
PART III

THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION

FIFTH ASSEMBLY

No. 36

Tuesday 17 May 1988

1. MEETING:

The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to resolution of the Assembly of 3 March 1988. The Speaker, the Honourable R.W.S. Vale, took the Chair.

2. PRAYERS.

3. COMMONWEALTH DAY MESSAGE FROM HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, 14 MARCH 1988:

The Speaker laid on the Table the following message from Her Majesty the Queen:

This second Monday in March is the day which we celebrate every year as Commonwealth Day. It is our special opportunity to think about this group of nations and what it means to us. On this day we should all look beyond our own horizons and stretch our understanding of the value of the Commonwealth.

Its strength lies not just in its numbers - we are a worldwide family of a billion people - but rather in its shared ideals, its emphasis on discussion and its disposition to cooperate. This voluntary organisation, the group in which we can feel comfortable, is where we can look to our friends for support and understanding and for help in finding the answers to our common problems.

Every year there are many Commonwealth meetings. These bring together all sorts of people - ministers and mariners, teachers and traders, pharmacists and farmers - all working together the more easily because they share a common language. Agreement on all subjects may not always be possible but understanding and mutual benefit are always the goals.

At the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Vancouver last year this search for cooperative effort brought practical decisions in many areas including more help for those in need of food and shelter. I was specially interested in the decision to create a Commonwealth-wide distance learning system at college and university level to bring new opportunities for higher education to our young people and adults throughout the Commonwealth.

For the future, we must listen as well as speak to each other and so learn tolerance through understanding. If we always look for those things which unite us, whether shared hopes or shared fears, the Commonwealth link will come to mean even more to us.

I urge you to keep faith in the Commonwealth: it can and will continue to serve the world well.

(Sgd) ELIZABETH R.

14 March 1988

The Speaker ordered that the message be incorporated in **Hansard**.

4. 8CCC FM BROADCAST TO TENNANT CREEK - STATEMENT:

The Speaker advised the Assembly that from today 8CCC FM would be broadcasting Question Time to Tennant Creek.

5. MINISTRY AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS - PAPER TABLED - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:

The Chief Minister (Mr Hatton) laid on the Table **Gazette** No.S18 of 6 April 1988 which contained amendments of the Administrative Arrangements Order appointing Mr Poole, Minister for Tourism; Mr Harris, Minister for Education; and Mr Coulter, Deputy Chief Minister and Leader of Government Business.

Mr Hatton made a statement relating thereto.

6. NOTICES:

The following notices were given:

Mr Hatton: To present the Electoral Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 112).

Mr Perron: To present the Dairies Supervision Repeal Bill 1988 (Serial 99).

Mr Poole: To present the Soccer Football Pools Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 97).

Mr Manzie: To present the Supreme Court Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 98); the Justices Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 103) and the Law Society Public Purposes Trust Bill 1988 (Serial 106).

Mr Dale: To present the Cancer (Registration) Bill 1988 (Serial 105).

7. QUESTIONS:

Questions were asked of Ministers.

8. PERSONAL EXPLANATION:

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr Smith), by leave, made a personal explanation relating to comments made during Question Time earlier this day regarding the Commonwealth Grants Commission's recommendations for funding in the Northern Territory.

Paper tabled: Mr Smith, by leave, tabled a copy of a letter that he had written to the Federal Treasurer, Hon. P. Keating dated 18 April 1988.

9. PROPOSED SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - APPOINT A BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO HUNGERFORD REFRIGERATION AND THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT ZONE:

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr Smith) moved - That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition from moving the following motion forthwith -

That this Assembly, pursuant to section 4A of the *Inquiries Act*, resolves that a Board of Inquiry consisting of one person recommended by the Executive Council be appointed to inquire into and report by 16 August 1988 on Hungerford Refrigeration and the Trade Development Zone in general and with particular reference to:

- (1) Government, TIO and TDZ commitment to Hungerford Refrigeration, including the nature and extent of loans, operation concession incentives and terms and conditions of loans including interest rates and guarantees;
- (2) the documentation available to the Government, TIO and TDZ when assessing the Hungerford deal, including technical reports, business plans, asset valuations, auditors' reports and any other related documentation;
- (3) the adequacy of these documents in fully assessing Hungerford's prospects;
- (4) the checks carried out by the Government, TIO and TDZ concerning the business viability of Hungerfords, including market evaluations, gearing of the company corporate structure, personal checks about the standing of directors, trading history or any other aspects to do with the corporate operations and history of the company and its directors; and
- (5) the specific role played in any of these matters by Ministers Hanrahan, Coulter and Perron; and

That the Board of Inquiry make any recommendations relating to future Government involvement in operations within the TDZ.

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

Question - That the question be now put - put.

The Assembly divided (the Speaker, Hon. R.W.S. Vale, in the Chair) -

AYES, 15

NOES, 7

- Mr Coulter
- Mr Dale
- Mr Dondas
- Mr Finch
- Mr Firmin
- Mr Hanrahan
- Mr Harris
- Mr Hatton
- Mr McCarthy
- Mr Manzie
- Mr Palmer
- Mr Perron
- Mr Poole
- Mr Reed
- Mr Setter

- Mr Bell
- Mr Ede
- Mr Lanhupuy
- Mr Leo
- Mr Smith
- Mr Tipiloura
- Mr Tuxworth

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Question - That the motion be agreed to - put.

