

PART III

THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Proceedings
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 29

Tuesday 1 August 1978

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1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to the Resolution of 16 June 1978 - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
 2. PROVISIONAL STANDING ORDERS: Mr Everingham, by leave, laid on the Table provisional standing orders for the Legislative Assembly.

Mr Everingham moved -

That the standing orders be repealed and that the provisional standing orders tabled this day be adopted as the standing orders of the Assembly until such time as they have been reported on to the Assembly by the Standing Orders Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE - STATEMENT: Mr Everingham, by leave, made a statement relating to questions on notice.
4. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION - PERTH, JULY 1978 - STATEMENT: Mr Isaacs, by leave, made a statement relating to the Australian Constitutional Convention held in Perth.

Mr Everingham, by leave, moved -

That the Statement be noted.

Debate ensued.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION: Mr Isaacs made a personal explanation refuting allegations made by Mr Everingham in this debate.

Question put and passed.

5. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - INTRODUCTION AND PASSAGE OF BILLS: Mr Robertson, by leave, moved -

That at this sittings of the Assembly so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the introduction of Bills without notice and their passage through all stages.

The motion having been supported -

Question put and passed.

7. HIRE-PURCHASE BILL 1978 (Serial 127): Mr Perron, pursuant to resolution, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Perron moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
8. TAXATION (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 128): Mr Perron, pursuant to resolution, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Perron moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour
9. STAMP DUTY BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 130): Mr Perron, pursuant to resolution, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Perron moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
10. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 138): Mr Perron, pursuant to resolution, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Perron moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
11. SOCCER FOOTBALL POOLS BILL 1978 (Serial 133): Mr Perron, pursuant to resolution, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Perron moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
12. NORTHERN TERRITORY DISASTERS BILL 1978 (Serial 135): Mr Everingham, pursuant to resolution, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Everingham moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

13. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (REMUNERATION OF MEMBERS) BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 137): Mr Everingham, pursuant to resolution, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Everingham moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

14. INTERPRETATION BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 140): Mr Everingham, pursuant to resolution, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Everingham moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

15. DANGEROUS DRUGS BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 134): Mr Tuxworth, pursuant to resolution, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Tuxworth moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

16. MOTOR VEHICLES BILL (No. 5) 1978 (Serial 129): Mr Steele, pursuant to resolution, 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 hour.

17. ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND CONTRACTORS BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 132): Mr Steele, pursuant to resolution, 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 hour.

18. TOURIST BOARD BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 136): Mr Steele, pursuant to resolution, 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 hour.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1141 and 1400 hours.

19. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES BILL 1978 (Serial 114): 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.

SPEAKER'S RULING: Mr Speaker made a statement relating to speeches in the Assembly and ruled that members should not read their speeches.

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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 -

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

Omit item 4 from proposed Fifth Schedule.

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 a proposed law.

20. COMPANIES BILL 1978 (Serial 118): 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.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 -

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

After item 31 of the proposed Second Schedule insert the following item:

"31A. On lodging an application by a company limited by guarantee to convert to a company limited both by shares and guarantee
.. 110.00".

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 a proposed law.

21. PUBLIC TRUSTEE BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 124): 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.

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 a proposed law.

22. REAL PROPERTY BILL 1978 (Serial 123): 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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 negatived, after debate.

Clause 4 -

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

Omit from the heading of the proposed First Schedule "Sections 22, 65 and 201" and substitute "Sections 22 and 65".

Clause, 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 a proposed law.

23. LANDS ACQUISITION BILL 1978 (Serial 93) - STATEMENT: Mr Perron, by leave, made a statement relating to the Lands Acquisition Bill.

Bill, by leave, withdrawn.

24. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS - PROPOSED STATEMENT: Mr Everingham asked leave to make a statement on financial arrangements.

Leave denied.

25. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - ALLOW CHIEF MINISTER TO MAKE A STATEMENT: Mr Robertson, by leave, moved -

That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Chief Minister making a statement at this time.

The motion having been supported -

Debate ensued.

Question put -

The Assembly divided - The Speaker (Mr MacFarlane) took the Chair

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NOES 7

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

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

26. INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF FINANCIAL UNDERSTANDING: Mr Everingham made a statement relating to financial arrangements between the Commonwealth and Northern Territory governments and, by leave, laid a copy of the statement on the Table.

Mr Isaacs, by leave, moved -

That the Statement be noted

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

27. LAW OFFICERS BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 139): Mr Everingham, pursuant to resolution, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Everingham moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

28. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the order of the day relating to the Hire-Purchase Bill 1978 was called on.

29. HIRE-PURCHASE BILL 1978 (Serial 127): 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.

30. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the order of the day relating to the Taxation (Administration) Bill (No. 2) 1978 was called on.

