
PART III

THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 28

Tuesday 18 March 1986

1. The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to resolution. Mr Speaker (the Honourable R.M. Steele) took the Chair, and read prayers.
2. CONDOLENCE - MR J.L.S. MacFARLANE C.M.G.:
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, moved - That this Assembly expresses its deep regret at the death of John Leslie Stuart MacFarlane CMG, an elected member for the Division of Elsey in the Northern Territory of the Legislative Council from 26 October 1968 and the Legislative Assembly from 19 October 1974 and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly from 12 August 1975 until 2 December 1983; places on record its appreciation of his long and meritorious service to the Legislative Council, the Legislative Assembly and the people of the Northern Territory; and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family.
Debate ensued.
And Members present having stood in their places in silence -
Question passed.

Suspension of sitting: As a mark of respect to the former member and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the sitting was suspended between 11.23 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

3. HON. J.M. ROBERTSON - IMPENDING RETIREMENT - STATEMENT - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:
Mr Robertson (Special Minister for Constitutional Development), by leave, made a statement relating to his impending retirement as a member of the Legislative Assembly, on 26 March 1986.
Mr B. Collins (leader of the Opposition) moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.
Ordered - That the debate be adjourned and that Mr B. Collins have leave to continue his remarks on the resumption of the debate.
4. COMMONWEALTH DAY - MESSAGE FROM COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION - PAPER TABLED:
Mr Speaker laid on the Table the following message from the Honourable Bal Ram Jakhar, Chairman of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association relating to Commonwealth Day, 10 March 1986:

'Though scattered over six continents, the members of the Commonwealth think in unison on many matters of common concern to humanity at large. Today, on Commonwealth Day, we take pride in belonging to a community where familiarity and friendship, cooperation and consultation are watchwords. It is the day for affirming our resolve to further strengthen the bonds that have held us together.

The Commonwealth has been the most successful example of international cooperation. It has served as a bridge between races and cultures, countries and continents, and has provided a sense of belonging among its members. In time of crisis a member finds some emotional security in not being alone. He is aware that an organization of friends is behind him to lend a helping hand. The Commonwealth has tried to provide a healing touch whenever a crisis situation has developed in any part of the Commonwealth. It is a body bereft of any military force, but, by its moral authority, it restrains the nations from straying into wrong paths. Its appeals have a significant bearing on world opinion and international relations.

The Commonwealth has engaged itself constructively in various fields and tried to better the lot of the deprived mass of humanity through a number of programmes and a network of institutions and organizations working on the philosophy of mutual cooperation and consultation.

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association is an organization of Legislators. Here they are engaged in a joint search for solutions to the problems of distrust, conflict and the arms race, as well as to the eradication of poverty, ignorance and disease. Here their hearts pulsate with the one thought of bettering our world. Brought together by history, they are devoted to the common ideals of peace, democracy and respect for the dignity of man. The CPA serves as an instrument to strengthen these ideals.

On this Commonwealth Day, therefore, let us each make a promise that we shall continue to do our utmost to create a society which is just and equitable, and that we shall stand by the people who are still oppressed by poverty, racial discrimination and colonial domination.

DR THE HON. BAL RAM JAKHAR, MP
SPEAKER OF THE LOK SABHA, INDIA
AND
CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION.'

5. COMMITTEE TABLE, PRESENTATION TO A.C.T. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY - STATEMENT:

Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that on 10 February 1986, he presented a Committee Table to the A.C.T. House of Assembly on behalf of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr Speaker read a resolution of thanks received from the A.C.T. House of Assembly and informed members of the presentation of a gavel and stand made to him by the Speaker of the A.C.T. Assembly. He further informed members that at the time of presentation he had thanked members of the A.C.T. House of Assembly for their gift.

6. THE MOST REV. BISHOP J.P. O'LOUGHLIN M.S.C., D.D., C.M.G. - LETTERS OF THANKS - PAPERS TABLED - STATEMENT:

Mr Speaker laid on the Table the following correspondence thanking the Assembly for the Motion of Condolence on the death of Bishop O'Loughlin passed at the special sitting of the Assembly on Friday 22 November 1985:

- Letter - Father Healy to Speaker, 14 December 1985
- Letter - Bishop of Cairns to Speaker, 5 March 1986
- Letter - Bishop of Ballarat to Speaker, 6 March 1986
- Letter - Bishop of Sydney to Speaker, 6 March 1986
- Letter - Bishop of Willcannia-Forbes to Speaker, 9 March 1986
- Letter - Bishop of Toowoomba to Speaker, 14 March 1986

Mr Speaker then informed the Assembly that bound copies of the tribute had been forwarded to the family of the late Bishop O'Loughlin, St. Mary's Cathedral and Archbishops and Bishops who attended the sitting.

7. PETITION:

Mr Smith (Millner) presented a petition from 141 residents of Darwin relating to the proposed provision of a pedestrian and horse bridge to the water gardens in Millner.

Petition read.

8. NOTICES:

The following notices were given:

Mr Perron: To present the Commission of Inquiry (Chamberlain Convictions) Bill 1986 (Serial 172).

Mr Tuxworth: To present the Essential Goods and Services Amendment Bill 1986 (Serial 171).

9. QUESTIONS:

Questions were asked of Ministers.

10. MARTIN REPORT, COMMENTARY BY DR A.C. SCOTT, CHIEF FORENSIC BIOLOGIST, FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTRE, ADELAIDE - PAPER TABLED - NOTED PAPER:

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, laid on the Table a Commentary on the Martin Report by A.C. Scott, B.Sc.(Hons), Ph.D, Chief Forensic Biologist, Forensic Science Centre, Adelaide, 21 January 1986.

Mr B. Collins moved - That the Assembly take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

11. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS, INCORPORATION IN HANSARD - STATEMENT:

Mr Speaker informed Members of the reasons for the non-incorporation in **Hansard** of certain reports, tables and graphs attached to answers received to written questions and requested that Ministers, in having their answers to questions formulated, take cognisance of the difficulties which are experienced and the cost of attempting to overcome the difficulties in having such matter incorporated in **Hansard**.

12. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CLERK - STATEMENT:

Mr Speaker advised Members that on 29 November 1985, His Honour the Administrator was pleased to appoint Mr Ian Bruce McNeill as Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

13. PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) AMENDMENT BILL (No.2) 1985 (Serial 159):

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 (Minister for Mines and Energy) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

14. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (NORTHERN TERRITORY) PROPERTY TRUST BILL 1985 (Serial 166):

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 Committee of the Whole.

In the Committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Clause 26 -

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

Omit proposed subsection (1) and insert in its stead the following:

"(1) The Registrar-General shall, on receipt of an application by the Trust, accompanied by -

(a) a certificate under subsection (2);

(b) the duplicate certificate of title in respect of the land the subject of the application; and

(c) such other instrument as the Registrar-General may require,

make the appropriate entry in the Register Book kept under the *Real Property Act* and on the duplicate certificate of title and carry out such other acts as are necessary to give effect to section 7."

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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

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

15. CIGARETTE CONTAINERS (LABELLING) AMENDMENT BILL- 1985 (Serial 167):

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 Hanrahan (Minister of Health) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 6.02 p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

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PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 18 March 1986:

Agreements and Determinations:

Police Arbitral Tribunal Determination -

No.1 of 1982 - Amendment, 13 November 1985

No.1 of 1982 - Amendment, 21 November 1985

No.2 of 1982 - Amendment, 13 November 1985

Prison Officers Arbitral Tribunal Determination -

No.10 - Amendment, 13 November 1985

Annual Reports:

ANZ Executor and Trustee Company L.T.D., September 1985

Department of Ports and Fisheries, 1984-85

Elder's Trustee and Executor Company Limited, 1984-85

Electrical Workers and Contractors Licensing Board, 1984-85

Executor Trustee and Agency Company of S.A. Ltd., 1984-85

Northern Territory Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Board,
September 1985

Financial Statement:

Government Printing Office, 1984-85

Regulations 1985:

No.33 - Amendments of the Police Administration Regulations

No.34 - Amendment of the Public Holidays Regulations

No.35 - Amendment of the Northern Territory Building Code

No.36 - Amendment of the Housing Regulations

No.37 - Amendment of the Energy Pipelines Regulations

No.38 - Amendment of the Business Names Regulations

No.39 - Amendments of the Fish and Fisheries Regulations

Regulations 1986:

