

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 86

Thursday 26 March 2015

1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 10am. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick took the Chair.

2. PRAYERS

3. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of students from two Year 7 classes from Rosebery Middle School.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding an Epilepsy awareness campaign.

5. LOCAL COURT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 120)

Mr Elferink (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish the Local Court of the Northern Territory, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Elferink moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr Giles (Member for Brainting), Mr Elferink was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Paper Tabled: Mr Elferink laid upon the Table the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1281).

On the motion of Ms Fyles (Member for Nightcliff) debate was adjourned.

6. JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 119)

Mr Elferink (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation administered by the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Elferink moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of students from Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

Debate continued.

Paper Tabled: Mr Elferink laid upon the Table the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1282).

On the motion of Ms Fyles (Member for Nightcliff) debate was adjourned.

7. CO-OPERATIVES (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) BILL 2015 (SERIAL 114)

Mr Tollner (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for a national law for the formation, registration and operation of co-operatives, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Tollner moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Mr Tollner laid upon the Table the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1283).

On the motion of Mr McCarthy (Member for Barkly) debate was adjourned.

8. ASSEMBLY MEMBERS AND STATUTORY OFFICERS (REMUNERATION AND OTHER ENTITLEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 115)

Resumption of debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of students from Larrakeyah Primary School.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

Debate continued.

Withdrawal from Chamber: The Speaker ordered Mr Tollner (Member for Fong Lim) to withdraw from the Assembly for one hour pursuant to Standing Order 240A.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of sittings: The sitting of the Assembly was suspended between 12 noon and 2.00pm.

9. QUESTIONS

2.00 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister (supplementary question)

Paper Tabled: Ms Lawrie (Member for Karama), by leave, laid upon the Table – New Ownership for TIO, Allianz will take ownership of TIO insurance, dated 24 November 2014 (Paper 1284).

2.05 Mrs Finocchiaro to Chief Minister

2.09 Mr Vowles to Minister for Local Government and Community Services (referred to Minister for Health)

2.13 Mr Barrett to Chief Minister

2.16 Mr McCarthy to Chief Minister

2.21 Mr Kurrupuwu to Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries

2.24 Ms Walker to Minister for Health

2.25 Mr Wood to Chief Minister

2.26 Mr Kurrupuwu to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

2.29 Ms Manison to Minister for Education

- 2.33 Mr Barrett to Minister for Sport and Recreation
- 2.35 Ms Lee to Chief Minister
- 2.38 Mr Kurrupuwu to Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries
- 2.42 Mr Gunner to Minister for Housing
- 2.47 Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the former Deputy Chief Minister Mr Barry Coulter.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

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- 2.51 Mr Vowles to Chief Minister
 - 2.54 Mr Conlan to Treasurer

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) asked that further questions be placed on the Written Question Paper.

10. **ASSEMBLY MEMBERS AND STATUTORY OFFICERS (REMUNERATION AND OTHER ENTITLEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 115) – BILL AGREED TO**
Resumption of debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Withdrawal from Chamber: The Deputy Speaker ordered Ms Walker (Member for Nhulunbuy) to withdraw from the Assembly for one hour pursuant to Standing Order 240A.

Debate resumed.

Member Named: The Deputy Speaker named the Member for Johnston.

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) moved — That Mr Vowles (Member for Johnston) be suspended from the service of the Assembly for a period of 24 hours from 12.45pm, pursuant to Standing Orders Chapter XXIII.

Question – put and passed

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill in detail.

In Committee

Mr Conlan (Chair of Committees) took the Chair.

The Committee considered the Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Amendment Bill 2015 (Serial 115).

Clause 1 to 3 taken together and agreed to.

Clause 4 read.

Mr Wood (Member for Nelson) moved the following amendment to clause 4 –

Clause 4, proposed section 3A

omit, insert

3A Tribunal's power in relation to salaries

- (1) The Tribunal must, on the Administrator's request, inquire into and determine the following:
 - (a) the amount of basic salary;
 - (b) the amount of additional salary of office and the offices in respect of which additional salary of office is to be paid;
 - (c) the basis on which the amounts mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) have been or should be determined.
- (2) A request under subsection (1) may relate to:
 - (a) an inquiry for a specified time; or
 - (b) inquiries for specified intervals.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 4 as amended agreed to.

Remainder of the Bill taken together and agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The Assembly resumed; the Deputy Speaker took the Chair; Mr Conlan reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments.

The Deputy Speaker put the question - That the Report be adopted.

Question – put

The Assembly divided:

Ayes - 11

Mr Barrett
Mr Chandler
Mr Conlan
Mr Elferink
Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Giles
Mr Higgins
Mr Kurrupuwu
Mrs Price
Mr Tollner
Mr Westra van Holthe

Noes - 7

Ms Fyles
Mr Gunner
Ms Lawrie
Mr McCarthy
Ms Manison
Ms Moss
Ms Walker

Pairs: Mr Styles and Mr Wood, Ms Anderson and Mrs Lambley

Motion agreed to.

Mr Giles (Chief Minister) moved - That the Bill be read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question – put

The Assembly divided:

Ayes - 11

Mr Barrett
Mr Chandler
Mr Conlan
Mr Elferink
Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Giles
Mr Higgins
Mr Kurrupuwu
Mrs Price
Mr Tollner
Mr Westra van Holthe

Noes - 7

Ms Fyles
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Ms Lawrie
Mr McCarthy
Ms Manison
Ms Moss
Ms Walker

Pairs: Mr Styles and Mr Wood, Ms Anderson and Mrs Lambley

Motion agreed to.

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

11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – DEFENCE AND THE NORTHERN TERRITORY – MOTION TO NOTE

Mr Giles (Chief Minister) made a statement regarding Defence presence across the Top End.

Mr Giles moved – That the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Debate ensued.

Leave was granted for Mr Westra van Holthe (Member for Katherine) to continue his remarks at a later time.

12. PASTORAL LAND BOARD NORTHERN TERRITORY ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14 - TABLED REPORT

Mr Westra van Holthe (Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries) made a statement and laid on the Table – Pastoral Land Board Northern Territory, Annual Report 2013/14 (Paper 1286).

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Westra van Holthe (Deputy Chief Minister) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 6.55pm until Tuesday 28 April 2015 at 10.00am.

PAPERS

The following paper were deemed to have been Tabled on 26 March 2015 -

Remuneration Determination:

Remuneration Determination Report on the Entitlements of Magistrates and Determination No. 1 of 2015 (Paper 1285)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the sittings, except Ms Anderson and Mr Styles on leave; and Mrs Lambley.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly