PART III

THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# Minutes of Proceedings

OF THE

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 51

Tuesday 16 November 1982

1. The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to resolution. Mr Speaker (the Honourable J.L.S. MacFarlane) took the Chair, and read prayers.

#### 2. PETITIONS:

Mr Vale (Stuart), on behalf of the member for Elsey, presented a petition from 115 citizens of the Northern Territory relating to air-conditioning of demountable school class rooms.

Petition received and read.

Mr Bell (MacDonnell) presented a petition from  $81\ \text{citizens}$  of the Northern Territory relating to the Tennant Creek abattoirs.

Petition received and read.

Mrs Padgham-Purich (Tiwi) presented a petition from 3638 citizens of Australia relating to parks.

Petition received and read.

### 3. QUESTIONS:

Ouestions without notice were asked.

Business of the day called on: On the motion of Mr Robertson (Minister for Education), business of the day was called on.

4. AUDITOR-GENERAL - ANNUAL REPORT, 1981-82 - PUBLICATION AND PRINTING - MOTION TO NOTE PAPER:

Mr Speaker laid on the Table the report of the Auditor-General upon the Treasurer's annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 1982 and upon other activities.

Mr Everingham (Chief Minister) moved -

- (1) That this Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of the *Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act 1977*, authorizes the publication of the report of the Auditor-General for 1981-82; and
  - (2) That the report be printed.

Question - put and passed.

Mr Everingham moved - That the Assembly take note of the paper.

Leave granted for Mr Everingham to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

### 5. NOTICES:

Mr Everingham: To move - That this Assembly endorse the agreement between the Commonwealth and the Northern Territory in respect of Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory in the belief that, through these measures, the community of the Northern Territory in general will benefit.

The agreement states that:

- 1. The Northern Territory government will give public assurance that areas subject to claim will not be alienated without prior consultation with the relevant land councils.
- 2. The Northern Territory government will enact legislation to provide procedures and machinery for determining and granting of land for Aboriginal communities living on pastoral leases.

Such legislation will provide for an unbiased tribunal to hear applications for excision areas. The tribunal will consist of a judge, a representative of the pastoral industry and a representative from the land council responsible for the area. The tribunal, on receipt of an application, will be empowered to issue directions which would bring the parties together within a specified time to discuss the application and in the event of non-agreement, initiate a formal hearing.

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The tribunal will be empowered to make recommendations to the Minister that the area, the subject of the decision, be resumed.

This will lead to compensation to the pastoralist, which compensation will in the first instance be paid by the government and will be recoverable from Aboriginal interests within a reasonable time; as determined by the tribunal.

The criteria to be applied by the tribunal will be as follows:

- A. the resumption will not unreasonably adversely affect the commercial viability of the pastoral lease;
- B. regard will be given to the economic provision of infrastructure to the area including provision of water, services and access;
- C. the location of the area should have regard to the commercial requirements of the pastoralists and the traditional and social requirements of Aboriginals; and
- D. if the Aboriginals abandon the area excised for a period of not less than 2 years it will be advertised as intended for reversion to the principal lease thereby providing the opportunity to the former Aboriginal occupiers to appeal against such reversion to the abovementioned tribunal.
- 3. The Northern Territory government will give a public undertaking that pastoral leases will be transferred if purchased by Aboriginals on the open market.
- 4. The Northern Territory government will enter into negotiations with the land councils about the granting of title under Northern Territory law to national parks subject to land claims.

Legislation providing for the amendment of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act eliminating claims to national parks areas would be proclaimed only on the satisfactory conclusion of negotiations between the Northern Territory government and the land councils in respect of such parks.

- 5. This will include Uluru and Alligator River II land claims.
- 6. Northern Territory government will negotiate with Central Land Council about alternative land for the Luritja Trust to ameliorate illwill which resulted from the alienation of part of the Amadeus land claim.

The Northern Territory Minister for Lands and Housing will convene a meeting of all interested parties with a view to an accommodation satisfactory to those parties.

- 7. Legislation will be introduced to amend section 50(i)(a) of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act to prevent future applications for claims being made by the land council for land in which the estates and interests are held by or on behalf of Aboriginals.
  - 8. The Northern Territory government will enact legislation to:
  - A. grant perpetual leases to pastoral areas;
  - B. eliminate forfeiture provisions in respect of such leases;
  - C. provide financial sanctions to ensure compliance with terms and conditions set; and

D. provide the terms and conditions to be determined in consultation with the prospective lessee.

In dealing with mining interests over perpetual leases owned by Aboriginals, the Minister for Mines and Energy will be required to be satisfied that due regard has been paid to the provisions of the Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act, the Northern Territory Liquor Act and the Northern Territory Environmental Protection Act, or to other detriment which may not be covered by the above.

In the event that there is a dispute between the Aboriginal lessees and the applicant for a mining interest on the above issues, the Minister may appoint an arbitrator whom the Minister considers to be in a position to deal with the matter impartially to recommend the terms and conditions which should be acceptable to the Aboriginal community and the applicant for the mining interest.

The Minister for Mines and Energy must also satisfy himself that there has been or will be due beneficial provision in terms of community facilities as a consequence of any proposed mining development.

- 9. It is the policy of the Northern Territory government to encourage maximum possible training and employment of Aboriginal people especially in projects undertaken on land owned by Aboriginal people.
- 10. No claims will proceed for stock routes, reserves and public purpose land, and the Aboriginal Land Rights Act will be amended accordingly.
- 6. PETROLEUM LEASE No. 3 PAPER TABLED:
  Mr Tuxworth (Minister for Mines and Energy) laid on the Table Petroleum Lease
  No. 3, dated 9 November 1982, granted to Magellan Petroleum (N.T.) Pty Ltd
  in respect of Oil Permit 175.
- 7. FURTHER NOTICES:

Mr Perron, by leave: To present the Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amendment Bill 1983 (Serial 273), and the Soccer Football Pools Amendment Bill 1982 (Serial 266).

8. OMBUDSMAN - FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT - PAPER TABLED - MOTION TO NOTE PAPER:
Mr Everingham (Chief Minister) laid on the Table the Fourth Annual Report of
the Northern Territory Ombudsman.

Mr Everingham moved - That the Assembly take note of the paper. Debate adjourned (Mrs  $\,$ 0'Neil) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

- 9. EMPLOYMENT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:
  Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement on employment.
  Mr Everingham moved That the Assembly take note of the statement.
  Debate adjourned (Mr B. Collins) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
- 10. PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1982 (Serial 245): 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 12.10 and  $2.40~\mathrm{p.m.}$ 

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 Mrs Lawrie the following amendment was made, after debate –  $\,$ 

Omit from paragraph (c) "more than 2" and substitute "more than 3".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The Assembly resumed - the Chairman (Mr Harris) reported accordingly and the report was adopted.

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

11. COMPENSATION (FATAL INJURIES) AMENDMENT BILL 1982 (Serial 233):

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Everingham the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

12. PHARMACY AMENDMENT BILL 1982 (Serial 262):

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Tuxworth the  $Bill\ was\ read\ a$  third time and passed to be a proposed law.

13. RACING AND BETTING AMENDMENT BILL 1982 (Serial 263):

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Perron the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

14. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1982 (Serial 264):

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 Vale (Stuart) moved - That the committee stages be later taken.

Question - put and passed.

15. DISASTERS BILL 1982 (Serial 256):

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 Vale moved - That the committee stages be later taken.

Question - put and passed.

16. WATER SUPPLY AND SERVICES BILL - PLUMBERS AND DRAINERS LICENSING BILL 1982 (Serial 181) and WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BILL 1982 (Serial 182):

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. Bills, by leave, withdrawn.

#### 17. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Steele (Minister for Primary Production) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 5.30 p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

#### PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 November 1982:

#### Agreement:

Agreement between Administrator and Senior Prison Officers Association, July 1982

### Annual Reports:

Agricultural Development and Marketing Authority, 1980-81 - Corrigenda Northern Territory Electricity Commission, 1981-82 Northern Territory Racing and Gaming Commission, 1982

#### Financial Statement:

Darwin Omnibus Service, 1979-80

Petroleum Leases and Licences:

Permit to prospect for petroleum - Permit No. 233

Public Service By-laws 1982:

No. 4 Amendments of the Public Service (Terms and Conditions of Service)
By-laws

#### Regulations 1982:

No. 59 Alice Springs (Rates and Charges) By-laws

No. 60 Amendments of the Midwives Regulations

### ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting.

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No. 52

### Wednesday 17 November 1982

1. The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable J.L.S. MacFarlane) took the Chair, and read prayers.

### 2. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS - UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION:

Mr Speaker informed the Assembly of the presence in the Gallery of a Common-wealth Parliamentary Association delegation from the United Kingdom, led by Rt Hon. Sir Angus Maude, M.P., and comprising of members Rt Hon. Bruce Millan, M.P., Mr Donald Coleman, M.P., Mr Keith Speed, M.P., and Lord Energlyn.

Mr Speaker, on behalf of the Assembly, extended a warm welcome to the members of the delegation.

#### 3. NOTICES:

Mr B. Collins: To present the Intoxicated Persons Bill 1983 (Serial 268), the Summary Offences Amendment Bill 1983 (Serial 270), and the Police Administration Amendment Bill 1983 (Serial 269).

#### 4. MEMBER FOR MACDONNELL - STATEMENT BY SPEAKER:

Mr Speaker made the following statement -

Honourable members, it may have been noticed during question time yesterday that a particular honourable member exhibited obvious unparliamentary and audible evidence of exasperation at not receiving the call.

In fact, the honourable member left the Chamber without observing the normal proprieties after the call for which he would have been eligible had been given to his colleague, the honourable Leader of the Opposition following which the motion of the Leader of Government Business to call on business of the day was passed.

I have to report to the Assembly that a letter received from the honourable member for MacDonnell, a grossly insulting letter, to the effect that "the member for Elsey's strongly racist ideas expressed in press reports have seriously affected the good conduct of business in this Assembly". Further, I was charged with preventing those representing the Aboriginal people from gaining an adequate hearing in the Legislative Assembly. The honourable member prefaced his letter by referring to a question he asked of me at the previous sittings which was so blatantly at variance with standing orders that I chose to ignore it. Under Standing Order 101, a member is entitled to ask a question of the Speaker relating to any matter of administration for which he is responsible. That standing order obviously refers to the responsibilities of the Speaker in relation to the Assembly and not to his electorate duties or his philosophies.

Honourable members, I know that the majority of members on both sides have the capacity to differentiate between my duties as Speaker and those of the elected member for Elsey. I know too that the majority of members would have sufficient knowledge of parliamentary practice to refrain from writing insulting letters to their Speaker but instead, if it was a matter of sincere concern, to publicly move by motion upon notice a lack of confidence in the Speaker.

The honourable member for MacDonnell has this recourse open to him and, unless he chooses to adopt that course, I would expect to receive his public apology for the scurrilous diatribe he has directed to me. In the meantime, I intend to adopt the precedent set by Speaker Archie Cameron in the federal House of Representative and will refuse to "see" him.

#### 5. QUESTIONS:

Questions without notice were asked.

6. AGRICULTURAL POLICY - ISSUES AND OPTIONS FOR THE 1980s - PAPER TABLED - MOTION TO NOTE PAPER:

Mr Steele (Minister for Primary Production) laid on the Table the report of September 1982 of the Working Group under the chairmanship of T.S. Balderstone to the Commonwealth Minister for Primary Industry.

Mr Steele moved - That the Assembly take note of the paper.

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

7. ABORIGINAL LAND - AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMONWEALTH AND N.T. - MOTION TO ENDORSE: Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, moved ~

That this Assembly endorse the agreement between the Commonwealth and the Northern Territory in respect of Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory in the belief that, through these measures, the community of the Northern Territory in general will benefit.

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- 9. It is the policy of the Northern Territory government to encourage maximum possible training and employment of Aboriginal people especially in projects undertaken on land owned by Aboriginal people.
- 10. No claims will proceed for stock routes, reserves and public purpose land, and the Aboriginal Land Rights Act will be amended accordingly. Debate ensued.

Papers tabled: Mr Everingham, by leave, tabled the following papers:

- Pamphlet "A question of balance" by Chris Budden;
- Memorandum of 7 September 1982 from Director, Office of Aboriginal Liaison to Chief Minister relating to the above pamphlet; and
- Correspondence between Chairman, Central Land Council, and Chief Minister for the period February 1982 to 2 Novmeber 1982.

Debate adjourned (Mr B. Collins) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

8. MOTOR ACCIDENTS (COMPENSATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1983 (Serial 273):
Mr Perron (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Motor Accidents (Compensation) Act.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Miss D'Rozario) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

9. SOCCER FOOTBALL POOLS AMENDMENT BILL 1982 (Serial 266):
Mr Perron (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Soccer Football Pools Act.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

### 10. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:

On the motion of Mr Robertson (Minister for Education) orders of the day, Government Business, Nos 1 and 2, relating to the Liquor Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1982 (Serial 264) and the Disasters Bill 1982 (Serial 256), were postponed until a later hour; and order of the day, Government Business, No. 36 was called on.

### 11. EMPLOYMENT - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - STATEMENT NOTED:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Everingham (16 November 1982) - That the Assembly take note of the statement -

Debate resumed.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 11.56 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

### 12. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL 1982 (Serial 195):

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.

Apology to Speaker: Mr Bell (MacDonnell) apologized to the Speaker in relation to the content of a letter written by him and referred to by the Speaker in a statement made earlier this day.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned (Mr D.W. Collins) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Robertson (Minister for Education) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Papers tabled: Mr Tuxworth (Minister for Health), laid on the Table 3 extracts from newspapers relating to Aboriginal health.

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 6.24 p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

### ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting.

No. 53

#### Thursday 18 November 1982

1. The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable J.L.S. MacFarlane) took the Chair, and read prayers.

#### 2. NOTICES:

Mr Everingham: To present the Real Property Amendment Bill (No. 3) 1982 (Serial 267):

Mr Dondas: To present the Water Supply and Sewerage Bill 1982 (Serial 257), the Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Bill 1982 (Serial 258), and the Traffic Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1982 (Serial 265).

#### 3. QUESTIONS:

Questions without notice were asked.

Business of the day called on: On the motion of Mr Robertson (Minister for Education), business of the day was called on.

- 4. AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT, 1981-82 PAPER TABLED: Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), laid on the Table the Second Annual Report of the Australian Bicentennial Authority for 1981-82.
- 5. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES MINISTERIAL STATEMENT MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT: Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement on the report of the Committee of Inquiry into Telecommunications in Australia.

Mr Everingham moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.

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

6. ABORIGINAL LAND - ENDORSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMONWEALTH AND N.T.: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Everingham -

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- 9. It is the policy of the Northern Territory government to encourage maximum possible training and employment of Aboriginal people especially in projects undertaken on land owned by Aboriginal people.
- 10. No claims will proceed for stock routes, reserves and public purpose land, and the Aboriginal Land Rights Act will be amended accordingly. Debate resumed.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 11.56 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

7. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL 1982 (Serial 219):

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.

Clause 2 -

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

Omit from the shoulder note "SECTION" and substitute "SECTIONS".

Insert after proposed section 14A the following:

"14B. PRINCIPAL CONTROLLED SITES

- "(1) Where a person (in this section referred to as "the principal") intends to contract or has contracted, other than under a contract of service or apprenticeship, with another person (in this section referred to as "the contractor") for work to be done by or on behalf of the contractor, the principal may obtain from an approved insurer a policy of insurance or indemnity (in accordance with the form in the Fifth Schedule, with necessary changes) which, in relation to the work specified in the policy of insurance or indemnity as work to be done by or on behalf of that contractor, covers
  - (a) the principal's liability under this Act;
  - (b) the contractor's liability under this Act; and
  - (c) the liability under this Act of those persons with whom the contractor intends to contract or has contracted in order to fulfill his contractual obligations with the principal.
- "(2) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against section 18 where the defendant satisfies the Court that his liability under this Act is the subject of a policy of insurance or indemnity under sub-section (1).".

Clause, as amended, agreed to. Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to. Bill to be reported with amendments.

The Assembly resumed - the Chairman (Mr Harris) reported accordingly and the report was adopted.

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

### 8. LAND AND BUSINESS AGENTS AMENDMENT BILL 1982 (Serial 232):

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Robertson (Minister for Education) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Paper tabled: Mr Everingham (Chief Minister) laid on the Table the text of a question asked and answer given in the Australian Senate this day.

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 4.49 p.m. adjourned until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 23 November 1982.

#### PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 18 November 1982:

Annual Report:

Department of the Treasury, 1981-82

Compulsory Acquisition of Land:

Drainage easements over Part of Lots 41 and 42, LTO 81/12 - Vega Pty Ltd

### ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting.

#### No. 54

#### Tuesday 23 November 1982

1. The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable J.L.S. MacFarlane) took the Chair, and read prayers.

#### 2. NOTICES:

Mr Everingham: To present the Northern Territory Development Land Corporation (Vesting of Land) Bill 1983 (Serial 282), the Police Administration Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1982 (Serial 281), the Justices Amendment Bill (No. 2) 1982 (Serial 278) and the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Amendment Bill 1982 (Serial 279).

Mr Everingham: To move - That this Assembly, recognizing that -

- legislation in the Commonwealth parliament will be necessary in order to give effect to the agreement between the N.T. and the Commonwealth governments;
- this agreement was reached following protracted and continuing negotiations between all interested parties;
- the Commonwealth government has undertaken to introduce such legislation at an early stage;
- the fate of this legislation is likely to depend on its acceptability to the Senate;
- the Senate is likely to place considerable weight on the views of elected representatives of the N.T. Assembly, (who collectively represent the whole community) as indicated by public debate in the Assembly; and
- earlier debates have not yet produced this detailed analysis: This Assembly now agrees that the past 6 years of operation of legislation relating to land for Aboriginals and in particular Land Rights Act (Northern Territory) 1976 have disclosed a number of shortcomings, including for example -
- (1) the claiming of land set aside for public purposes such as stock routes and national parks;
- (2) the prospect that despite self-government (which came into effect since the Woodward Report and the Act), an increasing amount of land can in the future revert to administration under Commonwealth rather than N.T. law;
- (3) the open-ended nature of the claim system (in terms of time to complete lodgement and hearing of claims, and the opportunity for repeat claims); and
- (4) the lack of provision of living areas for Aboriginals on pastoral leases. The Assembly further considers that these faults are leading to serious uncertainty and friction within the N.T. community, and that there is a clear need to amend both the Commonwealth and N.T. legislation to correct the flaws, and to provide *inter alia* for -
  - a mechanism for living areas on pastoral leases;
- protection for Aboriginals already legally holding land against counter claims by other groups, which may be detrimental to their interests;
- areas set aside for public purposes to continue to be managed and used for such purposes; and
- an adequate form of title and tenure under N.T. law to be provided for Aboriginal pastoral land (rather than under Commonwealth law); and agrees that this motion, together with the Hansard record of the debate on the motion, be transmitted from the Assembly to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the leaders of the federal parliamentary parties, and all members of both Houses of the Commonwealth parliament.

Miss D'Rozario: To present the Territory Development Amendment Bill 1983 (Serial 274).

Mr Tuxworth: To present the Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Bill 1982 (Serial 216) and the Dangerous Goods Amendment Bill 1982 (Serial 276).

Mr Steele: To present the Meat Industry Bill 1982 (Serial 283).

Mr Robertson: To present the Prisoners (Interstate Transfer) Bill 1983 (Serial 277), the Pounds Amendment Bill 1982 (Serial 272) and the Local Government Amendment Bill (No. 4) 1982 (Serial 280).

### 3. QUESTIONS:

Questions without notice were asked.

Business of the day called on: On the motion of Mr Robertson (Minister for Education), business of the day was called on.

- 5. GUNN POINT RECREATION AREA PAPER TABLED:
  - Mr Everingham (Chief Minister) laid on the Table a paper relating to a 3 year development program for the Gunn Point Recreation Area.
- 5. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AND TABLED PAPERS COMMITTEE SEVENTH REPORT PAPER TABLED MOTION TO NOTE PAPER:

Mr Harris (Port Darwin) laid on the Table the seventh report of the Subordinate Legislation and Tabled Papers Committee.

Mr Harris moved - That the Assembly take note of the paper.

Leave granted for Mr Harris to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

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

- 6. DEPARTMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ANNUAL REPORT, 1981-82 PAPER TABLED: Mr Speaker laid on the Table the annual report of the Department of the Legislative Assembly for 1981-82.
- 7. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE HIGH COST OF LIVING:
  Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that Miss D'Rozario (Sanderson) had proposed
  that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the Assembly for
  discussion, namely "the high cost of living in the Northern Territory which
  imposes economic hardship upon Territorians".

The proposed disucssion having received the necessary support - Miss  $D^*Rozario$  addressed the Assembly.

Discussion ensued.

Extension of time: On the motion of Mr Robertson, an extension of time was granted to Mr Perron.

Statement by Speaker: Mr Speaker made a brief statement relating to the undesirability of members reading speeches.

 ${\it Closure}\colon$  Mr Robertson (Minister for Education) moved - That the business of the day be called on.

Question - put and passed.

8. REAL PROPERTY AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3) 1982 (Serial 267):

Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Real Property Act.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr B. Collins) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - TAKE 2 BILLS TOGETHER:

Mr Dondas (Minister for Transport and Works) moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent 2 Bills relating to water supply and services -

- (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 consideraton of the Bills separately in the committee of the whole.

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

10. WATER SUPPLY AND SERVICES BILLS - WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BILL 1982 (Serial 257), and PLUMBERS AND DRAINERS LICENSING BILL 1982 (Serial 258):

Mr Dondas (Minister for Transport and Works), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the provision of sewerage and water services, and associated matters, and a Bill for an Act to provide for the licensing of plumbers and drainers and for other purposes.

Bills read a first time.

Mr Dondas moved - That the Bills be now read a second time.

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

11. TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1982 (Serial 265):

Mr Dondas (Minister for Transport and Works), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Traffic Act.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mrs O'Neil) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 12.04 and 2.00 p.m.

12. EDUCATION AMENDMENT BILL L982 (Serial 236):

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 Robertson the following amendment was made -

Omit from proposed section 9A(2) "delegate" (second occurring) and substitute "Minister".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 -

Mrs Lawrie moved, as an amendment -

Omit from proposed section 71C(1)(e) "determine the purposes" and substitute "advise the Secretary on the purposes".

Debate ensued.

Question - put and negatived.

Mrs Lawrie moved, as an amendment -

Omit from proposed section 71C(1)(f) "determine and regulate" and substitute "advise the head teacher on the determination and regulation of".

Debate ensued.

Question - put and negatived.

Mrs Lawrie moved, as an amendment -

Omit proposed section 71C(1)(g).

Debate ensued.

Question - put and negatived.

On the motion of Mrs Lawrie the following amendment was made, after debate -  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($ 

Omit from proposed section 71C(1)(h) "services" and substitute "prescribed services".

Mrs Lawrie moved, as an amendment -

Omit from proposed section 71C(1)(j) "job description" and substitute "duty statement".

Debate ensued.

Question - put and negatived.

Mrs Lawrie moved, as an amendment -

Omit proposed section 71C(1)(k).

Debate ensued.

Question - put and negatived.

Mrs Lawrie moved, as an amendment -

Omit from proposed section 71C(1)(n) "carry out" and substitute "in consultation with the head teacher, carry out".

Debate ensued.

Question - put and negatived.

Mrs Lawrie moved, as an amendment -

Omit proposed section 71G(a).

Debate ensued.

Question - put and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The Assembly resumed - the Chairman (Mr Harris) reported accordingly 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.

#### 13. REAL PROPERTY AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1982 (Serial 237):

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Everingham (Chief Minister) 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 a proposed law.

### 14. TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BILL 1982 (Serial 239):

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Dondas (Minister for Transport and Works) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

15. SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT ACT 1982 AMENDMENT BILL 1982 (Serial 243):
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. Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith. On the motion of Mr Everingham (Chief Minister) the Bill was a

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- 16. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson (Minister for Education), order of day No. 5, Government Business, was made an order of the day for a later day.
- 17. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1982 (Serial 261):
  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. Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Everingham (Chief Minister) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

18. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) (Serial 259):
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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Everingham (Chief Minister) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

19. PAY-ROLL TAX AMENDMENT BILL 1982 (Serial 255):

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 —  $\operatorname{Bill}$  read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Perron (Treasurer) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

20. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:

On the motion of Mr Robertson (Minister for Education), order of the day No. 10, Government Business, relating to the Disasters Bill 1982 was called on.

21. DISASTERS BILL 1982 (Serial 256):

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

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 "section 34" from the definition of "state of disaster" and substitute "section 35".

Omit "section 38" from the definition of "state of emergency" and substitute "section 39".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 34, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 35 -

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

Omit from sub-clause (4) "the 2 Ministers referred to in sub-section (2), as the case may be" and substitute", in circumstances referred to in sub-section (2), by 2 Ministers".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 36 agreed to.

Clause 37 -

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

Omit from sub-clause (1) paragraph (e) and substitute the following:

- "(e) enter, by reasonable force if necessary, any land or place where he believes, on reasonable grounds, it is necessary to do so -
  - (i) for the saving of human life or the prevention of injury to a person;
  - (ii) for the rescue of an injured or endangered person;
  - (iii) to remove from or secure anything on that land or in that place the presence or unsecured state of which is, in his opinion, a threat to the life or health of a person in the vicinity or the use or continued operation of a road, utility or other facility the use or continued operation of which in or after the state of disaster is, in his opinion, necessary for the alleviation of the disaster or its effects; or
  - (iv) for facilitating the carrying out of other urgent measures with respect to the relief of suffering and distress;".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 38 -

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

Omit from sub-clause (1) "section 36(1)" and substitute "section 37(1)".

Omit from sub-clause (1) all words after and including "apparently in charge" and substitute the following:

"apparently in charge -

- (a) of a vehicle, aircraft, ship, boat, barge or animal; or
- (b) of a thing the presence or unsecured state of which on the land or in the place where it is located is, in his opinion, a threat to the life or health of a person in the vicinity or the use or continued operation of a road, utility or other facility the use or continued operation of which in or after the state of disaster is, in his opinion, necessary for the alleviation of the disaster or its effect,

to remove it from the land or place or from the land or place to such other place, or to secure it in such manner and within such time, as the person giving the direction specifies.".

Omit from sub-clause (2) all words after "for doing so," and sub-stitute "remove or secure, as the case may be, the vehicle, aircraft, ship, boat, barge, animal or thing in accordance with the direction, the person giving the direction may remove or secure it and, for that purpose, may use such force as is reasonably necessary to break into it, in the case of a vehicle, aircraft, ship, boat or barge, or remove or secure it.".

Insert after sub-clause (2) the following:

"(2A) Where a person takes action under sub-section (2), the reasonable costs incurred in his so doing shall be a debt due and payable to the Territory by the owner of the vehicle, aircraft, ship, boat, barge, animal or thing or, where after reasonable inquiry the owner cannot be identified or located, by the owner of the land from which it was removed or on which it was secured, as the case may be.".

Omit from sub-clause (3) "or animal" and substitute "animal or thing".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 39 -

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

Omit from sub-clause (2)(b) "section 34" and substitute "section 35".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 40 -

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

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

- "(2) For the purposes of sub-section (1), the special powers and obligations, and the liabilities, referred to in sections 37 and 38 may be exercised and enforced as if the references in those sections to a state of disaster were references to a state of emergency.
- "(3) Without limiting those sections, the special powers and obligations, and the liabilities, referred to in sections 37(1)(e)(iii) and 38 may be exercised and enforced in and in relation to a part of the Territory while a cyclone warning issued in respect of that part of the Territory by the Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology established under the Meteorology Act 1955 of the Commonwealth is current, as though that warning were the declaration of a state of emergency unde section 39.".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to. Bill to be reported with amendments.

The Assembly resumed - the Chairman (Mr Harris) reported accordingly and the report was adopted.

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

#### 22. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:

On the motion of Mr Robertson (Minister for Education), order of the day No. 11, Government Business, was called on.

23. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL 1982 (Serial 195):

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.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following new clause was inserted in the  ${\tt Bill}$  -

#### "1A. COMMENCEMENT

"This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.".

Clause 2 agreed to.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following new clause was inserted in the  ${\tt Bill}$  -

#### "2A. INTERPRETATION

"Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

- '(2) In this Act, a reference to a lease or class of lease as -
- (a) granted in perpetuity means that the term of the lease or class of lease continues indefinitely; and
- (b) perpetual means that the lease or class of lease is granted in perpetuity.'.".

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made, after debate Insert after proposed section 9(2) the following:

"(2A) Where the Chairman is absent from duty or from the Territory or unable to perform his duties, the Deputy Chairman shall act as Chairman.

"(2B) An act done by the Deputy Chairman in pursuance of sub-section (2A) shall not be called in question on the ground that the occasion for the Deputy Chairman so acting had not arisen or had ceased.".

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

Omit from proposed sub-section (3) "and, in his absence the Deputy Chairman shall preside".

Omit from proposed sub-section (6)(b) "the Chairman shall have" and substitute "the Chairman shall also have".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5 -

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

Omit from proposed section 9AA "under this Act or another Act" and substitute "under this or any other Act".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

Clause 8 -

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

Omit paragraph (b) and substitute the following:

- "(b) by omitting sub-section (2) and substituting the following:
- '(2) Where 2 or more applications are received in response to an advertisement under sub-section (1), the Minister shall request the Board to make a recommendation as to which applicant should be granted that land.'.".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 9 agreed to.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following new clause was inserted in the Bill  $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{-}}$ 

#### "9A. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF LEASES

"Section 23A of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in paragraph (g) after 'lease' the words '(except a perpetual pastoral lease)'.".

Clause 10 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made, after debate -  $\hspace{-0.1cm}$ 

Omit proposed section 24A(3) and substitute the following:

"(3) If -

- (a) an explanation is not furnished as required under sub-section(1);
- (b) the Minister is not satisfied with the explanation furnished;or
- (c) the lessee fails to comply with the covenant or condition within the time specified under sub-section (2),

the Minister may, in his discretion -

- (d) by notice in writing to the lessee, direct that the covenant or condition be complied with within such time as the Minister specifies in the notice; or
- (e) except in the case of a perpetual pastoral lease, if he is satisfied that the non-compliance has been wilful and that the lessee has made no real effort to comply with the covenants and conditions, by notice in writing to the lessee, forfeit the lease.".

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

Omit from proposed section 24A(4) "sub-section (3)(a)" and substitute "sub-section (3)(d)".

Omit from proposed section 24A(5) "sub-section (3)(a)" and substitute "sub-section (3)(d)".

Omit from proposed section 24AA(1)(a) "section 24A(3)(b)" and substitute "section 24A(3)(e)".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 11 and 12, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 13 -

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

Omit sub-clause (a).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 14 -

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

Omit proposed section 38(1) and substitute the following:

- "(1) the term of a pastoral lease granted under this Act shall be -
- (a) in perpetuity; or
- (b) for such period, not exceeding 50 years, as the Minister determines.".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 15 -

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

Omit from proposed section 38A(1A) "otherwise".

Omit proposed section (38A(1B)(a) and substitute the following:

"(a) the person holding a pastoral lease, or having a beneficial interest in pastoral land, in excess of that area permitted under sub-section (1), is in the best interests of the Territory; and".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 16 -

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

Omit from proposed section 38AA(1)(a) "24A(3)(a)" and substitute "24A(3)(d)".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 17 and 18, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 19 -

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

Omit from paragraph (h) "perpetual" (first occurring).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 20 -

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

Omit from proposed section 48A(2) "granting the perpetual pastoral lease under section 48." and substitute "advising the applicant under section 48(5) of the reservations, covenants, conditions and provisions that the proposed lease shall contain.".

Mr Smith moved, as an amendment -

Insert after proposed section 48A the following:

"48B. NOTICE TO PUBLIC FOR SUBMISSIONS

"Where the Minister makes a request under sub-section (1), he shall, by notice in the *Gazette* and a newspaper circulating throughout the Territory, give notice -

(a) that he has made a request under section 48A(1) and details of the request;

- (b) that members of the public or a group may make submissions to the Director of Conservation, within the meaning of the Conservation Commission Act, in relation to areas of public interest wholly or partially within the pastoral lease the subject of that request and access to those areas; and
- (c) that submissions by a member of the public or group may be received by the Director until a date specified in the notice, which date shall not be less than one month after the date the notice appears in the Gazette.".

Debate ensued.

Question - put and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The Assembly resumed - the Chairman (Mr Harris) reported accordingly 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.

#### 24. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Robertson (Minister for Education) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 7.11 p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

#### PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 November 1982:

Annual Reports:

Department of Transport and Works, 1981-82

N.T. Housing Commission, 1981-82

Arbitral Determinations:

Police Arbitral Tribunal Determination No. 1 of 1982

Police Arbitral Tribunal Determination No. 2 of 1982

### ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting.

#### No. 55

#### Wednesday 24 November 1982

1. The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable J.L.S. MacFarlane) took the Chair, and read prayers.

#### 2. PETITION:

Mr Perron (Stuart Park) presented a petition from 84 citizens of the Northern Territory relating to the Stuart Park planning study.

Petition received and read.

# 3. QUESTIONS:

Questions without notice were asked.

Business of the day called on: On the motion of Mr Robertson (Minister for Education), business of the day was called on.

4. TERRITORY INSURANCE OFFICE - ANNUAL REPORT, 1981-82 - PAPER TABLED - MOTION TO NOTE PAPER:

Mr Perron (Treasurer), laid on the Table the annual report of the Territory Insurance Office for 1981-82.

Mr Perron moved - That the Assembly take note of the paper.

Debate adjourned (Miss D'Rozario) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

5. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT - SECOND REPORT - PAPER TABLED - PAPER NOTED:

Mr Harris (Port Darwin), laid on the Table the second report of the Sessional Committee on the Environment.

Mr Harris moved - That the Assembly take note of the paper. Question - put and passed.

- 6. IMPROVED SERVICES TO THE DISABLED MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:
  Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement on improved services for the disabled.
- 7. HOUSING IN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES MINISTERIAL STATEMENT STATEMENT NOTED: Mr Perron (Treasurer), by leave, made a statement on housing in Aboriginal communities.

 $\operatorname{Mr}$  Perron moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement. Question - put and passed.

- 8. HOUSING ACT AND REGULATIONS MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:
  Mr Perron (Minister for Lands and Housing), by leave, made a statement on the Housing Act and Regulations.
- 9. BILINGUAL EDUCATION MINISTERIAL STATEMENT MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:
  Mr Robertson (Minister for Education), by leave, made a statement on bilingual education in the Northern Territory.