No.1 - Amendment of the Milikapiti Community Government Council
(Litter) By-laws

No.2 - Elliott District Community Government Council (Common Seal)
By-laws

No.3 - Mataranka Community Government Council (Common Seal) By-laws

No.5 - Motor Accidents (Compensation) Appeal Tribunal Rules

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ATTENDANCE:

All Members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No.29

Wednesday 19 March 1986

1. The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable R.M. Steele) took the Chair, and read prayers.
2. NOTICE:
The following notice was given:
Mr Ede: To present the Aboriginal Sacred Sites Amendment Bill 1986 (Serial 156).
3. QUESTIONS:
Questions were asked of Ministers.
Privilege - Request for referral of matter to Committee of Privileges - Paper Tabled:
Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to Standing Order 83, raised as a matter of privilege an answer given by the Minister for Primary Production (Mr Hatton), claiming that he had deliberately misled the Assembly, and requested that the Speaker refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges.
Mr B. Collins, pursuant to Standing Order 87, laid upon the Table the following Paper: Memorandum from A.D. Moore, Westpac Bank dated 28 August 1985.
Mr Speaker agreed to consider the matter and report his decision before or during the next day of sitting.
Further questions were asked of Ministers.
4. PERSONAL EXPLANATION:
Mr Hatton (Minister for Primary Production), by leave, made a personal explanation relating to the matter of privilege raised by the Leader of the Opposition during Question Time refuting the claim that he had misled the Assembly.
5. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:
Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business) moved - That Government Business, Notice No.1, be called on forthwith.
Question - put and passed.
6. COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (CHAMBERLAIN CONVICTIONS) BILL 1986 (Serial 172):
Mr Perron (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for a Commission of Inquiry in relation to certain criminal convictions.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Perron 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.
7. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE - BUILDERS' LICENSING:
Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that Mr Bell (Member for MacDonnell) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the Assembly for discussion, namely: "The inadequate protection offered to home buyers and reputable builders by the government's failure to introduce an effective builders' licensing and inspection system".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support -
Mr Bell addressed the Assembly.

Discussion ensued.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 11.55 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Discussion resumed.
Discussion concluded.

8. LETTER - WESTPAC TO CHIEF MINISTER - PAPER TABLED:
Mr Hatton (Minister for Primary Production), by leave, laid on the Table a copy of a letter from Mr A.B. Cowan, Group Account Executive, Westpac Banking Group to the Chief Minister, 19 March 1986.
At the request of Mr Hatton, leave was granted for Mr Speaker to take the Letter into consideration when considering the matter of privilege raised by the Leader of the Opposition this day.
9. ESSENTIAL GOODS AND SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 1986 (Serial 171):
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Essential Goods and Services Act*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Tuxworth 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.
10. DENTAL BILL 1985 (Serial 158):
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 Committee of the Whole.

In the Committee

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

Clause 5 -

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

Insert in subclause (1), before paragraph (a) the following:

"(aa) the Secretary who shall be the Chairman of the Board;"

Omit from subclause (1)(b) "4 other persons" and insert in its stead "3 other persons".

Omit subclauses (2) and (3) and insert in their stead the following:

"(2) Subject to subsection (3), the Minister shall, in writing, appoint 3 persons to be members of the Board from a list of not less than 6 dentists submitted to him by the Australian Dental Association (Northern Territory Branch) within 28 days after he requests such a list to be submitted.

"(3) Where the Minister has requested a list referred to in subsection (2) to be submitted but no list or, in his opinion, an insufficient list, is submitted to him before the expiration of 28 days after the request, he may appoint any 3 dentists, as he thinks fit, to be members of the Board."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 -

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

Omit from subclause (1) all words after "one of their number" and insert in their stead "to be the Deputy Chairman of the Board and the office of Deputy Chairman shall become vacant immediately before each election."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 17, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 18 -

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

Omit from subclause (1) paragraph (d) and insert in its stead the following:

"(d) under the direct or indirect supervision of a dentist; or".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 19 -

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

Insert in subclause (2) after "without restriction" the word "until".

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 Deputy Chairman (Mr Vale) reported accordingly and the report was adopted.

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

11. POLICE ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL (No.2) 1985 (Serial 157):

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time -

Debate resumed.

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

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) moved - That the committee stages be later taken.

Question - put and passed.

12. LAW REFORM (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 164):
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 (Attorney-General) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.
13. ADOPTION OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 34):
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 Committee of the Whole.

In the Committee

Clauses 1 to 7, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 8 -

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

Omit subsection (2) from proposed section 40A and insert in its stead the following:

"(2) Where a child whose welfare and interests may be supervised under subsection (1) by the Minister has, after being adopted but before arriving in the Territory, been resident in a State or another Territory of the Commonwealth the period during which the child is subject to the supervision of the Minister is reduced by that period of residence in the State or other Territory."

Omit from proposed section 40A(3) "and" (where it secondly appears) and insert in its stead "or".

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 Vale) reported accordingly and the report was adopted.

On the motion of Mr Coulter (Minister for Community Development) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

14. ADJOURNMENT:
Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Personal explanation: Mr Ede (Stuart), by leave, made a personal explanation relating to remarks attributed to him by Mr Vale earlier in debate.

Debate continued.

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 5.45 p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

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PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 March 1986:

Hospital Management Board Reports:

Gove District, 1984-85

Royal Darwin, 1984-85

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ATTENDANCE:

All Members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No.30

Thursday 20 March 1986

1. The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable R.M. Steele) took the Chair, and read prayers.

2. PRIVILEGE - ANSWER TO QUESTION BY MINISTER FOR PRIMARY PRODUCTION - REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OR PRIVILEGES - SPEAKER'S DECISION - STATEMENTS:

Mr Speaker advised the Assembly that he had considered the request of Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) to refer a matter to the Committee of Privileges:

Mr Speaker informed the Assembly of his decision in the following terms -

"I have examined the documents tabled by Mr Collins and have taken note of his statement. I have also noted the rebuttal made by the Honourable Minister in his Personal Explanation following Question Time and have considered the letter tabled later by the Minister from Mr A.B. Cowan, Group Account Executive of Westpac, in which Mr Cowan states that the recording of events by Mr Moore is inaccurate to the extent that he had never been contacted by Mr Hatton and in fact was contacted by Dr Richard Madden on the matter.

Mr Cowan further states that at the time of receipt, he manually corrected the copy of the memo sent to him by Mr Moore.

With these facts in mind, I do not propose to refer Mr Collins' complaint to the Committee."

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), Mr Hatton (Minister for Primary Production) and Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, made statements relating thereto.

3. QUESTIONS:

Questions were asked of Ministers.

Privilege - Request for referral to Committee of Privileges:

Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business), pursuant to Standing Order 83, raised as a matter of privilege the Memoranda tabled by Mr B. Collins requesting that Mr Speaker refer the following matters to the Committee of Privileges to examine:

- (1) whether or not the documents tabled yesterday by the Leader of the Opposition in question time were the property of the Federal Court of Australia or a judge thereof; and if so did those documents have attached to them confidentiality in the right of the Federal Government of Australia or a judge thereof, or confidentiality in the right of other parties as a result of their being the property of the Federal Court of Australia or a judge thereof; and
- (2) if the answer to either point in question (1) is yes, did the public disclosure of the contents of those documents by the Leader of the Opposition in question time yesterday constitute a breach of privilege of the Legislative Assembly by the Leader of the Opposition?

Mr Speaker agreed to consider the matter and report his decision before or during the next day of sitting.

4. CENSURE OF CHIEF MINISTER - MOTION NEGATIVED:

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved - That this Assembly censures the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory because -

- (1) the Chief Minister did knowingly receive amounts of public money by way of tax free travelling allowances to which he was not entitled;
- (2) the Chief Minister's action in so doing was tantamount to fraudulent behaviour and would have resulted in dismissal and the institution of criminal proceedings had he been a Public Servant; and

this Assembly calls upon the Chief Minister to resign forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Extension of time: On the motion of Mr Smith (Millner) Mr B. Collins was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 11.47 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Debate resumed.

Motion without notice - Leave to move not granted:

And Mr B. Collins, speaking in reply - asked leave to continue his remarks.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

Extension of time: On the motion of Mr Leo (Nhulunbuy) an extension of time was granted to Mr B. Collins.

