day No. 9 was called on.
25. PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS - STATEMENT: The order of the day having been read for the debate on the motion of Mr Isaacs -
That the Statement (Mr Everingham's 9/3/78) be noted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
26. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson order of the day No. 10 was called on.
27. PROPOSED FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE NORTHERN TERRITORY EXECUTIVE - STATEMENT: The order of the day having been read for the debate on the motion of Mr Isaacs -
That the Statement (Mr Everingham's 2/5/78) be noted.

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

28. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Robertson moved -
That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1728 hours adjourned until tomorrow at 1000 hours.

ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 21

Thursday 11 May 1978

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 75 citizens of the Northern Territory requesting a referendum on the transfer of powers to the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly on 1 July 1978.
3. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
4. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT - FIRST REPORT: Mr Vale presented the first report of the committee.
Mr Vale moved -
That the Report be noted
and was granted leave to continue his remarks at a later hour.
5. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AND TABLED PAPERS COMMITTEE - FIFTH REPORT: Mr Oliver presented the fifth report of the committee.
6. EDUCATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN NORTHERN TERRITORY - STATEMENT: Mr Robertson, by leave, made a statement relating to future educational responsibilities in the Northern Territory.
Mr Collins moved -
That the Statement be noted
and was granted leave to continue his remarks at a later hour.
7. TRADE MISSION - STATEMENT: Mr Steele, by leave, made a statement relating to the Trade Mission, comprised of 2 Delegations which visited the Middle East and South East Asian Regions respectively, in March and April this year.
Mr Doolan moved -
That the Statement be noted
and was granted leave to continue his remarks at a later hour.
8. PROPOSED UNIFORM CONSUMER CREDIT LAWS - STATEMENT: Mr Everingham, by leave, made a statement relating to proposed uniform consumer credit laws in the Northern Territory.
Mrs O'Neil moved -
That the Statement be noted
and was granted leave to continue her remarks at a later hour.
9. WELFARE NEEDS IN THE TERRITORY- PROPOSED INQUIRY: Mr Robertson, by leave, moved -

That this Assembly, pursuant to section 4A of the Inquiries Ordinance, resolve that a Board of Inquiry be appointed to inquire into, report on and make recommendations concerning all aspects of the welfare needs of the Northern Territory community and the policies, legislation and resources to meet those needs and in particular matters relating to -

1. Juvenile crime and the disposition of juvenile offenders.
2. The care and treatment of juveniles, including the areas of adoption, child care and protection.
3. The administration and development of welfare programs and services by all levels of government, voluntary agencies and other community groups or services. Consideration should be given to the varying needs of the Northern Territory's multi-cultural population and the desirability of involving communities in developing welfare programs and services.
4. The human, administrative and fiscal resources required to implement satisfactory policies and programs.
5. The changes that should be made to the law to implement any recommendations of the Inquiry and to achieve a greater involvement of parents in the care and protection of juveniles.

For the purposes of carrying out the Inquiry, the Board of Inquiry may refer any matter to a committee for consideration and report back to the Board.

In framing its recommendations, the Board of Inquiry may have regard to the recommendations of the Law Reform Commission or other relevant bodies which deal with all or any of the matters of the Inquiry.

Debate ensued.

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

10. PROPOSED COASTAL SURVEILLANCE - STATEMENT: Mr Everingham, by leave, made a statement relating to proposed coastal surveillance.

Mrs Lawrie moved -

That the Statement be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE SITE: Mr Everingham, by leave, transferred control of Notice No. 1 to Mr Perron.

Mr Perron moved -

That the area of land known as the precincts of the Legislative Assembly and particularly described in the First Schedule of the Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance 1977 be the site for a new Parliament House.

That a sessional committee to be known as the New Parliament House Site Committee comprising Mr Speaker, Mr Perron, Mr Dondas, Mrs O'Neil and Mrs Lawrie be appointed.

That the committee have power to institute site investigations, using such expert assistance as it finds necessary, to confirm the practicability of using the site for the proposed purpose and to prepare a brief upon which a cost advice for the project may be sought.

That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records and to sit during any adjournment of the Assembly.

Mrs O'Neil having seconded the motion -

Question put and passed.

12. TRANSFER OF POWERS (SELF-GOVERNMENT) BILL 1978 (Serial 95): Mr Everingham, 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 day.

13. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr Perron, by leave, moved -

That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent five Bills associated with the removal of audit provisions from statutory authorities legislation -

- (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; and
- (b) the consideration of the Bills separately in the committee of the whole.

The motion having been supported -

Question put and passed.

14. STATUTORY AUTHORITIES AUDIT PROPOSALS BILLS - LOTTERY AND GAMING BILL (No. 3) 1978 (Serial 104), TOURIST BOARD BILL 1978 (Serial 100), MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERIES BILL 1978 (Serial 101), PORTS BILL 1978 (Serial 102) and TERRITORY PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BILL (No. 3) 1978 (Serial 108): Mr Perron, pursuant to notice, presented the Bills which were thereupon read a first time.

Mr Perron 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 day.

15. MAGISTRATES BILL 1978 (Serial 111): Mr Everingham, 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.

REQUEST FOR URGENCY: Mr Speaker, having considered a request from Mr Everingham submitted pursuant to standing order 152, declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.

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

16. TAXATION (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1978 (Serial 81): Mr Perron, 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 day.

17. TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BILL 1978 (Serial 49): Mr Steele, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill.

Mr Speaker's ruling - Mr Speaker ruled that the presentation of the Bill be postponed to enable re-examination of the document.

Mr Steele was granted leave to re-present the Bill at a later hour.

18. CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE BILL 1978 (Serial 98): Mr Everingham, 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 day.

19. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr Perron, by leave, moved -

That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent two Bills relating to the office of Home Finance Trustee -

(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; and

(b) the consideration of the Bills separately in the committee of the whole.

The motion having been supported.

Question put and passed.

20. HOUSING BILLS - HOUSING BILL 1978 (Serial 109) and HOUSING LOANS BILL 1978 (Serial 110): Mr Perron, pursuant to notice, presented the Bills which were thereupon read a first time.

Mr Perron 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 day.

21. RADIATION SAFETY CONTROL BILL 1978 (Serial 87): Mr Tuxworth, pursuant to notice, 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 day.
22. PAY-ROLL TAX BILL 1978 (Serial 84): Mr Perron, 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 day.
23. STAMP DUTY BILL 1978 (Serial 91): Mr Perron, 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 day.
24. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson notice No. 10 was called on.
25. TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BILL 1978 (Serial 49): Mr Steele, pursuant to leave granted, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.
- Mr Steele 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 day.
26. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the order of the day relating to the Magistrates Bill 1978 (Serial 111) was called on.
27. MAGISTRATES BILL 1978 (Serial 111): 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.
- Debate resumed.
- Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.
- The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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

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

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1241 and 1400 hours.

28. PERSONAL EXPLANATION: Mr Collins, by leave, made a personal explanation relating to certain remarks alleged to have been made by him at a public meeting and which were the subject of a request to Mr Speaker for reference to the Committee of Privileges.

Mr Robertson, by leave, referred to the explanation and the request: to Mr Speaker was not proceeded with.

29. DARWIN CYCLONE TRACY RELIEF TRUST FUND - MONTHLY REPORTS: Mr Everingham, by leave, tabled reports for the months of September, October, November and December 1977, and January, February and March 1978.

Mrs Lawrie moved -

That the Reports be noted

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

30. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson order of the day No. 5 was called on.
31. ELECTRICITY COMMISSION BILL 1978 (Serial 67): The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the Bill in the committee of the whole Assembly.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

References to Executive Member -

The following amendments were taken together, by leave, and agreed to:

In clauses 6(1), (2), (4)(b), 7, 9(1), (2), (3), 10(3), (4), (10) and 14(h) omit "Executive Member" (wherever occurring) and substitute "Minister".

References to Administrator in Council -

The following further amendments were taken together, by leave, and agreed to:

In clauses 5(1), (5)(a), (b), (6), 6(3), (3)(b), (4), 40(1), (2) and 49 omit "Administrator in Council" (wherever occurring) and substitute "Administrator".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 negatived.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following new clause was inserted in the Bill:

"2. This Ordinance shall come into operation on 1 July 1978."

Clause 3 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made:

Insert in clause 3 after the definition of "Commission" the following definition:

"'electrical equipment' includes any wire, cable, appliance, motor, transformer, apparatus, fitting, extension cord, insulator, connector plug, socket, switch, meter or other device, thing or material or any part thereof which is intended, designed or suggested for use in the generation, storage, reticulation or consumption of electricity;"

Mr Perron moved as a further amendment:

Insert in the definition of "Inspector" after "appointed" the words "by or".

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Mr Perron further consideration of the proposed amendment was postponed.

On the motion of Mr Perron the following further amendment:

Add at the end of clause 3 the following definition -

"'licensee' means a person who generates and sells electricity under an agreement between him and the Commission under Part V."

On the motion of Mr Perron further consideration of the clause was postponed.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clause 5 -

Mr Isaacs moved as an amendment -

In sub-clause (1) omit all words after "Chairman" and substitute -

"and 4 members, one of whom shall be elected by the staff of the Commission, and the remaining three shall be appointed by the Administrator in Council."

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

Mr Isaacs moved as a further amendment -

In sub-clause (3) omit all words after "for" and substitute "a period of three years".

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 negatived.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following new clause was inserted in the Bill, after debate:

"8. Where the Chairman or a member is -

(a) absent from duty; or

(b) precluded from acting by the operation of section 9(2),

the Minister may appoint a person to act in the place of the Chairman or member, as the case may be, during the period of absence or for the purpose of dealing with the contingency."

Clause 9 negatived.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following new clause was inserted in the Bill, after debate:

"9.(1) Where the Chairman, or a member, or the spouse, child or parent of the Chairman, or member, has, to the knowledge of the Chairman or member as the case may be, a financial interest in any matter which affects the Commission, he shall not act in relation to that matter.

"(2) Where the Chairman or a member acts as a member of the Commission in any matter in which the Chairman or the member or the spouse, child or parent of the Chairman or the member has a financial interest, the Administrator may dismiss the Chairman or the member from office."

Clauses 10 and 11 agreed to.

Clause 12 negatived.

Clause 13 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendments were made -

Insert in sub-clause (3) after "power" the words "so delegated".

Omit sub-clause (4) and substitute the following sub-clause:

"(4) The Commission may, with the consent of the Minister, delegate a power to a licensee in accordance with and subject to this section."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 14 -

Miss D'Rozario moved as an amendment -

In paragraph (b) omit the words "in the Northern Territory;" and substitute "for the Northern Territory;"

On the motion of Miss D'Rozario the following amendment to the proposed amendment was made:

Insert before "for" the words "in and".

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 15 -

Miss D'Rozario moved as an amendment -

In paragraph (a) of sub-clause (2) omit the words "in the Northern Territory;" and substitute "for the Northern Territory;"

On the motion of Miss D'Rozario the following amendment to the amendment was made:

Insert before "for" the words "in and".

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Perron the following further amendments were made:

Omit sub-clause (2)(d) and substitute the following paragraphs:

"(d) to license persons for the purposes of generating and selling electricity;

(da) to enter into contracts with persons for or incidental to the carrying out of the functions of the Commission;

(db) to restrict or ration the supply of electricity;"

Omit sub-clause (2)(i) and substitute the following sub-paragraphs:

"(i) to construct, improve and maintain plant, equipment and buildings for the purposes of carrying out the functions of the Commission;

(ia) to hold as trustee any property or money so vested in it and to manage and carry out the terms of any such trust;"

On the motion of Mr Perron the following further amendment was made, after debate:

Insert after sub-clause (2)(j) the following paragraphs:

"(ja) to conduct and participate in training schemes and to award scholarships;

(jb) to affiliate and co-operate with other organizations, including electricity supply organizations, with similar powers or functions;"

On the motion of Mr Perron the following further amendment was made:

Insert after sub-clause (2)(m) the following paragraph:

"(ma) to insure the property of the Commission;"

On the motion of Mr Perron the following further amendment was made, after debate:

Add at the end of clause 15 the following sub-clauses:

"(4) The Commission may, at the expense of a consumer, install electrical reticulation equipment on the premises of the consumer upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed between the Commission and the consumer.

"(5) The Commission or a licensee with the consent of the Commission may enter into agreements with persons permitting those persons to re-sell electricity supplied by the Commission or the licensee, as the case may be.

"(6) The Commission shall carry out its functions and exercise its powers and duties subject to such directions as the Minister may give."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 16 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made:

Omit from sub-clause (1)(a) "an agent of the Commission" and substitute "a licensee".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 17 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made:

Insert after sub-clause (2) the following sub-clause:

"(2A) A person shall not unlawfully remove, deface or wilfully destroy a warning sign, fence or barrier erected in pursuance of this section.