- (4) The Member for Ludmilla (Mr Firmin) be discharged from further attendance on the Sessional Committee on the New Parliament House; and
- (5) Members be appointed to those Committees as follows:

Standing Committee on Publications - Mr Dondas;
Sessional Committee on Public Accounts - Mr Setter and Mr Reed;
Standing Committee on Standing Orders - Mr Coulter;
Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation and Tabled Papers - Mr Hanrahan
Sessional Committee on the Environment - Mr Firmin;
Sessional Committee on the New Parliament House - Mr Finch;
and
Select Committee on Constitutional Development - The Minister assisting the Chief Minister on Constitutional Development - Mr Harris.

Question - put and passed.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 11.50 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

14. WARRANT, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES - REVOCATION OF PREVIOUS NOMINATION - PAPER TABLED:

The Speaker laid on the Table the following warrant -

WARRANT

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 12, I hereby revoke the nomination of the Honourable Eric Poole as a Deputy Chairman of Committees and nominate Mr Hanrahan to act as a Deputy Chairman of Committees when requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this seventeenth day of May nineteen hundred and eighty eight.

(Sgd) R.W.S. Vale
Speaker

15. AMENDMENTS OF THE EDUCATION (SCHOOL COUNCILS) REGULATIONS - MOTION TO DISALLOW, NEGATIVED:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the motion of the Member for Stuart (Mr Ede) (25 February 1988) - That the Amendments of the Education (School Councils) Regulations, as contained in Regulations 1988 No.4 and made under the *Education Act*, be disallowed.

Debate resumed.

Question - That the motion be agreed to - put.

The Assembly divided (the Speaker, Hon. R.W.S. Vale, in the Chair) -

AYES, 6

NOES, 17

Mr Bell
Mr Ede
Mr Lanhupuy
Mr Leo
Mrs Padgham-Purich
Mr Smith

Mr Collins
Mr Coulter
Mr Dale
Mr Dondas
Mr Finch
Mr Firmin
Mr Hanrahan
Mr Harris
Mr Hatton
Mr McCarthy
Mr Manzie
Mr Palmer
Mr Perron
Mr Poole
Mr Reed
Mr Setter
Mr Vale

And so it was resolved in the negative.

16. BUSINESS POSTPONED:

The Leader of Government Business (Mr Coulter) moved - That Government Business, Order of the Day No.1, relating to the Meteorites Bill 1988 (Serial 68) be postponed until the next sitting day.

Question - put and passed.

17. FIRE SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 70):

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

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for a motion for the third reading of the Bill to be moved forthwith.

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

18. ADJOURNMENT:

The Chief Minister (Mr Hatton) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Petition: The Member for Victoria River (Mr McCarthy), by leave, presented a petition, not conforming with Standing Orders, from 356 citizens of the Northern Territory requesting that Lot 108 Adelaide River be preserved as an historical site on the National Trust Listing.

Debate continued.

Question - put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned at 6.18 p.m. until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 May 1988:

Recommendation under S.103 of Crown Lands Act:

Revocation of Reserve No.914, Adelaide River

Regulations 1988:

- No. 9 - Amendments of the Education (School Councils) Regulations
- No.10 - Darwin Institute of Technology (Traffic) By-laws
- No.12 - Amendment of the Education (Board of Studies) Regulations
- No.13 - Amendment to the Inspections of Machinery Regulations
- No.14 - Food Standards Regulations
- No.15 - Amendments of the Pay-roll Tax Regulations
- No.16 - Amendments of the Fish and Fisheries Regulations
- No.18 - Amendment of the Government (Electoral) Regulations
- No.19 - Traffic Regulations
- No.20 - Amendment of the Public Holidays Regulations
- No.21 - Volunteer Bushfire Brigades Regulations
- No.23 - University College of the Northern Territory - Amendments to the By-laws on Fees
- No.24 - University College of the Northern Territory - By-laws governing student conduct
- No.25 - University College of the Northern Territory - By-laws governing the Academic Board

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ATTENDANCE:

All Members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 37

Wednesday 18 May 1988

1. MEETING:

The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker, the Honourable R.W.S. Vale, took the Chair.

2. PRAYERS.

3. PETITIONS:

Mr Setter presented a petition from 36 citizens of Jingili and surrounding areas requesting the Assembly to approve the installation of air-conditioning in the Jingili Preschool.

Petition read.

Mr McCarthy presented a petition from 316 citizens of the Northern Territory requesting that Lot Number 108 Adelaide River be preserved as an historical site on the National Trust Listing.

Petition read.

Mr Setter presented a petition from 88 citizens of Moil and surrounding areas requesting the Assembly to approve the installation of air-conditioning in the Moil Preschool.

Petition read.

Mr Setter presented a petition from 109 citizens of Wagaman and surrounding areas requesting the Assembly to approve the installation of air-conditioning in the Wagaman Preschool.

Petition read.

4. QUESTIONS:

Questions were asked of Ministers.

5. CONSUMER AFFAIRS POLICY AND LEGISLATION IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY, WORKING GROUP REPORT - PAPER TABLED - STATEMENT - MOTION TO NOTE PAPER AND STATEMENT:

The Minister for Health and Community Services (Mr Dale) laid on the Table a copy of the Working Group Report on the Review of Consumer Affairs Policy and Legislation in the Northern Territory.

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

Mr Dale moved - That the Assembly take note of the paper and statement.

Debate ensued.

The Member for Ludmilla (Mr Firmin) moved - That the debate be adjourned.

Question - That the debate be adjourned - put.