Main question - put.

The Assembly divided (The Deputy Speaker, Mr Vale, in the Chair) -

AYES, 6
Mr Bell
Mr B. Collins
Mr Ede
Mr Lanhupuy
Mr Leo
Mr Smith

NOES, 16
Mr D.W. Collins
Mr Coulter
Mr Dale
Mr Dondas
Mr Finch
Mr Firmin
Mr Hanrahan
Mr Harris
Mr Hatton
Mr Manzie
Mr McCarthy
Mrs Padgham-Purich
Mr Robertson
Mr Setter
Mr Tuxworth
Mr Vale

And so it was negatived.

5. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE - SECOND REPORT - PAPER TABLED - ORDER TO PRINT - REPORT ADOPTED:
Mr Vale (the Deputy Speaker), at the request and on behalf of Mr Speaker, laid on the Table the Second Report of the Standing Orders Committee, dated March 1986.
Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business) moved - That the report be printed.
Question - put and passed.
Mr Robertson moved - That the report be adopted.
Question - put and passed.
6. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY:
Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that Mr Smith (Millner) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the Assembly for discussion, namely: "the very serious problems faced by the Northern Territory due to the Government's failure to achieve and maintain a rational and on-going economic development policy."
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support -
Mr Smith addressed the Assembly.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.
7. PRIVILEGE - REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES - PAPER TABLED:
Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to Standing Order 83, raised as a matter of privilege a letter he received from Mr P.J. Teitzel, and claimed that the content therein constituted a breach of privilege in that it was an attempt to intimidate him so as to prevent his exercising his duties as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, and requested that the Speaker refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges.
Mr B. Collins, pursuant to Standing Order 87, laid upon the Table the following paper: Letter, Mr P.J. Teitzel, Mildren, Silvester & Partners, 20 March 1986.
Mr Speaker agreed to consider the matter and report his decision before or during the next day of sitting.
8. LAW OFFICERS AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 165):
The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time -
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr D.W. Collins) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
9. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:
Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business) moved - That Government Business, Order of the Day No.8, be called on forthwith.
Question - put and passed.
10. POLICE ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL (No.2) 1985 (Serial 157):
The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the Bill in the Committee of the Whole -
The Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

In the Committee

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

New clauses -

On the motion of Mr Tuxworth, by leave, the following new clauses were added to the Bill, after debate -

"3. VALIDATION OF CERTAIN APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

"Notwithstanding the commencement of the Police Administration Regulations (1985, NO.33) on 11 December 1985 an appointment of a member -

- (a) to the rank of Sergeant Third Class in the Police Force made after that commencement shall be deemed to be an appointment validly made of the member to the rank of Sergeant in the Police Force; or
- (b) to the rank of Sergeant or Senior Sergeant in the Police Force made after that commencement shall be deemed to have been validly made notwithstanding that a notice seeking applications for promotion published before that commencement in accordance with regulation 9 of the Police Administration Regulations, and in respect of which notice the member was promoted, referred to another rank.

"4. TRANSITIONAL

"A reference in a determination of the Administrator under section 15 of the *Police Administration Act* to the number of members of the Police Force who, at any one time, may each hold the rank of Sergeant Third Class or Sergeant First Class in the Police Force, in force immediately before the commencement of the Police Administration Regulations (1985, No.33) on 11 December 1985 shall, after that commencement and until the Administrator under section 15 of the *Police Administration Act* determines the number of members of the Police Force who, at one time, may hold each of the ranks in the Police Force, be read as a reference to the number of members of the Police Force who, at any one time, may hold the rank of Sergeant and Senior Sergeant in the Police Force respectively."

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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

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

11. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved - That Government Business, Orders of the Day Nos.2 and 3, be debated together and one motion be put to take note of the statement and the paper.

Question - put and passed.

12. JUVENILE CRIME - JUVENILE CRIME REPORT, ALICE SPRINGS 1985 - STATEMENT AND PAPER NOTED:
The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Coulter (Minister for Community Development) - That the Assembly take note of the statement and the paper -
Debate resumed.
Question - put and passed.
13. ABORIGINAL EDUCATION IN HOMELAND CENTRES - STATEMENT NOTED:
The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Harris (Minister for Education) - That the Assembly take note of the statement -
Debate resumed.
Question - put and passed.
14. PERSONAL EXPLANATION:
Mr Bell (MacDonnell), by leave, made a personal explanation correcting remarks made during his speech on the adjournment debate, 18 March 1986.
15. ADJOURNMENT:
Mr Harris (Minister for Education) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question - put and passed.
And then the Assembly at 9.40 p.m. adjourned until Tuesday 25 March 1986 at 10.00 a.m.

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PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 20 March 1986:

Annual reports:

- Angurugu Community Government Scheme, 1984-85
- Department of Lands, 1984-85
- Northern Territory Electricity Commission, 1984-85
- Northern Territory Housing Commission, 1984-85
- Northern Territory Liquor Commission, 1984-85

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ATTENDANCE:

All Members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No.31

Tuesday 25 March 1986

1. The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable R.M. Steele) took the Chair, and read prayers.

2. PRIVILEGE - MEMORANDUM, FROM Mr A.D. MOORE, WESTPAC BANK - TABLED BY MR B. COLLINS - SPEAKER'S DECISION - STATEMENT:
Mr Speaker advised the Assembly that he had considered the request of Mr J.M. Robertson (Leader of Government Business) to refer a matter to the Committee of Privileges and, that, he did not intend referring the matter to the Committee.

Mr Robertson, by leave, made a statement relating thereto.

3. PRIVILEGE - LETTER FROM MR P.J. TEITZEL TO OPPOSITION LEADER - REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES - SPEAKER'S DECISION - STATEMENT:
Mr Speaker advised the Assembly that he had considered the request of Mr B. Collins to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges.

Mr Speaker informed the Assembly of his decision in the following terms -

"Since the matter was raised, I have received a letter from Mr A.G. James of Mildren, Silvester and Partners, written on behalf of Mr Teitzel, who is at present in Sydney.

Copies of the letter have been circulated to Honourable Members.

In the letter, Mr James, on behalf of and at the request of Mr Teitzel, extends his apologies for the incident and his regrets for any affront to the Assembly which may be perceived as arising out of the letter.

Under the circumstances, I do not intend to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges."

Mr Speaker made a further statement relating to penalties attached to breaches of privilege in the following terms -

"In examining both matters of privilege which have been raised, it has come to my attention that the Criminal Code has a maximum penalty of seven years gaol for the intimidation or the threatening of a Member, whereas the *Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act* has as its maximum penalty a fine of \$2000 or six months imprisonment.

I suggest that Honourable Members might give consideration over the Easter break as to whether the question of the appropriateness of the penalties in the *Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act* should be referred to the Committee of Privileges for consideration and report."

4. PERSONAL EXPLANATION:

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) made a personal explanation in relation to the letter of apology from Mr A.G. James of Mildren, Silvester and Partners.

5. NOTICES:

The following notices were given:

Mr Manzie: To present the Motor Vehicles Amendment Bill 1986 (Serial 184).

Mr Perron: To present the Companies (Application of Laws) Bill 1986 (Serial 181), the Securities Industry (Application of Laws) Bill 1986 (Serial 177), the Companies and Securities (Consequential Amendments) Bill 1986 (Serial 180), the National Companies and Securities Commission (Northern Territory Provisions) Bill 1986 (Serial 176), the Companies (Acquisition of Shares) (Application of Laws) Bill 1986 (Serial 174), the Companies and Securities (Interpretation and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Application of Laws) Bill 1986 (Serial 175), and the Companies (Administration) Bill 1986 (Serial 173).

Mr B. Collins: To present the Electoral Amendment Bill 1986 (Serial 178).

Mr B. Collins: To move - That this Assembly calls on the Federal Government to introduce immediately a third television network for the Northern Territory, namely the Multicultural Special Broadcasting Service.

Mr Smith: To move - That this Assembly is of the opinion that the Government's foreshore planning is in disarray and calls on the Government to develop a coastal management policy which would properly protect coastal areas whilst allowing development proposals to be considered on their merits.

Mr Smith: To further move - That -

- (1) a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly be established to inquire into and report upon the most applicable methods by which the Assembly can improve its oversight of the public budgetary and accounting processes of the Northern Territory and in particular to consider:
 - (a) the need to establish a Public Accounts Committee;
 - (b) the need to establish a more effective method for the Assembly to scrutinise estimates of expenditure and actual expenditure by Departments and Statutory Authorities;
 - (c) the most appropriate documentary system of reporting the budget to the Assembly; and
 - (d) developments in the Parliamentary scrutiny of budgets in the Commonwealth and the States, including methods of improving Parliamentary oversight of budgets which have been considered from time to time;
- (2) the Committee consist of 5 members, 3 to be nominated by the Chief Minister and 2 to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition;
- (3) the Committee have power to call for persons, papers, and records, to sit in public or in private session notwithstanding any adjournment of the Assembly, to adjourn from place to place and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations it may deem fit;

- (4) the Committee report to the Assembly by the last sitting day in August 1986;
- (5) the Committee be empowered to publish from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily **Hansard** be published of such proceedings as take place in public; and
- (6) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in Standing Orders.

Mr Ede: To move - That -

- (1) The following matter be referred to the Sessional Committee on the Environment - the health, safety and welfare of workers employed within the uranium industry in the East Alligator River region of the Northern Territory; and
- (2) the Committee report to the Assembly on this reference within six months from today.

Mr Bell: To move - That - this Assembly expresses its concern at -

- (a) the deteriorating relationship between the Northern Territory Government and the Alice Springs Town Council; and
- (b) the Northern Territory Government's failure to address itself to vital planning issues including the provision of public transport in Alice Springs.

Mr Lanhupuy: To move - That this Assembly expresses its concern at the inadequate C.A.T. scan facilities and the continuing problems with radiological services at the Royal Darwin Hospital.

6. QUESTIONS:

Questions were asked of Ministers.

7. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE - LEAVE NOT GRANTED:

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to move a motion censuring the Chief Minister.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

8. FURTHER NOTICE:

The following further notice was given, by leave:

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition): To move - That this Assembly censure the Chief Minister and Treasurer because:

1. the Chief Minister did knowingly receive amounts of public money by way of tax-free travelling allowances to which he was not entitled;
2. in answer to persistent questions last week, he misled this Assembly by claiming he had stopped drawing travelling allowance payments for living with his family in Darwin in February 1982; and

3. the Chief Minister, by his answers in question time this morning, has clearly indicated he will not honour the obligation that he gave to this Assembly on 20 March 1986 by making all of this information available so that to quote the Chief Minister 'he does not leave this matter half resolved' and, in so doing, has brought himself, his government and this parliament into grave public disrepute and that the Chief Minister has no option but to provide this information immediately or tender his resignation to this Assembly.

Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business), by leave, made a statement relating thereto.

9. LAND RIGHTS ACT AND MINING - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - PAPERS TABLED - STATEMENT NOTED:

Mr Perron (Minister for Mines and Energy), by leave, made a statement relating to the operation of Aboriginal land rights and mining in the Northern Territory.

Papers tabled: Mr Perron laid on the Table the following papers:

- ° Land rights: An act of justice and social reform, Northern Territory Land Councils 1986
- ° Land rights and mining - the economic and social realities, N.T. comments/position

Mr Perron moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.
Debate ensued.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 11.49 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Debate resumed.
Question - put and passed.

10. FURTHER NOTICES:

The following further notices were given, by leave:

Mr Hatton: To present the Unit Titles Amendment Bill 1986 (Serial 169) and the Real Property (Unit Titles) Amendment Bill 1986 (Serial 170).

11. PERSONAL EXPLANATION:

Mr Finch (Wagaman), by leave, made a personal explanation in relation to remarks attributed to him by the Member for Stuart earlier this day.

12. ELECTORAL REDISTRIBUTION - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - STATEMENT NOTED:

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) made a statement relating to electoral redistribution within the Northern Territory.

Mr Tuxworth moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.
Debate ensued.
Question - put and passed.

13. NOTICE WITHDRAWN - CENSURE OF CHIEF MINISTER - TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES:
Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), withdrew the Notice of Motion of Censure of which he gave notice this day.
14. NOTICE OF MOTION - LEAVE TO MOVE NOT GRANTED:
Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) asked for leave to give notice of a motion of want of confidence in the Government.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
15. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - MOVE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE - MOTION NEGATIVED:
Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) moved - That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving a motion namely, "that this Assembly has no confidence in the Government."
Question - That Standing Orders be suspended to allow Mr B. Collins to move a motion without notice - put.
The Assembly divided (The Speaker, Hon. R.M. Steele, in the Chair) -

Ayes, 6	Noes, 19
Mr Bell	Mr D.W. Collins
Mr B. Collins	Mr Coulter
Mr Ede	Mr Dale
Mr Lanhupuy	Mr Dondas
Mr Leo	Mr Finch
Mr Smith	Mr Firmin
	Mr Hanrahan
	Mr Harris
	Mr Hatton
	Mr Manzie
	Mr McCarthy
	Mrs Padgham-Purich
	Mr Palmer
	Mr Perron
	Mr Robertson
	Mr Setter
	Mr Steele
	Mr Tuxworth
	Mr Vale

And so it was negatived.

16. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE - LEAVE NOT GRANTED:
Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) asked for leave to move a motion censuring the Chief Minister.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
17. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - MOVE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE, CENSURING CHIEF MINISTER - MOTION NEGATIVED:
Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) moved - That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving a motion censuring the Chief Minister forthwith.
Question - put.
The Assembly divided (The Speaker, Hon. R.M. Steele, in the Chair) -

AYES, 6
Mr Bell
Mr B. Collins
Mr Ede
Mr Lanhupuy
Mr Leo
Mr Smith

NOES, 19
Mr D.W. Collins
Mr Coulter
Mr Dale
Mr Dondas
Mr Finch
Mr Firmin
Mr Hanrahan
Mr Harris
Mr Hatton
Mr Manzie
Mr McCarthy
Mrs Padgham-Purich
Mr Palmer
Mr Perron
Mr Robertson
Mr Setter
Mr Steele
Mr Tuxworth
Mr Vale

And so it was negatived.

18. PRIVILEGE - REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES - DOCUMENTS NOT TABLED:

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to Standing Order 83, raised as a matter of privilege the Chief Minister's failure to provide documents in an answer to questions set out at page 20 of Daily *Hansard* dated 20 March 1986.

Mr B. Collins, pursuant to Standing Order 87 laid upon the Table a copy of page 20 of Daily *Hansard* dated 20 March 1986.

Mr Speaker agreed to consider the matter and report his decision before or during the next day of sitting.

19. LAND AND BUSINESS AGENTS AMENDMENT BILL 1986 (Serial 182):

Mr Perron (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Land and Business Agents Act*.

Bill read a first time.

Declaration of urgency: Mr Speaker, having considered a request by Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) submitted pursuant to Standing Order 179, declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.

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.

20. HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT BOARDS AMENDMENT BILL 1986 (Serial 183):

Mr Hanrahan (Minister for Health), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Hospital Management Boards Act*.

Bill read a first time.

Declaration of urgency: Mr Speaker, having considered a request by Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) submitted pursuant to Standing Order 179, declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.

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

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

21. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AND TABLED PAPERS COMMITTEE - NINTH REPORT - PAPER TABLED:
Mr Finch (Wagaman) laid on the Table the Ninth Report of the Subordinate Legislation and Tabled Papers Committee.
22. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - PASSED BILL THROUGH ALL STAGES:
Mr Perron (Attorney-General) moved - That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Commission of Inquiry (Chamberlain Convictions) Bill 1986 (Serial 172) passing through all stages at this sittings.
Question - put and passed - support being indicated by an absolute majority of the whole number of Members and no dissentient voice.
23. COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (CHAMBERLAIN CONVICTIONS) BILL 1986 (Serial 172):
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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Perron (Attorney-General) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.
24. LAW OFFICERS AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 165):
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 Committee of the Whole.

In the Committee

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together and agreed to.
Clause 6 -
Mr Smith moved as an amendment -

Omit from proposed section 14(e) "except with the consent of the Attorney-General,".

Debate ensued.
Question - put and negatived.
Mr Smith moved the following further amendment -

Omit proposed section 15 and insert in its stead the following:

"15. REMOVAL OF SOLICITOR-GENERAL FROM OFFICE

"The Administrator may remove the Solicitor-General from office -

(a) if he becomes incapable, other than by reason of temporary illness, of performing the duties of his office;

(b) if he becomes bankrupt or insolvent, applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounds with his creditors or

makes an assignment of his remuneration for their benefit; or

- (c) for any other cause which, in the opinion of the Administrator, is sufficient for him to be removed."