31. TAXATION (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 128): 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.

32. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the order of the day relating to the Stamp Duty Bill (No. 2) 1978 was called on.
33. STAMP DUTY BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 130): 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.
34. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the order of the day relating to the Dangerous Drugs Bill (No. 2) 1978 was called on.
35. DANGEROUS DRUGS BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 134): 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.
36. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the order of the day relating to the Northern Territory Disasters Bill 1978 was called on.
37. NORTHERN TERRITORY DISASTERS BILL 1978 (Serial 135): 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.
38. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the order of the day relating to the Interpretation Bill (No. 2) 1978 was called on.

39. INTERPRETATION BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 140): 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 Everingham moved -

That the committee stages be later taken.

Question put and passed.

40. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Everingham the order of the day relating to the Financial Administration and Audit Bill (No. 2) 1978 was called on.

41. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 138): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate of 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.

42. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the order of the day relating to the Motor Vehicles Bill (No. 5) 1978 was called on.
43. MOTOR VEHICLES BILL (No. 5) 1978 (Serial 129): 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.

44. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Robertson moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1635 hours adjourned until tomorrow at 1000 hours.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 1 August 1978, pursuant to statute:

Agreements and Determinations

Agreement between the Administrator and the N.T. Fire Officers Federation dated 21 April 1978

Agreement between the Administrator and the N.T. Firefighters Association dated 21 April 1978.

Financial Statements

The Corporation of the City of Darwin - 30 June 1975

The Corporation of the Municipality of Alice Springs - 30 June 1977

Public Service By-laws 1978

- No. 7 Public Service (Salaries and Designations) By-laws
- No. 8 Amendments of Public Service (Conditions of Appointment and Promotion) By-laws
- No. 9 Amendments of Public Service (Terms and Conditions of Service) By-laws

Regulations 1978

- No. 7 Amendment of the Public Service Regulations
- No. 8 Mines (Radiation Protection) Regulations
- No. 9 Amendments of the Sewerage Regulations
- No. 10 Amendments of the Water Supply (Terms and Conditions of Supply) Regulations
- No. 11 Amendments of the Building Regulations
- No. 12 Treasury Regulations
- No. 13 Motor Vehicle (Fees and Charges) Regulations
- No. 14 Amendments of the Motor Vehicle (Registration Labels and Miscellaneous) Regulations
- No. 15 Amendments of the Motor Vehicle (Hire Car) Regulations
- No. 16 Amendments of the Hire Purchase Regulations
- No. 17 Electricity (Fees and Charges) Regulations
- No. 18 Pay-roll Tax Regulations
- No. 19 Taxation (Administration) Regulations
- No. 20 Amendments of the Lottery and Gaming Regulations

Reports

Gove District Hospital Advisory Board - year ended 30 June 1978.

ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 30

Wednesday 2 August 1978

1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to adjournment - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
2. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
3. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AND TABLED PAPERS COMMITTEE - SIXTH AND SEVENTH REPORTS: Mr Oliver presented the sixth and seventh reports of the standing committee.
4. SOCCER FOOTBALL POOLS BILL 1978 (Serial 133): 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 agreed to after debate.

Clause 5 -

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

Omit from sub-clause (1)(a) the word "or".

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

"(aa) grant, either conditionally or unconditionally, a licence; or".

Omit from sub-clause (3) "\$250,000" and substitute "\$100,000".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 -

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

Omit from sub-clause (1)(b) "section 5" and substitute "section 5(1)(a)".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clause 9 -

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

Insert after "granted" the words "or such lesser period as is specified in the licence".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 13, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 14 -

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

Omit from sub-clause (1) "to be" and substitute "being appointed under sub-section (2) as".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 15 to 21, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 22 -

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

Omit the words "officer employed under" and substitute "employee within the meaning of".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 23 to 29, by leave, taken together and 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 a proposed law.

5. STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 1978 (Serial 141): Mr Everingham, pursuant to resolution, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Everingham moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(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 a proposed law.

6. LICENSING BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 131): Mr Tuxworth, pursuant to resolution, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Tuxworth moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to, after debate.

Title agreed to.

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

Question -

That the Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

7. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (REMUNERATION OF MEMBERS) BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 137): 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 a proposed law.

8. ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND CONTRACTORS BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 132): 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 a proposed law.

9. TOURIST BOARD BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 136): 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 a proposed law.

10. LAW OFFICERS BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 139): 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.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Everingham the following new clause was added to the Bill:

4. The Law Officers Ordinance is amended by omitting from section 6(b) "in" and substituting "for".

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 a proposed law.