Penalty: 1000 dollars."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 18 agreed to.

Heading - Division 3 of PART II -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made, after debate:

Amend the heading to Division 3 of PART II by omitting "Finances" and substituting "Moneys".

Heading, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 19 to 26, by leave, taken together and negatived, after debate.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following new clause was inserted in the Bill:

"19. The moneys of the Commission consist of all moneys received by the Commission in the exercise of its powers or the performance of its functions under this Ordinance, including moneys advanced by the Treasurer to the Commission or borrowed by the Commission in accordance with this Ordinance."

Clause 27 -

Mr Isaacs moved as an amendment -

In sub-clause (1) add after "inspector" the words ", provided that such employee is the holder of an Electrical Mechanic's Licence Grade A".

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Mr Perron further consideration of the clause and the proposed amendment was postponed.

Clause 28 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made, after debate:

Omit sub-clause (3) and substitute the following sub-clause:

"(3) An inspector shall, at the request of the Electrical Workers and Contractors Licensing Board, report to that Board on the electrical workmanship of any person."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 29 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made:

Omit "unless that wire, cable, appliance, fitting, meter, insulator, apparatus, equipment or thing, as the case may be, has been approved by the Commission".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 30 to 32, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Heading - PART V -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made:

Amend the heading to PART V by omitting "AGENTS" and substituting "LICENSEES".

Heading, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 33 negatived.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following new clause was inserted in the Bill:

"33.(1) The Commission may appoint a person who is a party to an agreement with the Commission as a licensee to generate, store, re-ticulate and sell electricity for use in an area.

"(2) A licensee may sell electricity in accordance with the terms of his agreement with the Commission.

"(3) Where a licensee breaches a term or condition of an agreement referred to in this section, the Commission may cancel the agreement and withdraw the licence without further notice."

Clause 34 agreed to, after debate.

Clause 35 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made, after debate:

Omit sub-clause (3) and substitute the following sub-clauses:

"(3) A licensee may sell electricity subject to the terms of the agreement entered into between him and the Commission.

"(3A) Where the Commission enters into an agreement with a person for the re-sale of electricity, the person may re-sell the electricity subject to the terms of the agreement."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 36 negatived.

Clause 37 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made:

Omit "or an agent" (wherever occurring) and substitute "or a licensee".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 38 negatived.

Clause 39 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendments were made, after debate;

Insert in sub-clause (1) after "Commission" (wherever occurring) the words "or a licensee".

Insert in sub-clause (2) after "Commission" the words "or a licensee, as the case may be,".

Insert in sub-clause (3) after "Commission" the words ", the licensee".

Omit from sub-clause (4) "agent" and substitute "licensee".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 40 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendments were made:

Omit from sub-clause (2) "an agent" and substitute "a licensee".

Insert in sub-clause (3) after "Commission" (wherever occurring) "or a licensee".

Omit sub-clause (4) and substitute the following sub-clause:

"(4) A person to whom electricity is supplied by the Commission or a licensee is liable to make payment to the Commission or the licensee, as the case may be, in accordance with the Regulations."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 41 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made, after debate:

Insert after sub-clause (1)(b) the following paragraph:

"(c) the Commission or a licensee is prevented from reading a meter which records the amounts of electricity consumed,".

On the motion of Mr Perron the following further amendments were made:

Omit from sub-clauses (1), (2) and (4) "Executive Member" (wherever occurring) and substitute "Commission".

Omit from sub-clause (2) "his" and substitute "its".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 42 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made:

Omit "an agent" and substitute "a licensee".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 43 to 49, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following new clause was inserted in the Bill, after debate:

"50.(1) Notwithstanding the repeal of the Electricity Supply Regulations any agreement existing immediately before that repeal between a consumer and the Administrator under those Regulations shall continue in force as though the agreement had been made with the Commission.

"(2) All rights and liabilities under an agreement referred to in sub-section (1) shall continue in force as though the Electricity Supply Regulations had not been repealed."

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1541 and 1555 hours.

The Committee resumed -

Postponed clause 3 and the amendment proposed by Mr Perron -

Proposed amendment negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed clause 27 and the amendment proposed by Mr Isaacs -

Proposed amendment negatived.