Mr Robertson moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.

Debate adjourned (Mr B. Collins) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

### 10. ABORIGINAL LAND LEGISLATION:

The order of the day having been read for the moving of a substantive motion by Mr Everingham (Chief Minister) and a point of order being raised - Mr Speaker ruled that the proposed motion was the same in substance as the resolution passed by the Assembly on 18 November 1982.

Suspension of Standing Orders: Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Chief Minister moving the substantive motion proposed on the Notice Paper of 24 November 1982 as Notice No. 1, Government Business.

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

Mr Everingham moved - That this Assembly, recognizing that -

- legislation in the Commonwealth parliament will be necessary in order to give effect to the agreement between the N.T. and the Commonwealth governments;
- this agreement was reached following protracted and continuing negotiations between all interested parties;
- the Commonwealth government has undertaken to introduce such legislation at an early stage;
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The Assembly further considers that these faults are leading to serious uncertainty and friction within the N.T. community, and that there is a clear need to amend both the Commonwealth and N.T. legislation to correct the flaws, and to provide  $inter\ alia$  for -

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- ullet protection for Aboriginals already legally holding land against counter claims by other groups, which may be detrimental to their interests;
- areas set aside for public purposes to continue to be managed and used for such purposes; and
- an adequate form of title and tenure under N.T. law to be provided for Aboriginal pastoral land (rather than under Commonwealth law); and agrees that this motion and the resolution of this Assembly of 18 November 1982, together with the Hansard record of the debate on the motion and that resolution, be transmitted from the Assembly to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the leaders of the federal parliamentary parties, and all members of both Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 11.43 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Debate resumed.

Suspension of Standing Orders: Mr Leo (Nhulunbuy) moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition completing his speech on this question.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) moved as an amendment -

Omit all words after "That" and insert in their stead -

- "(1) the government negotiate with the land councils and use as a platform the suggestions set out in this motion;
- "(2) That, whilst negotiations should be conducted on the basis of examining together the 13 points of the proposals, those areas where agreement is reached be subject to early implementation; and
- "(3) continuing negotiation to be had on those areas where agreement is not reached with a view to obtaining a consensus and compromise of the competing interests.".

Debate ensued.

Extension of time: On the motion of Mr Everingham an extension of time was granted to Mr Tuxworth.

 $\it Extension$  of time: On the motion of Mr Robertson an extension of time was granted to Mr Perron.

Question - That the amendment (Mr B. Collins) be agreed to - put. The Assembly divided (the Speaker, Hon. J.L.S. MacFarlane, in the Chair) -

AYES, 7
Mr Bell
Mr B. Collins
Miss D'Rozario
Mrs Lawrie
Mr Leo
Mrs O'Neil
Mr Smith

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Mr D.W. Collins
Mr Dondas
Mr Everingham
Mr Harris
Mr MacFarlane
Mrs Padgham-Purich
Mr Perron
Mr Robertson

Mr Robertson
Mr Steele
Mr Tuxworth
Mr Vale

And so it was negatived.

Question - That the motion be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Suspension of Standing Orders: Mr Robertson (Minister for Education) moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Chief Minister from completing his reply in this debate.

The proposal having been supported by an absolute majority of the Assembly, Mr Speaker declared the question resolved in the affirmative. Question - That the motion be agreed to - put and passed.

11. POISONS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS BILL 1982 (Serial 216):

Mr Tuxworth (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to regulate the sale, supply, storage, possession and use of poisons and dangerous drugs, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mrs O'Neil) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

12. NORTHERN TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT LAND CORPORATION (VESTING OF LAND) BILL 1983 (Serial 282):

Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to vest in the Northern Territory Development Land Corporation an estate in fee simple in certain land, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

13. PRISONERS (INTERSTATE TRANSFER) BILL 1983 (Serial 277):

Mr Robertson (Minister for Community Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the transfer between the Territory and a State or another Territory of the Commonwealth of prisoners.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

14. POLICE ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1982 (Serial 281):

Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Police Administration Act*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

15. DANGEROUS GOODS AMENDMENT BILL 1982 (Serial 276):

Mr Tuxworth (Minister for Mines and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Dangerous Goods Act.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Miss D'Rozario) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4) 1982 (Serial 280):

Mr Robertson (Minister for Community Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Local Government Act.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

17. JUSTICES AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1982 (Serial 278):

Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Justices Act*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

18. MEAT INDUSTRY BILL 1982 (Serial 283):

Mr Steele (Minister for Primary Production), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the control of the production of meat fit for human consumption and to otherwise regulate the meat industry.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate adjourned (Mr B. Collins) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

19. TERRITORY PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AMENDMENT BILL 1982 (Serial 279): Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

#### 20. POUNDS AMENDMENT BILL 1982 (Serial 272):

Mr Robertson (Minister for Community Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pounds Act*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

#### 21. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Robertson (Minister for Education) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 9.35 p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

#### PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 November 1982:

Annual Reports:

National Trust of Australia (Northern Territory), 1981-82 Northern Territory Port Authority, 1981-82 Northern Territory Development Corporation, 1981-82

Financial Statements:

Conservation Commission of the Northern Territory, 1979-80 Conservation Commission of the Northern Territory, 1980-81 Darwin Omnibus Service, 1980-81 Government Printing Office, 1980-81

#### ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting except Mr Doolan.

#### No. 56

#### Thursday 25 November 1982

1. The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable J.L.S. MacFarlane) took the Chair, and read prayers.

#### 2. PETITION:

Mr Vale (Stuart), on behalf of the Member for Elsey, presented a petition from 698 citizens of the Northern Territory relating to Aboriginal land legislation.

Petition received and read.

#### 3. OUESTIONS:

Questions without notice were asked.

Business of the day called on: On the motion of Mr Robertson (Minister for Education), business of the day was called on.

- 4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TAKE 3 BILLS TOGETHER:
  - Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) moved That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent 3 Bills relating to liquor -
  - (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 by an absolute majority of the Assembly, Mr Speaker declared the question resolved in the affirmative.
- 5. LIQUOR BILLS INTOXICATED PERSONS BILL 1983 (Serial 268), SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT BILL 1983 (Serial 270), and POLICE ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 1983 (Serial 269):

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the care and detention of intoxicated persons, and Bills for Acts to amend the Summary Offences Act, and the Police Administration Act. Bills read a first time.

Mr B. Collins moved - That the Bills be now read a second time.

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

6. TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1983 (Serial 274):

Miss D'Rozario (Sanderson), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Territory Development Act.

Bill read a first time.

Miss D'Rozario moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

7. DRAFT CRIMINAL CODE - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - STATEMENT NOTED:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Everingham (17 August 1982) — That the Assembly take note of the statement —

Debate resumed.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 12.07 and 2.00 p.m.

Debate resumed.

 $\it Extension$  of time: On the motion of Mr Robertson an extension of time was granted to Mr Everingham.

Question - put and passed.

8. INDUSTRIES TRAINING AMENDMENT BILL 1982 (Serial 260):

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 7, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 8 -

On the motion of MrRobertson the following amendment was made -

Omit from proposed section 9 "8", "7" and "one shall" (first and second occurring) and substitute "9", "8" and "2 shall" respectively.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

The Assembly resumed - the Chairman (Mr Harris) reported accordingly and the report was adopted.

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

9. ANNUAL LEAVE AMENDMENT BILL 1982 (Serial 199):

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Everingham (Chief Minister), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

10. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1982 (Serial 264):

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

Clauses 1 to 9, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 10 -

Mrs O'Neil moved, as an amendment -

Omit proposed section 96(3) and substitute the following:

- "(3) Where a thing seized in connection with a prosecution under this Act is not forfeited under sub-section (1) -
  - (a) the court recording the conviction to which the prosecution relates shall, where the person the subject of that conviction informs it, immediately after that conviction, that he wishes to claim the thing seized, immediately after being so informed, deal under section 130B of the Justices Act with the claim; and
  - (b) the court shall, in any other case, including a claim referred to in paragraph (a) which is unsuccessful, deal under section 130B of the *Justices Act* with the thing seized,

as if that thing seized were property in the possession of the Police Force of the Northern Territory and the Commission were the Police Force.".

Debate ensued.

Question - put and negatived.

Clause 10 negatived.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Tuxworth the following new clause was inserted in the  ${\tt Bill}$  -

#### "10. FORFEITURE

"Section 96 of the Principal Act is amended -

- (a) by omitting sub-section (1) and substituting the following:
- '(1) A thing seized under this Part is, by force of this section, on the conviction of a person for an offence in connection with which it was seized, forfeited to the Territory.'; and
  - (b) by omitting sub-sections (3) and (4).".

### New clause -

Mr Tuxworth proposed, as an amendment:

After clause 10 insert the following:

"10A. DISPOSAL OF FORFEITED THINGS

"Section 101 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

- '(2) Without limiting his powers under sub-section (1), the Chairman may, in his discretion, in respect of a thing forfeited by section 96(1) -
  - (a) on a person (whether or not the person convicted) making an application to him within 7 days after the conviction as a result of which the thing was forfeited; and
  - (b) on his being satisfied that the person was, immediately before that conviction, the owner of the thing,

dispose of the thing by giving it to the person making the application, on such terms and conditions, if any, as he thinks fit, including the condition that the person pays to the Territory the reasonable costs incurred by the Territory in relation to the seizure, handling and storing of the thing and of prosecuting the convicted person for the offence.'.".

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Remainder of the Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to. Bill be be reported with amendments.

The Assembly resumed - the Chairman (Mr Harris) reported accordingly 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.

11. TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) 1982 (Serial 265):

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.

Declaration of urgency: Mr Speaker, on the application of the Chief Minister, declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.

Question - put and passed - Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Dondas (Minister for Transport and Works, the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

#### 12. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Robertson (Minister for Education) moved - That the Assembly, at its rising adjourn until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 15 March 1983 or such other time and date as set by Mr Speaker under Sessional Order.

Question - put and passed.

#### 13. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Mr Lawrie (Nightcliff) moved - That leave of absence be granted to Mr Doolan on the ground of illness.

Question - put and passed.

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Robertson (Minister for Education) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and negatived.

15. RESCISSION MOTION - INDUSTRIAL TRAINING AMENDMENT BILL 1982 (Serial 260):
Mr Robertson (Minister for Education), by leave, moved - That the adoption
of the report and the third reading resolution on the Industries Training
Amendment Bill 1982 (Serial 260) be rescinded and that the Bill be recommitted to the committee of the whole Assembly for reconsideration of clause
8, as amended by amendment 140.1.

Question - put and passed.

16. INDUSTRIES TRAINING AMENDMENT BILL 1982 (Serial 260):

The order of the day having been read for reconsideration of clause 8 of the Bill -

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

#### In the committee

On recommittal

Clause 8 -

On the motion of Mr Robertson the following further amendment was made - Omit "9" and "8" and substitute "10" and "9".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with a further amendment.

The Assembly resumed - the Chairman (Mr Harris) reported accordingly and the report was adopted.

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

### 17. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Robertson (Minister for Education) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 6.35 p.m. adjourned until Tuesday 15 March 1983 or such other time and date as set by Mr Speaker under Sessional Order.

#### PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 25 November 1982 -

Annual Reports:

Department of Health, 1981-82 Department of Primary Production, 1981-82 Northern Territory Liquor Commission, 1981-82 Public Trustee for the Northern Territory, 1981-82 Valuer-General's Office, Northern Territory, 1981-82

Hospital Board Reports: Alice Springs Hospital, 1981-82 Darwin/Casuarina Hospital, 1981-82 Gove District Hospital, 1981-82 Katherine Hospital, 1981-82 Tennant Creek Hospital, 1981-82

#### ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting except Mr Doolan who had been granted leave of absence.

R. CHIN
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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