Debate ensued.

Question - put and negatived.

Clause, as printed, agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

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

25. FISHING INDUSTRY - STATEMENT NOTED:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Hatton - That the Assembly take note of the statement -

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

26. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Hatton (Minister for Lands) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 7.52 p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

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PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 25 March 1986:

Annual reports:

Conservation Commission of the Northern Territory, 1984-85

Department of Youth, Sport, Recreation and Ethnic Affairs, 1984-85

Public Service Commissioner for the Northern Territory, 1984-85

Hospital Management Board:

Katherine, 1984-85

Tennant Creek, 1984-85

Recommendations under S.103 of Crown Lands Act:

Revocation of Reserve No.1699 - Hundred of Strangways

Revocation of Reserve No.1655 - Howard Springs, Hundred of Bagot

Revocation of Reserve No.1675 - Livingston Road, Hundred of Cavenagh

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ATTENDANCE:

All Members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No.32

Wednesday 26 March 1986

1. The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable R.M. Steele) took the Chair, and read prayers.
2. PRIVILEGE - DOCUMENTS NOT TABLED - REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE - SPEAKER'S DECISION:
Mr Speaker advised the Assembly that he had considered the request of Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) to refer a matter to the Committee of Privileges (see minutes 25/3/86 item 18), and did not propose to refer the complaint to the Committee.
3. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT - CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP AND VARIATION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE:
Mr Speaker informed Members that he had received a letter from the Hon. J.M. Robertson (Special Minister for Constitutional Development) in the following terms:

"In view of my impending resignation as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, I request that I be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Constitutional Development."

(Sgd) Yours sincerely,
JIM ROBERTSON
Special Minister for Constitutional Development.

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, moved - That -

- (1) Mr J.M. Robertson be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Constitutional Development;
- (2) the Chief Minister be appointed to that Committee in his place; and
- (3) the resolution of the Legislative Assembly of 28 August 1985 establishing the Committee be varied by inserting after paragraph (2) the following paragraphs:
 - "2(A) That in the unavoidable absence of the Chief Minister, a Member of the Government nominated by the Chief Minister may attend any meeting of the Committee and participate in its proceedings as a Member of the Committee.
 - "2(B) That in the unavoidable absence of the Leader of the Opposition, a Member of the Opposition nominated by the Leader of the Opposition may attend any meeting of the Committee and participate in its proceedings as a Member of the Committee."

Debate ensued.
Question - put and passed.

4. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT - CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP:
Mr Speaker informed Members that he had received a letter from Mr Ede (Stuart) asking to be discharged from further attendance on the Assembly's Sessional Committee on the Environment.
Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved - That -
- (1) Mr Ede be discharged from further attendance on the Sessional Committee on the Environment; and
 - (2) Mr Bell be appointed to that Committee in his place.
5. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR - SENATOR B.F. KILGARIFF:
Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that Senator B.F. Kilgariff was present in the Speaker's Gallery.
Mr Speaker, on behalf of Members, welcomed the distinguished visitor.
6. NOTICE:
The following notice was given:
Mr B. Collins: To move - That this Assembly expresses no confidence in the Government.
7. QUESTIONS:
Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business) asked that all questions be placed on the Question Paper this day.
Question - put and passed.
8. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT - MOTION NEGATIVED:
Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business) informed the Assembly that the Government, pursuant to Standing Order 95, accepted the notice of motion of Mr B. Collins as a want of confidence motion.
Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) thereupon moved - That this Assembly expresses no confidence in the Government.
Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business) moved - That the question be now put.
Question - that the question be now put - put.
The Assembly divided (The Speaker, Hon. R.M. Steele, in the Chair) -

AYES, 19	NOES, 6
Mr D.W. Collins	Mr Bell
Mr Coulter	Mr B. Collins
Mr Dale	Mr Ede
Mr Dondas	Mr Lanhupuy
Mr Finch	Mr Leo
Mr Firmin	Mr Smith
Mr Hanrahan	
Mr Harris	
Mr Hatton	
Mr Manzie	
Mr McCarthy	
Mrs Padgham-Purich	
Mr Palmer	
Mr Perron	
Mr Robertson	
Mr Setter	
Mr Steele	
Mr Tuxworth	
Mr Vale	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main question - put.

The Assembly divided (The Speaker, Hon. R.M. Steele, in the Chair) -

AYES, 6	NOES, 19
Mr Bell	Mr D.W. Collins
Mr B. Collins	Mr Coulter
Mr Ede	Mr Dale
Mr Lanhupuy	Mr Dondas
Mr Leo	Mr Finch
Mr Smith	Mr Firmin
	Mr Hanrahan
	Mr Harris
	Mr Hatton
	Mr Manzie
	Mr McCarthy
	Mrs Padgham-Purich
	Mr Palmer
	Mr Perron
	Mr Robertson
	Mr Setter
	Mr Steele
	Mr Tuxworth
	Mr Vale

And so it was negatived

9. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE - LEAVE NOT GRANTED:

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) asked for leave to move a motion relating to Mudginberri.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - MOVE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE:

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) moved - That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Chief Minister moving a motion, namely, "that this Assembly endorses the Northern Territory Government's support for Mudginberri and deplores the activities of the Leader of the Opposition in his attempts to destroy a vital Northern Territory industry and for his support of the illegal activities by meat industry union picketers."

Question -put.

The Assembly divided (The Speaker, Hon. R.M. Steele, in the Chair) -

AYES, 19	NOES, 6
Mr D.W. Collins	Mr Bell
Mr Coulter	Mr B. Collins
Mr Dale	Mr Ede
Mr Dondas	Mr Lanhupuy
Mr Finch	Mr Leo
Mr Firmin	Mr Smith
Mr Hanrahan	
Mr Harris	
Mr Hatton	
Mr Manzie	
Mr McCarthy	
Mrs Padgham-Purich	
Mr Palmer	
Mr Perron	

Mr Robertson
Mr Setter
Mr Steele
Mr Tuxworth
Mr Vale

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. MUDGINBERRI ABATTOIR - MOTION - PAPERS TABLED:

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) moved - That this Assembly endorses the Northern Territory Government's support for Mudginberri and deplores the activities of the Leader of the Opposition in his attempts to destroy a vital Northern Territory industry and for his support of the illegal activities by meat industry union picketers.

Debate ensued.

Extension of time: Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business) moved - That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Tuxworth from completing his speech.

Question - put and passed - support being indicated by an absolute majority of the whole number of Members and no dissentient voice.

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

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

"this Assembly censures the Chief Minister and Treasurer and the Minister for Primary Production because -

(1) they entered into a secret agreement with the Westpac Bank in respect of transferring the public accounts of the Northern Territory with an annual turnover of 1.3 billion dollars from the Reserve Bank to that bank in a manner which denied other banks in the commercial sector from the normal commercial tendering for that account;

(2) the Opposition has documented evidence that it wishes to place before this Assembly to support this charge which proves that the Bank at the behest of the Government provided a two million dollar facility to Mudginberri Abattoir, waived a number of the normal banking conditions which had been placed on the original facility for the specific purpose stated by the Bank to assist the Government to avoid embarrassing disclosures in this Assembly that the Government had advanced almost a million dollars of public moneys without proper financial and legal controls or security, and that this was done for the purpose of securing the Northern Territory Government's accounts from the Reserve Bank; and

(3) calls upon the Ministers to resign."

Debate ensued.

Extension of time: Mr Leo (Nhulunbuy) moved - That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr B. Collins from completing his speech.

Question - put and passed - support being indicated by an absolute majority of the whole number of Members and no dissentient voice.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 11.48 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Debate resumed.