On the motion of Mr Perron, by leave, the following amendment was made -

In sub-clause (1) after "employee" insert the words "having qualifications prescribed by the by-laws".

On the motion of Mr Perron the following further amendment was made, after debate:

Insert after sub-clause (1) the following sub-clause -

"(1A) The Commission may appoint an Inspector of Mines appointed under the Mining Ordinance, who is, in the opinion of the Commission, suitably qualified, to be an electrical inspector."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

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

Mr Perron moved -

That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed - Bill read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

32. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson order of the day No. 6 was called on.
33. ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND CONTRACTORS BILL 1978 (Serial 70): The order of the day having been read for consideration of the Bill in the committee of the whole Assembly.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

References to Executive Member -

The following amendments were taken together, by leave, and agreed to:

In clauses 7(1), (2), 8(1)(a), 9, 10(1), (2), 12(1), (3) and (4) omit "Executive Member" (wherever occurring) and substitute "Minister".

References to Administrator in Council -

The following amendments were taken together, by leave, and agreed to -

In clauses 11 and 51 omit "Administrator in Council" (wherever occurring) and substitute "Administrator".

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following new clause was inserted in the Bill:

"2A. Notwithstanding the commencement of this Ordinance, a person who, immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance, could lawfully carry on business as an electrical contractor may continue to carry on business as an electrical contractor until the expiration of the period of 3 months commencing on the date on which this Ordinance comes into operation."

Clause 3 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made:

Add at the end of the definition of "electrical contractor" the words ", and includes the Commission".

On the motion of Mr Perron the following further amendment was made, after debate:

Omit the definition of "electrical work".

On the motion of Mr Perron the following further amendment was made:

Add at the end of the definition of "member" the words "and includes a deputy of a member while acting in the place of the member".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made:

Omit from sub-clause (1)(a) "who is" and substitute "who is or is eligible to become".

Mr Perron moved as a further amendment -

Insert after sub-clause (1) the following sub-clause:

"(1A) Each member of the Board shall present the views of the interest groups that he represents, but, having presented those views, he shall speak, act and vote independently."

Debate ensued.

Question - That the amendment be agreed to - put and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to after further debate.

Clause 7 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made:

Omit sub-clause (2)(a) and substitute the following paragraph:

"(a) he has first given to the interest groups that that person is to represent, and to persons and associations claiming to speak on behalf of any members of any of those groups, an opportunity to recommend persons to be so appointed; and".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 15, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 16 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendments were made:

Add at the end of sub-clause (1)(c) "and, in the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote".

Omit sub-clause (1)(d).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 17 and 18 agreed to.

Clause 19 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made:

Omit "under the direct supervision of the holder of an electrical mechanic's licence grade A".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 20 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following further amendments were made:

Omit paragraphs (d) and (e) and substitute the following paragraphs:

"(e) a statement of results that the applicant has obtained in a colour identification test;"

After sub-clause (1) insert the following sub-clauses:

"(1A) In considering an application for an electrical mechanic's licence, the Board shall take into account the recency of the applicant's training and experience in electrical wiring work.

"(1B) The Board may require an applicant to undergo training, to pass a test or to give evidence of proficiency in industrial safety techniques."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 21 agreed to.

Clause 22 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made, after debate:

Omit from sub-clause (1) "for life" and substitute "for 5 years".

On the motion of Mr Perron the following further amendment was made:

Insert in sub-clause (2), after the words "for such term" the words ", not exceeding 5 years,"

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 23 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made:

Omit from sub-clause (3) all the words from and including "under the direct supervision".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

New clauses -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following new clauses were inserted in the Bill:

"23A. A person who is the holder of an electrical mechanic's licence may apply to the Board for renewal of that licence.

"23B.(1) Upon receipt of an application made under section 23A for renewal of an electrical mechanic's licence, the Board shall renew the licence unless it is satisfied, after considering the application and making such further inquiries as it see fit -

- (a) that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to hold a licence; or
- (b) that, by reason of lack of recent experience in electrical wiring work, the holder of the licence should be required to undergo further training or to have further experience under supervision before the licence is renewed.

"(2) Where the Board considers that an applicant for the renewal of an electrical mechanic's licence should undergo further training or have further experience under supervision it may refuse the application to renew the licence.

"(3) The Board may require an applicant for the renewal of an electrical mechanic's licence to undergo training, to pass a test or to give evidence of proficiency in industrial safety techniques.