11. RESCISSION OF MOTION - PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF MEMBERS: Mr Everingham, by leave, moved -

That the Resolution of the Assembly passed on Friday 16 June 1978 relating to the Pecuniary Interests of Members be rescinded.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12. PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF MEMBERS: Mr Everingham, by leave, moved -

That this Assembly hereby directs each Honourable Member to deliver to the Clerk on or before 1 October in each year, a statutory declaration containing a statement of the Member's financial affairs setting out:

- (a) the nature and value of assets including money due otherwise than by way of salary as at thirtieth of June of that year held by
 - (i) the Member; and
 - (ii) the Member's spouse and each child below the age of 18 years;
- (b) the particulars of any trust in which the Member or his or her spouse and each child below the age of 18 years has an interest including the names of all trustees and the nature and value of the assets of the trust;

- (c) the location of any land in which the Member or his or her spouse and each child below the age of 18 years has an interest and the nature of that interest and the value attributed to it by the Member;
- (d) the nature and amounts of the several or joint liabilities of each Member and his or her spouse and each child below the age of 18 years as at the thirtieth of June;
- (e) in respect of each Member and his or her spouse and children below the age of 18 years, each item of expenditure and source of income (not being an expenditure or source of income involved in the normal course of business and not being an expenditure or source of income incidental to the performance of the Member's duty as a Member but including any sponsored travel) exceeding two thousand dollars during the twelve months to thirtieth of June and the amount of such expenditure and income;
- (f) the nature of the involvement of the Member and of his or her spouse during the twelve months to thirtieth of June in any company whether public or private and whether as a shareholder or otherwise;
- (g) that any changes to the information disclosed by a Member pursuant to parts (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this resolution involving assets or money in excess of two thousand dollars be notified to the Clerk within three calendar months of such change.

That the Clerk keep all statements delivered in a register and may, at his discretion, at all reasonable times make the register available to any bona fide inquirer, after informing the Member whose statements have been requested to be disclosed to an inquirer of the name of that inquirer and his interest in such statements.

That any Member shall, within thirty (30) days of becoming a Minister of the Territory or Leader of the Opposition, resign from the directorship of any public company and not accept appointment as a director of a public company while holding office as a Minister of the Territory or as Leader of the Opposition.

That each Member who is a Minister or the Leader of the Opposition require each person employed by him as a staff member solely responsible to him as employer to provide to that Member on or before the first day of October in each year, a statutory declaration containing a statement of their financial affairs including information of the kind required by paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of this resolution.

Question put and passed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1202 and 1400 hours.

- 13. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson, order of the day Government Business No. 14 was called on.
- 14. INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF FINANCIAL UNDERSTANDING: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Isaacs -

That the Statement be noted.

Debate resumed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION: Miss D'Rozario, by leave, made a personal explanation refuting certain statements attributed to her by Mr Robertson during this debate.

Debate resumed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION: Mr Tuxworth, by leave, made a personal explanation refuting certain statements attributed to him by Mr Isaacs during this debate.

Question put and passed.

15. HIRE-PURCHASE BILL 1978 (Serial 127): 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 a proposed law.

16. TAXATION (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 128): 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.

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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 a proposed law.

18. INTERPRETATION BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 140): 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)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 5, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 6 -

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

Omit the proposed new section 34 and substitute the following section:

"34.(1) Subject to this section, a provision of an Act that confers upon the Administrator a power or function shall not be read as requiring, permitting or enabling the Administrator to exercise that power or perform that function except with the advice of the Executive Council.

"(2) The Administrator may, without reference to the Executive Council -

- (a) exercise a power to fix a date for the bringing into operation of an Act or of a provision or part of an Act; or
- (b) exercise any other power or perform any function that the Administrator, with the advice of the Executive Council, determines, by notice in the Gazette, to be a power that may be exercised, or a function that may be performed, as the case may be, by the Administrator without reference to the Executive Council.

"(3) The Administrator may, without reference to the Executive Council -

- (a) exercise any power where the exercise of that power relates only to; or
- (b) perform any function where the performance of that function relates only to

matters in respect of which the Ministers of the Territory do not have executive authority under section 35 of the Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978 of 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 a proposed law.

19. STAMP DUTY BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 130): 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.

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(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 a proposed law.

21. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 138): 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 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 -

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

Proposed sub-section (2) is amended by omitting all words after "functions" (first occurring) and substituting "or duties of an office that is specified in the instrument of appointment to be the accountable officer for the functions or duties in respect of that office specified in that instrument."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 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 a proposed law.

22. MOTOR VEHICLES BILL (No. 5) 1978 (Serial 129): 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 a proposed law.

23. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Steele moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

24. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Robertson moved -

That the Assembly at its rising adjourn to a time and date appointed by Mr Speaker and notified to Members by letter or telegram.

Question put and passed.

25. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Tuxworth moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And then the Assembly at 1709 hours adjourned to a time and date appointed by Mr Speaker and notified to Members by letter or telegram.

ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting.

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

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