Papers tabled: Mr B. Collins, by leave, laid on the Table the following papers -

- Westpac memorandum - Jabiru office to Head office, 28 June 1985
- Mudginberri Station Pty. Ltd., Accounts, 16 August 1985
- Westpac memorandum - Regional Manager N.T. to Mr A.J. Kirk, Senior Manager, retail lending, 27 August 1985
- Westpac memorandum, Regional Manager N.T. to Mr A.B. Cowan, Group Account Executive, 27 August 1985
- Letter - Mr D. Moore, Regional Manager N.T. to Mr A.B. Cowan, 28 August 1985
- Letter - Mr A.B. Cowan, Group Account Executive to Mr D. Moore, Regional Manager N.T., 28 August 1985
- Westpac memorandum, Mr D. Moore, Regional Manager N.T. to Mr N.R. Jackson, Chief State Manager, 28 August 1985
- Letter, Mr D. Moore, Regional Manager N.T. to Mr A.B. Cowan, Group Account Executive, 29 August 1985

Debate continued.

Extension of time: Mr D.W. Collins (Sadadeen) moved - That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Hatton (Minister for Primary Production) from completing his speech.

Question - put and passed - support being indicated by an absolute majority of the whole number of Members and no dissentient voice.

Member named and suspended: Deputy Speaker (Mr Vale) named the honourable member for Leanyer (Mr Palmer) for refusing to withdraw offensive words against a member of another Australian Parliament.

Mr Dondas (Deputy Chief Minister) moved - That the honourable member for Leanyer be suspended from the service of the Assembly.

Question - put and passed.

The honourable member was, therefore, suspended at 4.22 p.m. for 24 hours, pursuant to Standing Order 241, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Debate continued.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 6.04 p.m. and 7.15 p.m.

Debate resumed.

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

Debate ensued.

Main question - put and passed.

12. FURTHER NOTICE:

The following further notice was given.

Mr B. Collins: To move - That the Assembly censure the Chief Minister and Treasurer because:

- (1) the Chief Minister admitted in this Assembly last week that he had been directed to pay back \$9443 in Travelling Allowances which he was not entitled to and gave an undertaking to this Assembly that he would provide full details of payments and subsequent reimbursements for the financial years 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85;
- (2) the Chief Minister and Treasurer has demonstrated his contempt for this Parliament by failing to do so despite being given six days in which to prepare the documentation;
- (3) the result is that the Chief Minister has deliberately misled this Assembly and in so doing has brought himself, his Government and this Parliament into grave public disrepute; and
- (4) in the circumstances, the Chief Minister has no option but to tender the documents promised to this Assembly, and already provided in part to the media, and then tender his resignation.

13. CENSURE OF CHIEF MINISTER - MOTION NEGATIVED:

Mr Robertson (Leader Of Government Business) informed the Assembly that the Government, pursuant to Standing Order 95, accepted the notice of motion of Mr B. Collins.

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) thereupon moved - That the Assembly censure the Chief Minister and Treasurer because:

- (1) the Chief Minister admitted in this Assembly last week that he had been directed to pay back \$9443 in Travelling Allowances which he was not entitled to and gave an undertaking to this Assembly that he would provide full details of payments and subsequent reimbursements for the financial years 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85;
- (2) the Chief Minister and Treasurer has demonstrated his contempt for this Parliament by failing to do so despite being given six days in which to prepare the documentation;
- (3) the result is that the Chief Minister has deliberately misled this Assembly and in so doing has brought himself, his Government and this Parliament into grave public disrepute; and
- (4) in the circumstances, the Chief Minister has no option but to tender the documents promised to this Assembly, and already provided in part to the media, and then tender his resignation.

Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business) moved - That the question be now put.

Question - that the question be now put - put.

The Assembly divided (Deputy Speaker, Mr Vale, in the Chair) -

AYES, 17
Mr D.W. Collins
Mr Coulter
Mr Dale
Mr Dondas
Mr Finch
Mr Firmin
Mr Hanrahan
Mr Harris
Mr Hatton
Mr Manzie
Mr McCarthy
Mrs Padgham-Purich
Mr Perron
Mr Robertson
Mr Setter
Mr Tuxworth
Mr Vale

NOES, 6
Mr Bell
Mr B. Collins
Mr Ede
Mr Lanhupuy
Mr Leo
Mr Smith

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main question - put.

The Assembly divided (Deputy Speaker, Mr Vale, in the Chair) -

AYES, 6
Mr Bell
Mr B. Collins
Mr Ede
Mr Lanhupuy
Mr Leo
Mr Smith

NOES, 17
Mr D.W. Collins
Mr Coulter
Mr Dale
Mr Dondas
Mr Finch
Mr Firmin
Mr Hanrahan
Mr Harris
Mr Hatton
Mr Manzie
Mr McCarthy
Mrs Padgham-Purich
Mr Perron
Mr Robertson
Mr Setter
Mr Tuxworth
Mr Vale

And so it was negatived.

14. MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE - LEAVE NOT GRANTED:

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave to move a motion for a return to order of certain papers relating to the Chief Minister's travelling allowance, pursuant to Standing Order 251.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

15. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - MOVE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE - MOTION NEGATIVED:

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) moved - That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr B. Collins moving a motion for a return to order of certain papers relating to the Chief Minister's travelling allowance, pursuant to Standing Order 251.

Question - put.

The Assembly divided (Deputy Speaker, Mr Vale, in the Chair) -

AYES, 6	NOES, 17
Mr Bell	Mr D.W. Collins
Mr B. Collins	Mr Coulter
Mr Ede	Mr Dale
Mr Lanhupuy	Mr Dondas
Mr Leo	Mr Finch
Mr Smith	Mr Firmin
	Mr Hanrahan
	Mr Harris
	Mr Hatton
	Mr Manzie
	Mr McCarthy
	Mrs Padgham-Purich
	Mr Perron
	Mr Robertson
	Mr Setter
	Mr Tuxworth
	Mr Vale

And so it was negatived.

16. BUSINESS OF THE DAY - MOTION TO CALL ON:

Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business) moved - That the Business of the Day be called on.

Question - put.

The Assembly divided (Deputy Speaker, Mr Vale, in the Chair) -

AYES, 17	NOES, 6
Mr D.W. Collins	Mr Bell
Mr Coulter	Mr B. Collins
Mr Dale	Mr Ede
Mr Dondas	Mr Lanhupuy
Mr Finch	Mr Leo
Mr Firmin	Mr Smith
Mr Hanrahan	
Mr Harris	
Mr Hatton	
Mr Manzie	
Mr McCarthy	
Mrs Padgham-Purich	
Mr Perron	
Mr Robertson	
Mr Setter	
Mr Tuxworth	
Mr Vale	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

17. GHAN PRESERVATION SOCIETY - MOTION:

Mr Vale (Braitling, pursuant to notice, moved - That this Assembly -

- ° noting the historical significance of the old Ghan railway to the Northern Territory;
- ° noting the tourist potential which the work of the Ghan Preservation Society is enhancing; and

° noting the wide support that has been expressed by the Alice Springs' community for the work of the Society;

- (1) expresses its support for the activities of the Ghan Preservation Society; and
- (2) recommends that the Government continues to assist the Society in every possible way.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

18. THE MOST REV. BISHOP J.P. O'LOUGHLIN M.S.C., D.D., C.M.G. - LETTERS OF THANKS - PAPERS TABLED:

Mr Speaker laid on the Table the following correspondence thanking the Assembly for the Resolution of Condolence on the death of Bishop O'Loughlin and for the bound copies of the tributes forwarded to them.

- ° Letter - Archbishop of Adelaide to Speaker, 17 March 1986
- ° Letter - Archbishop of Hobart to Speaker, 13 March 1986
- ° Letter - Bishop of Armidale to Speaker, 17 March 1986
- ° Letter - Father Healy to Speaker, 19 March 1986

19. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - MOVE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE - MOTION NEGATIVED:

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) moved - That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr B. Collins moving: "That, pursuant to Standing Order 251, the Chief Minister lay on the Table the following papers:

- (1) copies of all letters, internal memorandums or minutes relating to negotiations between the Department of the Treasury and Westpac Banking Corporation in relation to loan or overdraft facilities for Mudginberri Station Pty Limited between 1 April 1985 and today;
- (2) copies of all letters, internal memorandums, minutes between 1 June 1984 and today relating to negotiations between the Department of the Treasury and Westpac Banking Corporation in relation to transfer of government accounts;
- (3) copies of all letters, internal memorandums or minutes relating to negotiations between ADMA and Mudginberri Station Pty Limited or its agents between June 1985 and today;
- (4) copies of all letters, internal memorandums or minutes relating to negotiations between NTDC and Mudginberri Station Pty Limited or its agents from 1 April 1985 to today;
- (5) copies of all letters, internal memorandums or minutes relating to advice provided on negotiations between NTDC, ADMA and Treasury and Mudginberri Station Pty Limited or its agents between 1 April 1985 and today; and
- (6) copies of all letters, internal memorandums or minutes relating to advice provided on negotiations between Treasury and the Westpac Banking Corporation between 1 June 1984 and today."