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

AYES, 17

NOES, 6

Mr Collins
Mr Coulter
Mr Dale
Mr Dondas
Mr Finch
Mr Firmin
Mr Harris
Mr Hatton
Mr McCarthy
Mr Manzie
Mrs Padgham-Purich

Mr Bell
Mr Ede
Mr Lanhupuy
Mr Leo
Mr Smith
Mr Tipiloura

Mr Palmer
Mr Perron
Mr Poole
Mr Reed
Mr Setter
Mr Tuxworth

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. HUNGERFORD REFRIGERATION PTY LTD - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - STATEMENT NOTED:

The Treasurer (Mr Coulter) made a statement relating to the involvement of Hungerford Refrigeration Pty Ltd (in receivership) in the Trade Development Zone.

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

Papers tabled: Mr Coulter, by leave, laid on the Table the following minute papers:

- Chairman, Territory Insurance Office to Minister for Business, Technology and Communications, dated 13 March 1987
- Chairman, Territory Insurance Office to Treasurer, dated 14 March 1987
- Chairman, Territory Insurance Office to Treasurer, dated 7 September 1987

Debate continued.

Papers tabled: Mr Coulter, by leave, laid on the Table the following further papers:

- Press release by Treasurer, 3 April 1987
- Facsimile - Chairman, Territory Insurance Office to Treasurer, 8 May 1988

Debate continued.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 12.00 Noon and 2.00 p.m.

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

7. MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE - YULARA HEALTH SERVICES:

The Speaker (Mr Vale) informed the Assembly that the Member for Stuart (Mr Ede) had proposed that the following definite matter of public importance be submitted to the Assembly for discussion this day:

"the refusal of the Northern Territory Government to respond to the pressing needs of the Yulara Community which include, particularly an appropriate system of industrial relations and a greater degree of certainty in relation to that community's health services".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support -

The Speaker called on Mr Ede to address the Assembly.

Discussion ensued.

Paper tabled: The Treasurer (Mr Coulter), by leave, laid on the Table statistics of full time and casual personnel employed at Yulara.

Discussion continued.

Paper tabled: The Minister for Health and Community Services (Mr Dale), by leave, laid on the Table a copy of proposals for management of health services by the Yulara Development Corporation.

Discussion continued.

Discussion concluded.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

The Chief Minister (Mr Hatton) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Paper tabled: The Member for Macdonnell (Mr Bell), by leave, laid on the Table the following letters:

- Mr G. Brown to Minister for Lands and Housing, 6.2.80 (GB1a)
- A/Director, Department of Lands to Mr G. Brown, 29.7.80 (GB1b)
- A/Director, Department of Lands to Mr G. Brown, 1.7.81 (GB2)
- A/Director, Department of Lands to Mr G. Brown, undated (GB3)
- A/Director, Department of Lands to Mr G. Brown, undated (GB4)
- Mr G. Brown to A/Director Land Allocation Branch, 21.9.81 (GB5)
- Mr P. Everingham to Mr G. Brown, 15.4.83 (GB6)
- Director, Department of Lands to Mr G. Brown, 24.10.83 (GB7)
- Mr P. Everingham to Mr G. Brown, 8.12.83 (GB8)
- Mr G. Brown to Director, Department of Lands, 31.1.84 (GB9)
- Receipt No. 133002 (GB10)
- Minister for Lands to Mr G. Brown, 8.3.84 (GB11)
- Gazette extracts (GB12a) GB12b)
- Minister for Lands to Mr G. Brown, 2.4.87 (GB13)

Debate continued.

Question - put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned at 7.37 p.m. until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

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PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 18 May 1988:

Annual Reports:

Department of Law, Corporate Affairs Office, 1986-87 (First report)

Department of Mines and Energy, 1986-87

Executor Trustee and Agency Company of South Australia Ltd, 1986-87

Northern Territory Government and Public Authorities Employers

Superannuation Trust Fund, 1986-87

Public Service Commissioner for the Northern Territory, 1986-87

Valuer-General's Office, Northern Territory, 1986-87

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ATTENDANCE:

All Members attended the sitting.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 38

Thursday 19 May 1988

1. MEETING:

The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker, the Honourable R.W.S. Vale, took the Chair.

2. PRAYERS.

3. PETITIONS:

Mr Bell presented a petition from 104 citizens of Yulara requesting the Assembly to ensure that the Department of Health and Community Services retain responsibility for health care at Yulara and the services of Dr Cotton be retained.

Petition read.

4. NOTICE:

The following notice was given:

Mr Hatton: To present the Commission of Inquiry (Deaths in Custody) Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 111).

5. QUESTIONS:

Questions were asked of Minister.

Paper tabled: The Minister for Industries and development (Mr Perron), by leave, laid on the Table a copy of his letter addressed to Ms L. Rosenwax, President, Darwin Traders Association, dated 8 April 1987.

Further questions were asked of Ministers.

Statement by Mr Speaker: The Speaker advised the Assembly that he had given approval for official photographs to be taken in the Chamber and also for Channel Eight to take library footage of Members this morning.

Further questions were asked of Ministers.

Paper tabled: The Minister for Lands and Housing (Mr Manzie), by leave, laid on the Table a copy of a letter from Mr Hanrahan, Minister for Lands and Housing, to Mr George Brown, Codan Communications, dated 2 April 1987.

Further questions were asked of Ministers.

Ruling of Speaker: The Speaker advised the Assembly that the word "calumny" and its derivatives is considered unparliamentary and its usage would not be allowed in reference to Honourable Members.