"23C. The renewal of an electrical mechanic's licence has effect to continue the licence in force, subject to this Ordinance, for a further period of 5 years or, in the case of an electrical mechanic's licence grade R, for such further period not exceeding 5 years as is specified in the licence, after the date on which, if the application for renewal had not been lodged, the licence would have expired."

Clauses 24 to 28, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 29 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made, after debate:

Omit from sub-clause (1)(a) all words from and including "and has held" and substitute "or a licence that in the opinion of the Board is equivalent to that licence; and".

Mr Perron moved as a further amendment -

Omit sub-clause 2(b) and substitute the following paragraph:

"at least one of its members or employees in the Northern Territory is a natural person who is the holder of an electrical mechanic's licence grade A or a licence that in the opinion of the Board is equivalent to that licence."

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Mr Perron further consideration of the clause and the proposed amendment was postponed.

Clause 30 -

Mr Perron moved as an amendment -

Omit sub-clause (2)(d)(ii) and substitute the following sub-paragraph:

"(ii) concerning the person whom it nominates as the holder of an electrical mechanic's licence and his position in or on the body; and".

On the motion of Mr Perron further consideration of the clause and the proposed amendment was postponed.

Clause 31 agreed to.

Clause 32 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made :

Omit sub-clauses (1) and (2) and substitute the following sub-clause :

"(1) An electrical contractor's licence remains in force, subject to this Ordinance, for one year."

Mr Perron moved as a further amendment -

Omit sub-clause (4) and substitute the following sub-clause :

"(4) If a body or other association of persons that is the holder of an electrical contractor's licence ceases to have as one of its members or employees in the Northern Territory the person whom it nominated as the holder of an electrical mechanic's licence or, if that person ceases to be the holder of an electrical mechanic's licence grade A, or if his electrical mechanic's licence grade A is suspended, the electrical contractor's licence of that body or association is thereby suspended until it nominates another such person and states his position in or on the body."

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1655 and 1703 hours.

The committee resumed -

On the motion of Mr Perron further consideration of clause 32, the proposed amendment and remaining clauses were postponed.

Postponed Clauses -

Postponed clause 29 and the amendment proposed by Mr Perron -

Amendment agreed to, after debate.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed clause 30 and the amendment proposed by Mr Perron -

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Postponed clause 32 and the amendment proposed by Mr Perron -

Amendment agreed to, after debate.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 33 agreed to.

Clause 34 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made:

Omit "A body or other association of persons that is the holder" and substitute "The holder".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 35 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendments were made :

Omit "for renewal of an electrical contractor's licence" and substitute "by a body or other association of persons for renewal of its electrical contractor's licence".

Omit paragraph (d)(ii) and substitute the following sub-paragraph:

"(ii) concerning the nominated holder of an electrical mechanic's licence and his position in or on the body; and".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 36 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made :

Insert after "fit and proper" the word "person,".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 37 agreed to.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following new clause was inserted in the Bill:

"37A.(1) Notwithstanding anything elsewhere contained in this Ordinance, the Commission may carry out electrical wiring work.

"(2) A reference in this Ordinance to an electrical contractor shall be read as including a reference to the Commission."

Clause 38 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made:

Omit sub-clause (2)(c).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 39 to 47, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 48 negatived.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following new clause was inserted in the Bill, after debate:

"48. A person shall not carry out electrical wiring work unless -

- (a) he is the holder of a licence or permit issued under this Ordinance authorizing him to carry out that work and he is acting under and in accordance with the terms of that licence or permit; or
- (b) he is serving an apprenticeship, as an electrical mechanic, an electrical fitter-mechanic or an electrical fitter, in the employ of an electrical contractor and is working under the direct supervision of the holder of an electrical mechanic's licence grade A.

Penalty: 1000 dollars or imprisonment for 6 months, or both."

Clauses 49 to 51 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

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

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

34. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Robertson moved -

That the Assembly, at its rising, adjourn until 1000 hours on Wednesday 7 June 1978 or such earlier time appointed by Mr Speaker, which time shall be notified to each member in writing.

Question put and passed.

35. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Robertson moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1738 hours adjourned until 1000 hours on Wednesday 7 June 1978 or such earlier time appointed by Mr Speaker, which time shall be notified to each member in writing.

ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting.

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

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