Question - put.

The Assembly divided (The Speaker, Hon. R.M. Steele, in the Chair) -

AYES, 6	NOES, 18
Mr Bell	Mr D.W. Collins
Mr B. Collins	Mr Coulter
Mr Ede	Mr Dale
Mr Lanhupuy	Mr Dondas
Mr Leo	Mr Finch
Mr Smith	Mr Firmin
	Mr Hanrahan
	Mr Harris
	Mr Hatton
	Mr Manzie
	Mr McCarthy
	Mrs Padgham-Purich
	Mr Perron
	Mr Robertson
	Mr Setter
	Mr Steele
	Mr Tuxworth
	Mr Vale

And so it was negatived.

20. ABORIGINAL SACRED SITES AMENDMENT BILL 1986 (Serial 156):
Mr Ede (Stuart), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Ede moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Hatton) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
21. ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 1986 (Serial 178):
Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Electoral Amendment Act*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr B. Collins moved - That the Bill 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.
22. MULTICULTURAL SPECIAL BROADCASTING SERVICE - MOTION:
Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved - That this Assembly calls on the Federal Government to introduce immediately a third television network for the Northern Territory, namely the Multicultural Special Broadcasting Service.
Debate ensued.
Question - put and passed.
23. FORESHORE PLANNING - MOTION NEGATIVED:
Mr Smith (Millner), pursuant to notice, moved - That this Assembly is of the opinion that the Government's foreshore planning is in disarray and calls on the Government to develop a coastal management policy which will properly protect coastal areas whilst allowing development proposals to be considered on their merits.
Question - put and negatived.

24. PROPOSED SELECT COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF PUBLIC BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING PROCESSES - MOTION NEGATIVED:

Mr Smith (Millner), pursuant to notice, moved - That -

- (1) a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly be established to inquire into and report upon the most applicable methods by which the Assembly can improve its oversight of the public budgetary and accounting processes of the Northern Territory and in particular to consider:
 - (a) the need to establish a Public Accounts Committee;
 - (b) the need to establish a more effective method for the Assembly to scrutinise estimates of expenditure and actual expenditure by Departments and Statutory Authorities;
 - (c) the most appropriate documentary system of reporting the budget to the Assembly; and
 - (d) developments in the Parliamentary scrutiny of budgets in the Commonwealth and the States, including methods of improving Parliamentary oversight of budgets which have been considered from time to time;
- (2) the Committee consist of 5 Members, 3 to be nominated by the Chief Minister and 2 to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition;
- (3) the Committee have power to call for persons, papers and records, to sit in public or in private session notwithstanding any adjournment of the Assembly, to adjourn from place to place and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations it may deem fit;
- (4) the Committee report to the Assembly by the last sitting day in August 1986;
- (5) the Committee be empowered to publish from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily **Hansard** be published of such proceedings as take place in public; and
- (6) the foregoing provision of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in Standing Orders.

Debate ensued.

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) moved - That the question be now put.

Question - that the question be now put - put.

The Assembly divided (Deputy Speaker, Mr Vale, in the Chair) -

AYES, 17
Mr D.W. Collins
Mr Coulter
Mr Dale
Mr Dondas
Mr Finch
Mr Firmin
Mr Hanrahan
Mr Harris
Mr Hatton
Mr Manzie
Mr McCarthy
Mrs Padgham-Purich
Mr Perron
Mr Robertson
Mr Setter
Mr Tuxworth
Mr Vale

NOES, 6
Mr Bell
Mr B. Collins
Mr Ede
Mr Lanhupuy
Mr Leo
Mr Smith

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main question - put.

The Assembly divided (Deputy Speaker, Mr Vale, in the Chair) -

AYES, 6
Mr Bell
Mr B. Collins
Mr Ede
Mr Lanhupuy
Mr Leo
Mr Smith

NOES, 17
Mr D.W. Collins
Mr Coulter
Mr Dale
Mr Dondas
Mr Finch
Mr Firmin
Mr Hanrahan
Mr Harris
Mr Hatton
Mr Manzie
Mr McCarthy
Mrs Padgham-Purich
Mr Perron
Mr Robertson
Mr Setter
Mr Tuxworth
Mr Vale

And so it was negatived.

25. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) moved - That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent General Business, Order of the Day No.4, being called on forthwith.

Question - put and passed - support being indicated by an absolute majority of the whole number of Members and no dissentient voice.

26. PROPOSED SELECT COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENT AND ACTUAL LIABILITIES - MOTION NEGATIVED:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr B. Collins - That -

- (a) a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Northern Territory Government's contingent and actual liability;

- (b) the Committee consist of 5 members, 3 to be nominated by the Chief Minister and 2 to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition;
- (c) the Committee have power to call for persons, papers and records, to sit in public or in private session notwithstanding any adjournment of the Assembly, to adjourn from place to place and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations it may deem fit;
- (d) the Committee report to the Assembly by the first sitting day in 1986;
- (e) the Committee be empowered to publish from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily **Hansard** be published of such proceedings as take place in public; and
- (f) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in Standing Orders.

Debate resumed.

And the Assembly having continued to sit until 12 midnight -

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Extension of time: Mr D.W. Collins (Sadadeen) moved - That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) from completing his speech.

Question - put and passed - support being indicated by an absolute majority of the whole number of Members and no dissentient voice.

Debate continued.

Proposed extension of time: Mr Leo (Nhulunbuy) moved - That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) from completing his speech.

Question - put.

The Assembly divided (The Speaker, Hon. R.M. Steele, in the Chair) -

AYES, 6

Mr Bell
Mr B. Collins
Mr Ede
Mr Lanhupuy
Mr Leo
Mr Smith

NOES, 18

Mr D.W. Collins
Mr Coulter
Mr Dale
Mr Dondas
Mr Finch
Mr Firmin
Mr Hanrahan
Mr Harris
Mr Hatton
Mr Manzie
Mr McCarthy
Mrs Padgham-Purich
Mr Perron
Mr Robertson
Mr Setter
Mr Steele
Mr Tuxworth
Mr Vale

And so it was negatived.

Extension of time: Mr Leo (Nhulunbuy) moved - That an extension of time be granted to Mr B. Collins.

Question - put.

The Assembly divided (The Speaker, Hon. R.M. Steele, in the Chair) -

AYES, 6	NOES, 18
Mr Bell	Mr D.W. Collins
Mr B. Collins	Mr Coulter
Mr Ede	Mr Dale
Mr Lanhupuy	Mr Dondas
Mr Leo	Mr Finch
Mr Smith	Mr Firmin
	Mr Hanrahan
	Mr Harris
	Mr Hatton
	Mr Manzie
	Mr McCarthy
	Mrs Padgham-Purich
	Mr Perron
	Mr Robertson
	Mr Setter
	Mr Steele
	Mr Tuxworth
	Mr Vale

And so it was negatived.

Main question - put.

The Assembly divided (The Speaker, Hon. R.M. Steele, in the Chair) -

AYES, 6	NOES, 18
Mr Bell	Mr D.W. Collins
Mr B. Collins	Mr Coulter
Mr Ede	Mr Dale
Mr Lanhupuy	Mr Dondas
Mr Leo	Mr Finch
Mr Smith	Mr Firmin
	Mr Hanrahan
	Mr Harris
	Mr Hatton
	Mr Manzie
	Mr McCarthy
	Mrs Padgham-Purich
	Mr Perron
	Mr Robertson
	Mr Setter
	Mr Steele
	Mr Tuxworth
	Mr Vale

And so it was negatived.

27. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT - PROPOSED REFERENCE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Mr Ede (Stuart), pursuant to notice, moved - That -

- (1) the following matter be referred to the Sessional Committee on the Environment - the health, safety and welfare of workers employed within the uranium industry in the East Alligator Rivers region of the Northern Territory; and
- (2) the Committee report to the Assembly on this reference within six months from today.

Debate ensued.