6. PERSONAL EXPLANATION:

The Member for Stuart (Mr Ede) made a personal explanation relating to comments attributed to him by the Treasurer during debate yesterday.

7. HUNGERFORD REFRIGERATION PTY LTD REPORT - PAPER TABLED:

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr Smith), by leave, laid on the Table a Report on Hungerford Refrigeration, dated 5 May 1988, to which he referred yesterday during debate.

8. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AND TABLED PAPERS COMMITTEE, FIFTH REPORT - PAPER TABLED:

The Member for Jingili (Mr Setter) laid on the Table the Fifth Report of the Subordinate Legislation and Tabled Papers Committee.

9. NORTHERN TERRITORY PARTICIPATION, WORLD EXPO 88 - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - STATEMENT NOTED:
The Minister for Industries and Development (Mr Perron) made a statement relating to the participation of the Northern Territory at World Expo 88 in Brisbane.
Mr Perron moved - That the statement be noted.
Question - put and passed.
10. ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 112):
The Chief Minister (Mr Hatton), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Electoral Act*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hatton moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.
On the motion of the Member for Millner (Mr Smith) debate was adjourned.
11. DAIRIES SUPERVISION REPEAL BILL 1988 (Serial 99):
The Minister for Industries and Development (Mr Perron), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Dairies Supervision Act*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Perron moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.
On the motion of the Member for Millner (Mr Smith) debate was adjourned.
12. SOCCER FOOTBALL POOLS AMENDMENT 1988 (Serial 97):
The Minister for Tourism (Mr Poole), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Soccer Football Pools Act*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Poole moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.
On the motion of the Member for Macdonnell (Mr Bell) debate was adjourned.
13. SUPREME COURT AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 98):
The Attorney-General (Mr Manzie), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Supreme Court Act*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Manzie moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.
On the motion of the Member for Macdonnell (Mr Bell) debate was adjourned.
14. JUSTICES AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 103):
The Attorney-General (Mr Manzie), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Justices Act*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Manzie moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.
On the motion of the Member for Macdonnell (Mr Bell) debate was adjourned.
15. LAW SOCIETY PUBLIC PURPOSES TRUST BILL 1988 (Serial 106):
The Attorney-General (Mr Manzie), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to authorize the Law Society of the Northern Territory to receive certain moneys from banks on the trusts declared by that Society in a Deed of Trust dated 18 February 1988.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Manzie moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.
On the motion of the Member for Macdonnell (Mr Bell) debate was adjourned.

16. **CANCER (REGISTRATION) BILL 1988 (Serial 105):**
The Minister for Health and Community Services (Mr Dale), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the registration of cancer and for related matters.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Dale moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.
On the motion of the Member for Macdonnell (Mr Bell) debate was adjourned.
17. **MINING AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 88):**
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 a motion for the third reading of the Bill to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of the Minister for Mines and Energy (Mr Coulter), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.
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- Suspension of sitting:** The sitting was suspended between 11.45 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.
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18. **TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 87):**
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 a motion for the third reading of the Bill to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of the Minister for Transport (Mr Finch), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.
19. **PUBLIC TRUSTEE AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 96) and ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 95):**
The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question - That the Bills be now read a second time -
Debate resumed.
Question - put and passed.
Bills read a second time.
Leave granted for a motion for the third readings of the Bills to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of the Attorney-General (Mr Manzie), the Bills were read a third time and passed to be proposed laws.
20. **BUSINESS POSTPONED:**
The Leader of Government Business (Mr Coulter) moved - That intervening business be postponed until after consideration of Government Business, Orders of the Day, Nos 6 and 7.
Question - put and passed.

21. HORTICULTURAL INDUSTRY - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - STATEMENT NOTED:
The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of the Minister for Industries and Development (Mr Perron) (25 November 1987) - That the Assembly take note of the statement -
Debate resumed.
Question - put and passed.
22. PASTORAL INDUSTRY STUDY - MOTION TO NOTE PAPER:
The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of the Minister for Industries and Development (Mr Perron) (10 June 1987) - That the Assembly take note of the paper -
Debate resumed.
On the motion of the Member for Ludmilla (Mr Firmin) debate was adjourned.
23. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:
The Leader of Government Business (Mr Coulter) moved - That leave of absence be granted to the Member for Flynn (Mr Hanrahan) this day.
Question - put and passed.
24. SCREW-WORM FLY - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:
The Minister for Industries and Development (Mr Perron), by leave, made a statement relating to screw-worm fly in the Northern Territory.
Mr Perron moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.
On the motion of the Member for Macdonnell (Mr Bell) debate was adjourned.
25. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE, FIFTH REPORT - PAPER TABLED:
The Member for Jingili (Mr Setter) laid on the Table the Fifth Report of the Publications Committee.
26. ADJOURNMENT:
The Leader of Government Business (Mr Coulter) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question - put and passed.
The Assembly adjourned at 7.58 p.m. until Tuesday 24 May 1988 at 10.00 a.m.

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PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 May 1988:

Financial Administration and Audit Act:

Direction by the Administrator, Section 12(2), distributed

27 November 1987, dated 31 March 1988

- Department of Health and Community Services
- Department of Labour and Administrative Services
- Northern Territory Treasury

Direction by the Administrator, Section 12(2), distributed

23 December 1987, dated 31 March 1988

- Department of Lands and Housing
- Power and Water Authority

Direction by the Administrator, Section 12(2), distributed
15 February 1988, dated 31 March 1988

- Conservation Commission of the Northern Territory
- Department of Transport and Works
- Northern Territory Treasury
- Office of the Public Service Commissioner

Direction by the Administrator, Section 13(1)(a), dated
31 March 1988

- Power and Water Authority
- Technical and Further Education Advisory Council

Direction by the Treasurer, section 13(1)(b) - Transfer of
Funds Saved -

- Department of Education, dated 28 March 1988
- Department of Health and Community Services, dated
18 March 1988
- Department of Labour and Administrative Services, dated
6 May 1988

Direction by the Treasurer, section 13(1)(b) - Transfer of
Funds Saved, dated 18 March 1988

- Department of Lands and Housing
- Department of Mines and Energy
- Technical and Further Education Advisory Council

Direction by the Treasurer, section 13(1)(b) - Transfer of
Funds Saved, dated 6 May 1988

- Northern Territory Treasury

Financial Statement:

Government Printing Office, 1986-87

Regulations 1988

No.22 - Amendments of the Cobourg Peninsula Aboriginal Land
and Sanctuary (Entry and Camping) By-laws

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ATTENDANCE:

All Members attended the sitting, except Mr Hanrahan (on leave).



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 39

Tuesday 24 May 1988

1. MEETING:

The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker, the Honourable R.W.S. Vale, took the Chair.

2. PRAYERS.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR:

The Speaker read the following message from His Honour the Administrator:

Message No.5

I, ERIC EUGENE JOHNSTON, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, in pursuance of section 11 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, recommend to the Legislative Assembly a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of money out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending 30 June 1989.

Dated this 18th day of May 1988.

(Sgd) E.E. JOHNSTON
Administrator

4. PETITION:

Mr Coulter presented a petition from 99 citizens of Gray and surrounding areas requesting the Assembly to approve the installation of air-conditioning in the Gray Preschool.

Petition read.

5. FILMING IN THE CHAMBER - STATEMENT:

The Speaker advised the Assembly that he had authorized an ABC Television crew to take library footage of Members during the sitting this morning.

6. NOTICES:

The following notices were given:

Mr Manzie: To present the Magistrates Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 100); the Interpretation Amendment Bill (No.2) (Serial 104); the Fences Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 94); the Bushfires Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 93); the Stock Diseases Amendment Bill (No.2) 1988 (Serial 92); the Summary Offences Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 91); and the Aboriginal Land Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 90).

7. QUESTIONS:

Questions were asked of Ministers.

8. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEGISLATION - DRAFT BILLS - PAPERS TABLED - STATEMENT - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:

The Chief Minister (Mr Hatton) laid on the Table three draft Bills namely: the Justices Amendment Bill (No.2); the Police Administration Amendment Bill (No.2); and the Bail Amendment Bill (No.2) for consideration as a legislative package to deal with domestic violence.

Mr Hatton made a statement relating to the draft Bills.

Mr Hatton moved - That the statement be noted.

On the motion of the Member for Macdonnell (Mr Bell) debate was adjourned.

9. NOXIOUS WEEDS - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:
The Minister for Industries and Development (Mr Perron) made a statement relating to Noxious weeds in the Northern Territory.
Mr Perron moved - That the statement be noted.
On the motion of the Member for Millner (Mr Smith) debate was adjourned.
10. ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL, PRESENT AND FUTURE ROLE - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT - STATEMENT NOTED:
The Minister for Health and Community Services (Mr Dale) made a statement on the present and future role of the Royal Darwin Hospital.
Mr Dale moved - That the statement be noted.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 11.59 p.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

11. PERSONAL EXPLANATION:
The Member for Macdonnell (Mr Bell) made a personal explanation relating to an assertion by the Minister for Health and Community Services (Mr Dale), during debate upon the Royal Darwin Hospital, that he had papers belonging to a file which had been improperly removed from the Department of Health.
12. FURTHER NOTICE:
The following further notice was given, by leave:
Mr Manzie: To present the Small Claims Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 108).
13. SUPPLY BILL 1988-89 (Serial 116):
The Treasurer (Mr Coulter), presented a Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of money out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending 30 June 1989, the subject of Message No.5 from His Honour the Administrator, dated 18 May 1988.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Coulter moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.
On the motion of the Member for Millner (Mr Smith) debate was adjourned.
14. COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (DEATHS IN CUSTODY) AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 111):
The Chief Minister (Mr Hatton), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Commission of Inquiry (Deaths in Custody) Act*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hatton moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.
On the motion of the Member for Arnhem (Mr Lanhupuy) debate was adjourned.

15. METEORITES BILL 1988 (Serial 68):

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, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

In the Committee
(Chairman - Mr Dondas)

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 3 -

Mr Manzie moved the following amendment -

Add at the end the following:

"(6) For the avoidance of doubt, the property in a meteorite does not pass under or by virtue of a law of the Territory relating to mining."

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 4 and 5, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 6 -

Mr Manzie moved the following amendment -

Omit all words before paragraph (b) and substitute the following:

"Notwithstanding any other law of the Territory, no person shall -

(a) except with the permission of the Board, wilfully damage or destroy a meteorite the property of the Territory or the Board; or".

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Manzie the following new clause was added to the Bill -

"8. SACRED SITES, &c.

"Nothing in this Act derogates from the *Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act* or the *Native and Historical Objects and Areas Preservation Act*".

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The Speaker (Mr Vale) resumed the Chair and the Chairman (Mr Dondas) reported accordingly and the report was adopted.

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

16. BUSINESS POSTPONED:

The Leader of Government Business (Mr Coulter) moved - That Government Business, Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 8 be postponed until the next sitting day.

Question - put and passed.

17. NEW PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES FOR GOVERNMENT PURCHASING AND TENDERING - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - STATEMENT NOTED:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of the Minister for Industries and Development (Mr Perron) (25 November 1987) - That the Assembly take note of the statement -

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

The Chief Minister (Mr Hatton) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Paper tabled: The Member for Stuart (Mr Ede), by leave, laid on the Table the following paper:

° Institutional Amalgamations: Principles, dated 18 February 1988

Debate continued.

Question - put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned at 7.40 p.m. until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

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PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 May 1988:

Annual Report:

Department of Business, Technology and Communications, 1985-86

Community Government Schemes:

Elliott District

Mataranka

Recommendation under S.103 of the Crown Lands Act:

Partial revocation of Reserve No.1708 - Town of Alice Springs

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ATTENDANCE:

All Members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 40

Wednesday 25 May 1988

1. MEETING:

The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker, the Honourable R.W.S. Vale, took the Chair.

2. PRAYERS.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR:

The Speaker read the following message from His Honour the Administrator:

Message No.6

I, ERIC EUGENE JOHNSTON, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, in pursuance of section 11 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, recommend to the Legislative Assembly a Bill entitled the Adult Guardianship Bill 1988 which in part appropriates money from the Consolidated Fund for the purpose of paying the cost and expenses of or relating to the performance of a function or the exercise of a power pursuant to this Bill by the Executive Officer or a Guardianship Panel.

Dated this 19th day of May 1988.

(Sgd) E.E. JOHNSTON
Administrator

4. NOTICES:

The following notices were given:

Mr Coulter: To present the Financial Administration and Audit Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 117); the Electricity Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 120); and the Power and Water Authority Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 119).

Mr Manzie: To present the Real Property Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 114) and the Oaths Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 101).

Mr Dale: To present the Powers of Attorney Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 115); and the Adult Guardianship Bill 1988 (Serial 118).

5. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS - ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDY GROUP:

The Speaker informed the Assembly of the presence in the gallery of a Rotary Exchange Study Group from South India.

Mr Speaker extended a warm welcome to the distinguished visitors.

6. QUESTIONS:

Questions were asked of Ministers.

7. NUCLEAR INDUSTRY PROSPECTS - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - STATEMENT NOTED:

The Minister for Mines and Energy (Mr Coulter) made a statement relating to prospects for the Nuclear Industry in the Northern Territory.

Mr Coulter moved - That the statement be noted.

Debate ensued.

Paper tabled: Mr Coulter, by leave, laid on the Table the following paper:

- ° Prospects for Australian Involvement in the Nuclear Fuel Cycle, by the Department of Mines and Energy, May 1988

Debate continued.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 12.00 Noon and 2.00 p.m.

Debate resumed.

Personal explanation: The Member for Karama (Mr Palmer), by leave, made a personal explanation relating to comments made by the Member for Sadadeen (Mr Collins) during this debate.

Debate continued.

Extension of time: The Member for Stuart (Mr Ede) moved - That an extension of time be granted to the Chief Minister (Mr Hatton).

Question - put and passed.

Debate continued.

Papers tabled: The Member for Macdonnell (Mr Bell), by leave, laid on the Table the following papers:

- Uranium Mines and Radiological Protection (Briefing Paper 28.3.88)
- The International Commission on Radiological Protection (Briefing Paper 28.3.88)
- Radiation Protection Standards - a Trade Union Briefing by T. Webb 7.4.88
- Abstract of Paper presented at International Workshop on Radiation Protection in Mining, Darwin 5.4.88 to 8.4.88 by T. Webb 3.4.88
- Radiation Protection Standards - UK Unions and British Labour Party views

Debate continued.

Question - put and passed.

8. MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE - RADIOLOGY SERVICES AT ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL: The Speaker (Mr Vale) informed the Assembly that the Member for Macdonnell (Mr Bell) had proposed that the following definite matter of public importance be submitted to the Assembly for discussion this day:

"the Northern Territory Government's failure to provide adequate radiology services at the Royal Darwin Hospital".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support -

The Speaker called on Mr Bell to address the Assembly.

Discussion ensued.

Papers tabled: The Minister for Health and Community Services (Mr Dale), by leave, laid on the Table the following papers:

- Memo - Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Community Services, to the Minister for Health and Community Services, 29 April 1988
- Radiological Services in Darwin and Alice Springs, 8 to 12 September 1985, Report by M.C. Schieb, MBBS, DDR (Syd), FRACP, FRACR, Consultant (Radiology) Department of Veterans' Affairs

Discussion resumed.
Discussion concluded.

9. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE, FOURTH REPORT - PAPER TABLED - PAPER PRINTED - REPORT ADOPTED:

The Speaker (Mr Vale) laid on the Table the Fourth Report of the Standing Orders Committee.

The Treasurer (Mr Coulter) moved - That the report be printed.

Question - put and passed.

The Treasurer (Mr Coulter) moved - That the report be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Paper tabled: The Treasurer (Mr Coulter), by leave, laid on the Table a report by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly (Mr Smith) on Speaking Times in the Committee of the Whole and the Adjournment Debate in the Legislative Assembly.

Debate continued.

Question - put and passed.

10. PERSONAL EXPLANATION:

The Member for Macdonnell (Mr Bell), by leave, made a personal explanation relating to comments made by the Treasurer (Mr Coulter) during debate on the Standing Orders Report alleging that he had been misrepresented by Mr Coulter.

11. NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE COMMITTEE, DISCHARGE MEMBER - STATEMENT:

The Speaker advised the Assembly that he had received a letter from the Member for Arnhem (Mr Lanhupuy) seeking his discharge from further attendance on the Sessional Committee on the New Parliament House.

12. NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP ALTERATION - MOTION AGREED TO:

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr Smith), by leave, moved - That -

(a) the Member for Arnhem (Mr Lanhupuy) be discharged from further attendance on the Sessional Committee on the New Parliament House; and

(b) the Leader of the Opposition (Mr Smith) be appointed to the Sessional Committee on the New Parliament House.

Question - put and passed.

13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:

The Leader of Government Business (Mr Coulter) moved - That the Assembly, at its rising, adjourn until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

Question - put and passed.

14. MAGISTRATES AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 100):

The Attorney-General (Mr Manzie), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Magistrates Act*.

Bill read a first time.

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

On the motion of the Member for Macdonnell (Mr Bell) debate was adjourned.

15. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - TAKE SIX BILLS TOGETHER:

The Attorney-General (Mr Manzie) moved - That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent six Bills namely: the Aboriginal Land Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 90); the Summary Offences Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 91); the Stock Diseases Amendment Bill (No.2) 1988 (Serial 92); the Bushfires Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 93); the Fences Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 94); and the Interpretation Amendment Bill (No.2) 1988 (Serial 104),

- (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 - there being an absolute majority of the whole number of Members present and no dissentient voice.

16. ABORIGINAL LAND AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 90); SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 91); STOCK DISEASES AMENDMENT BILL (No.2) 1988 (Serial 92); BUSHFIRES AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 93); FENCES AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 94); and INTERPRETATION AMENDMENT BILL (No.2) 1988 (Serial 104):

The Attorney-General (Mr Manzie), pursuant to notice and resolution, presented Bills for Acts to amend the *Aboriginal Land Act*; the *Summary Offences Act*; the *Stock Diseases Act*; the *Bushfires Act*; the *Fences Act*; and the *Interpretation Act*.

Bills read a first time.

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

On the motion of the Member for Macdonnell (Mr Bell) debate was adjourned.

17. SMALL CLAIMS AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 108):

The Attorney-General (Mr Manzie), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Small Claims Act*.

Bill read a first time.

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

On the motion of the Member for Macdonnell (Mr Bell) debate was adjourned.

18. LEAVE GRANTED TO PRESENT THREE BILLS:

The Leader of Government Business (Mr Coulter) moved - That leave be granted to introduce forthwith the Financial Administration and Audit Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 117); the Power and Water Authority Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 119); and the Electricity Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 120).

Question - put and passed.

19. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 117):

The Treasurer (Mr Coulter), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Financial Administration and Audit Act*.

Bill read a first time.

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

On the motion of the Member for Stuart (Mr Ede) debate was adjourned.

20. POWER AND WATER AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 119):
The Treasurer (Mr Coulter), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Power and Water Authority Act*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Coulter moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.
On the motion of the Member for Stuart (Mr Ede) debate was adjourned.
21. ELECTRICITY AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 120):
The Treasurer (Mr Coulter), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Electricity Act*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Coulter moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.
On the motion of the Member for Stuart (Mr Ede) debate was adjourned.
22. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - PASS BILL THROUGH ALL STAGES:
The Treasurer (Mr Coulter) moved - That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Supply Bill 1988-89 (Serial 116) passing through all stages at this sittings.
Question - put and passed - there being an absolute majority of the whole number of Members present and no dissentient voice.
23. SUPPLY BILL 1988-89 (Serial 116):
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 a motion for the third reading of the Bill to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of the Treasurer (Mr Coulter) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.
24. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - PASS BILL THROUGH ALL STAGES:
The Attorney-General (Mr Manzie) moved - That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Law Society Public Purposes Trust Bill 1988 (Serial 106) passing through all stages at this sittings.
Question - put and passed - there being an absolute majority of the whole number of Members present and no dissentient voice.
25. LAW SOCIETY PUBLIC PURPOSES TRUST BILL 1988 (Serial 106):
The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time -
Debate resumed.
Question - put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for a motion for the third reading of the Bill to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of the Attorney-General (Mr Manzie) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.
26. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - PASS BILL THROUGH ALL STAGES:
The Chief Minister (Mr Hatton) moved - That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Commission of Inquiry (Deaths in Custody) Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 111) passing through all stages at this sittings.
Question - put and passed - there being an absolute majority of the whole number of Members present and no dissentient voice.

27. COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (DEATHS IN CUSTODY) AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 111):

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

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for a motion for the third reading of the Bill to be moved forthwith.

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

28. BUSINESS DISCHARGED:

The Chief Minister (Mr Hatton) moved - That the following Orders of the Day, Government Business, be discharged from the Notice Paper:

- No. 7 Health Promotion Statement
- No.10 University College Annual Report 1986
- No.13 Industries and Development Statement

Question - put and passed.

29. ADJOURNMENT:

The Chief Minister (Mr Hatton) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned at 9.05 p.m. until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m. according to resolution this day.

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ATTENDANCE:

All Members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 41

Thursday 26 May 1988

1. MEETING:

The Assembly met at 10.30 a.m., pursuant to resolution of the Assembly of 25 May 1988. The Speaker, the Honourable R.W.S. Vale, took the Chair.