Question - put

The Assembly divided (Deputy Speaker, Mr Vale, in the Chair) -

AYES, 6

Mr Bell
Mr B. Collins
Mr Ede
Mr Lanhupuy
Mr Leo
Mr Smith

NOES, 16

Mr D.W. Collins
Mr Coulter
Mr Dale
Mr Dondas
Mr Finch
Mr Firmin
Mr Hanrahan
Mr Harris
Mr Hatton
Mr Manzie
Mr McCarthy
Mr Perron
Mr Robertson
Mr Setter
Mr Tuxworth
Mr Vale

And so it was negatived.

28. ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL, RELATIONS WITH N.T. GOVERNMENT - MOTION NEGATIVED:

Mr Bell (MacDonnell), pursuant to notice, moved - That this Assembly expresses its concern at -

- (a) the deteriorating relationship between the Northern Territory Government and the Alice Springs Town Council; and
- (b) the Northern Territory Government's failure to address itself to vital planning issues including the provision of public transport in Alice Springs.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and negatived.

29. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AND TABLED PAPERS COMMITTEE - TENTH REPORT - PAPER TABLED:

Mr Finch (Wagaman) laid on the Table the Tenth Report of the Subordinate Legislation and Tabled Papers Committee.

30. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE - FIRST REPORT - PAPER TABLED - REPORT ADOPTED:

Mr Dale (Wanguri) laid on the Table the First Report of the Publications Committee.

Mr Dale moved - That the report be adopted.

Question - put and passed.

31. C.A.T. SCAN, ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL - MOTION:

Mr Lanhupuy (Arnhem), pursuant to notice, moved - That this Assembly expresses its concern at the inadequate C.A.T. scan facilities and the continuing problems with radiological services at the Royal Darwin Hospital.

Debate ensued.

Extension of time: On the motion of Mr Finch (Wagaman) an extension of time was granted to Mr Hanrahan.

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), moved the following amendment - Omit the word "inadequate".

Question - That the word proposed to be omitted, be omitted - put and passed.

Question - That the motion, as amended, be agreed to - put and passed.

32. COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY - SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT - PAPER NOTED:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Firmin (Ludmilla) - That the Assembly take note of the paper -

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

33. ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (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.

The Assembly divided (Acting Deputy Speaker, Mr Finch, in the Chair) -

AYES, 5	NOES, 15
Mr Bell	Mr D.W. Collins
Mr B. Collins	Mr Coulter
Mr Ede	Mr Dale
Mr Lanhupuy	Mr Dondas
Mr Smith	Mr Finch
	Mr Firmin
	Mr Hanrahan
	Mr Harris
	Mr Hatton
	Mr Manzie
	Mr McCarthy
	Mr Perron
	Mr Setter
	Mr Tuxworth
	Mr Vale

And so it was negatived.

34. MINE-WORKERS HEALTH PROTECTION BILL 1985 (Serial 149):

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

The Assembly divided (Acting Deputy Speaker, Mr Finch, in the Chair) -

AYES, 5
Mr Bell
Mr B. Collins
Mr Ede
Mr Lanhupuy
Mr Smith

NOES, 14
Mr D.W. Collins
Mr Coulter
Mr Dale
Mr Dondas
Mr Finch
Mr Firmin
Mr Hanrahan
Mr Harris
Mr Hatton
Mr Manzie
Mr McCarthy
Mr Perron
Mr Setter
Mr Tuxworth

And so it was negatived.

35. PUBLIC SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL (No.2) 1985 (Serial 142):
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 negatived.
36. ORDERS OF THE DAY POSTPONED:
On the motion of Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), General Business, Order of the Day No.6, was postponed until a later hour.
37. MOTOR VEHICLES AMENDMENT BILL 1986 (Serial 184):
Mr Manzie (Minister for Transport and Works and Housing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Motor Vehicles Act*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Manzie 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.
38. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - TAKE SEVEN BILLS TOGETHER - MOTION:
Mr Perron (Attorney-General) moved - That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent seven Bills, namely the National Companies and Securities Commission (Northern Territory Provisions) Bill 1986 (Serial 176), the Companies (Application of Laws) Bill 1986 (Serial 181), the Securities Industry (Application of Laws) Bill 1986 (Serial 177), the Companies (Acquisition of Shares) (Application of Laws) Bill 1986 (Serial 174), the Companies and Securities (Interpretation and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Application of Laws) Bill 1986 (Serial 175), the Companies (Administration) Bill 1986 (Serial 173), and the Companies and Securities (Consequential Amendments) Bill 1986 (Serial 180),
- (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 stage, and the third readings of the Bills together; and
 - (b) the consideration of the Bills separately in Committee of the Whole.

Question - put and passed - support being indicated by an absolute majority of the whole number of Members and no dissentient voice.

39. NATIONAL COMPANIES AND SECURITIES COMMISSION (NORTHERN TERRITORY PROVISIONS) BILL 1986 (Serial 176), COMPANIES (APPLICATION OF LAWS) BILL 1986 (Serial 181), SECURITIES INDUSTRY (APPLICATION OF LAWS) BILL 1986 (Serial 177), COMPANIES (ACQUISITION OF SHARES) (APPLICATION OF LAWS) BILL 1986 (Serial 174), COMPANIES AND SECURITIES (INTERPRETATION AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (APPLICATION OF LAWS) BILL 1986 (Serial 175), COMPANIES (ADMINISTRATION) BILL 1986 (Serial 173), and COMPANIES AND SECURITIES (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1986 (Serial 180):

Mr Perron (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice and resolution, presented Bills for Acts, to make provision for the operation of the National Companies and Securities Commission in the Northern Territory; relating to the formation of companies in the Northern Territory, the regulation of companies formed in the Northern Territory, the registration in the Northern Territory of certain other bodies and certain other matters; relating to the application of laws to regulate the securities industry in the Northern Territory; relating to the application of laws to regulate the acquisition of shares in companies incorporated in the Territory and matters connected therewith, and for other purposes; relating to the interpretation of certain provisions relating to corporations and the securities industry, and for certain other matters; to establish a Commissioner for Corporate Affairs, a Corporate Affairs Office and a Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board; and to make amendments to certain Acts as a consequence of the Territory becoming a party to the National Companies and Securities Scheme.

Bills read a first time.

Mr Perron moved - That the Bills 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.

40. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - TAKE TWO BILLS TOGETHER - MOTION:

Mr Hatton (Minister for Lands) moved - That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent two Bills, namely, the Unit Titles Amendment Bill 1986 (Serial 169), and the Real Property (Unit Titles) Amendment Bill 1986 (Serial 170),

(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 stage, and the third readings of the Bills together; and

(b) the consideration of the Bills separately in Committee of the Whole.

Question - put and passed - support being indicated by an absolute majority of the whole number of Members and no dissentient voice.

41. UNIT TITLES AMENDMENT BILL 1986 (Serial 169), and REAL PROPERTY (UNIT TITLES) AMENDMENT BILL 1986 (Serial 170):

Mr Hatton (Minister for Lands), pursuant to notice and resolution, presented Bills for Acts to amend the *Unit Titles Act*, and *Real Property (Unit Titles) Act*.

Bills read a first time.

Mr Hatton moved - That the Bills 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.

42. REAL PROPERTY AMENDMENT BILL 1986 (Serial 179):
Mr Perron (Attorney-General), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Real Property Act*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Perron 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.
43. DRAFT BILL, WORK HEALTH - PAPER TABLED - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) laid on the Table a Draft Bill relating to work health.
Mr Tuxworth made a statement relating thereto.
Mr Tuxworth 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.
44. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, moved - That the Assembly at its rising adjourn until Tuesday 27 May 1986 at 10.00 a.m. or such other time and date as may be set by Mr Speaker, pursuant to sessional order.
Debate ensued.
Question - put and passed.
45. LAND AND BUSINESS AGENTS AMENDMENT BILL 1986 (Serial 182):
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 (Attorney-General) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.
46. HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT BOARDS AMENDMENT BILL 1986 (Serial 183):
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 Hanrahan (Minister for Health) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.
47. ADJOURNMENT:
Mr Hanrahan (Minister for Health) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question - put and passed.
And then the Assembly at 8.27 a.m. adjourned until Tuesday 27 May 1986 at 10.00 a.m. or such other time and date as may be set by Mr Speaker, pursuant to sessional order.

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The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 March 1986:

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ATTENDANCE:

All Members attended the sitting.

H.G. SMITH

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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