2. PRAYERS.

3. APPRECIATION OF SERVICE, Mr D. NASON AND Mr A. BRUYN - STATEMENT:

The Speaker (Mr Vale) drew Members' attention to the fact that Mr Andy Bruyn from NTD Channel 8 and Mr Dave Nason from the Northern Territory News are leaving the Northern Territory. The Speaker thanked them for their service to the Assembly and wished them well for the future.

4. QUESTIONS:

Questions were asked of Ministers.

Answer to Questions: Ministers replied to questions previously asked.

5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:

The Leader of Government Business (Mr Coulter) moved - That the Assembly at its rising adjourn until Tuesday 16 August 1988 at 10.00 a.m. or such other time and or date as may be set by Mr Speaker, pursuant to Sessional Order.

Question - put and passed.

6. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE - REPORT ON THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S ANNUAL REPORTS 1985-86 AND ACCELERATED YEAR END SPENDING REPORT - PAPERS TABLED - PAPERS PRINTED - MOTION TO NOTE PAPERS:

The Member for Karama (Mr Palmer) laid on the Table the Third Report of the Public Accounts Committee entitled "Report on the Auditor-General's Annual Reports 1985-86" and the Fourth Report of the Public Accounts Committee entitled "Accelerated Year End Spending".

Mr Palmer moved - That the Reports be printed.

Question - put and passed.

Mr Palmer moved - That the Assembly take note of the papers.

Debate ensued.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 12.15 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of the Member for Katherine (Mr Reed) debate was adjourned.

7. PROPOSED ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMISSION - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:

The Chief Minister (Mr Hatton) made a statement relating to the proposed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC).

Mr Hatton moved - That the statement be noted.

Debate ensued.

On the motion of the Member for Jingili (Mr Setter) debate was adjourned.

8. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE - UNAUTHORIZED EVIDENCE PUBLISHED BY MINISTER - STATEMENT:

The Member for Karama (Mr Palmer), by leave, made a statement relating to a document from which the Minister for Labour, Administrative Services and Local Government (Mr McCarthy) had quoted during debate upon Report Nos. 3 and 4 of the Public Accounts Committee earlier this day.

Mr McCarthy, by leave, made a statement relating thereto

The Member for Nhulunbuy (Mr Leo), by leave, made a statement relating thereto.

9. POISONS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS LEGISLATION, DRAFT BILL - PAPER TABLED - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:

The Minister for Health and Community Services (Mr Dale) laid on the Table a Draft Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Amendment Bill.

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

The Member for Macdonnell (Mr Bell) moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.

Ordered - That Mr Bell be granted leave to continue his remarks at a later hour.

10. REAL PROPERTY AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 114):

The Minister for Industries and Development (Mr Perron) on behalf of and at the request of the Minister for Lands and Housing, pursuant to notice, 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.

On the motion of the Member for Stuart (Mr Ede) debate was adjourned.

11. OATHS AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 101):

The Minister for Industries and Development (Mr Perron) on behalf of and at the request of the Attorney-General, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Oaths Act*.

Bill read a first time.

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

On the motion of the Member for Stuart (Mr Ede) debate was adjourned.

12. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - TAKE TWO BILLS TOGETHER:

The Minister for Health and Community Services (Mr Dale) moved - That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent two Bills namely the Powers of Attorney Amendment Bill 1988 (Serial 115) and the Adult Guardianship Bill 1988 (Serial 118),

(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 - there being an absolute majority of the whole number of Members present and no dissentient voice.

13. POWERS OF ATTORNEY AMENDMENT BILL 1988 (Serial 115) and ADULT GUARDIANSHIP BILL 1988 (Serial 118):

The Minister for Health and Community Services (Mr Dale), pursuant to notice and resolution, presented Bills for Acts to amend the *Powers of Attorney Act* and for making provision for a scheme of guardianship for certain adults under an intellectual disability, and for related purposes. Bills read a first time.

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

On the motion of the Member for Stuart (Mr Ede) debate was adjourned.

14. PASTORAL INDUSTRY STUDY - PAPER NOTED:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of the Minister for Industries and Development (Mr Perron) (10 June 1987) - That the Assembly take note of the paper -

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

15. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The Minister for Education (Mr Harris) moved - That Government Business, Order of the Day No.4 relating to Screw-worm Fly be called on forthwith.

Question - put and passed.

16. SCREW-WORM FLY - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - STATEMENT NOTED:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of the Minister for Industries and Development (Mr Perron) (19 May 1987) - That the Assembly take note of the statement -

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Debate ensued.

Petition: The Member for Jingili (Mr Setter), by leave, laid on the Table a petition not conforming with Standing Orders regarding the air-conditioning of Moulden Park Preschool.

Debate continued.

Question - put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned at 7.36 p.m. until Tuesday 16 August 1988 at 10.00 a.m. or such other time and/or date as may be set by Mr Speaker, pursuant to Sessional Order.

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PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 26 May 1988:

Annual Reports:

Cobourg Peninsula Sanctuary Board, 1986-87

Northern Territory Government and Public Authorities

Superannuation Scheme, 1986-87

Parole Board of the Northern Territory, 1987

Remuneration Tribunal Act:

Remuneration Tribunal Report 1988

Determination No.1 of 1988 - Members of the Legislative Assembly
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Northern Territory

Recommendation No.2 of 1988 - Magistrates of the Northern Territory

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ATTENDANCE:

All Members attended the sitting, except Mr Tipiloura.

H.G. SMITH

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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